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COMPREHENSIVE TEST 03

GENERAL STUDIES

PAPER – I

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

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- (c) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.



1) With reference to anti-venoms used in the treatment of snakebites, consider the following statements:

1. Anti-venom is the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended standard treatment for snake envenoming.
2. In India, monovalent anti-venoms—derived from the venom of a single snake species—are predominantly used for treating snakebites.
3. The Irula tribe in Tamil Nadu and Kerala is traditionally involved in milking snakes for venom collection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2) With reference to the International Chess Federation (FIDE), consider the following statements:

1. FIDE was founded in France and is currently headquartered in Switzerland.
2. Chess is officially recognized as a sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) but is not yet included in the Olympic Games.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3) The Principal Purpose Test (PPT), recently seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) Ensuring that only legitimate beneficiaries receive tax treaty benefits.
- (b) Regulating financial transactions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

(c) Strengthening the audit mechanisms of multinational corporations.

(d) Monitoring capital inflows and outflows under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

4) With reference to state funerals in India, consider the following statements:

1. At the central level, the Ministry of Home Affairs is responsible for organizing the arrangements for a state funeral.
2. The Central Government has the discretion to order a state funeral for dignitaries beyond the specified list.
3. A state funeral is automatically granted to all former Prime Ministers of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5) Consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Conflict zone	Associated issue
1	El Fasher	Humanitarian crisis due to famine conditions in IDP (Internally displaced persons) camps
2	Abiey	Border conflict between Sudan and Ethiopia
3	El Fashaga	Ethnic violence between Dinka and Nuer communities
4	Nagorno-Karabakh	Disputed region between Armenia and Azerbaijan

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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



6) With reference to the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025, which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

- (a) Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025 were notified by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
- (b) The rules apply to electric vehicles also.
- (c) Waste batteries and plastic packaging are covered under the rules.
- (d) The rules mandate vehicle manufacturers to obtain certification under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

7) With reference to the PM Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme, consider the following statements:

- 1. Under the scheme, Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs) act as intermediaries by purchasing bulk internet bandwidth from licensed telecom service providers and distribute it to multiple Public Data Offices (PDOs) which then offer Wi-Fi connectivity to customers.
- 2. Users can access PM-WANI Wi-Fi networks without any authentication or registration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8) Red Notice, Black Notice, Silver Notice, and similar terms often seen in the news, pertain to the activities of which of the following organizations?

- (a) World Trade Organization
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) UNICEF
- (d) INTERPOL

9) With respect to Wular lake, consider the following statements:

- 1. Wular Lake was formed due to volcanic activity and is classified as a crater lake.
- 2. Zaina lank is an island inside Wular lake constructed by medieval king Zainul-Abidin.
- 3. Wular Lake is a designated Ramsar Site.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

10) 'Project Greensand', recently seen in the news, is related to which of the following?

- (a) A large-scale afforestation initiative in the Amazon rainforest
- (b) A global initiative to restore degraded coral reefs
- (c) A European Union-funded project for sustainable agriculture
- (d) A carbon capture and storage (CCS) project in the Danish North Sea

11) With reference to the Big Bang Theory, consider the following statements:

- 1. It hypothesizes the violent explosion of a singularity of negligible volume, infinite temperature and infinite density.
- 2. According to the theory, the universe has continued to expand at a constant rate since the initial violent explosion.



3. The first stable atom to form after the big bang event was Lithium.

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

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

12) With reference to in-flight Internet connectivity, consider the following statements:

1. Air-to-Ground (ATG) connectivity is more suitable for flights over oceans compared to Satellite-Based Connectivity.
2. The Flight and Maritime Connectivity (Amendment) Rules, 2024 regulate the use of Wi-Fi in Indian airspace.
3. Recently, Air India has become the first Indian airline to offer in-flight Internet on domestic flights.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

13) The term "Twigstats," recently seen in the news, is associated with:

- (a) A statistical method used in economic forecasting
- (b) A genetic tool used to infer genome-wide genealogies
- (c) A climate modelling technique for predicting long-term temperature variations
- (d) A new satellite navigation system for high-precision mapping

14) With reference to biofilms, consider the following statements:

1. They can contribute to antimicrobial resistance.
2. They can be used for bioremediation of soil.
3. They can be used for electricity production.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

15) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I:

A vehicle landing on the moon cannot use parachutes to land on the surface, but has to rely on its thrusters.

Statement – II:

The gravity of the moon is not even as the mass distribution of the moon is not even.

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

1. Unlike conventional nuclear reactors, SMRs are built in a factory setting and then transported to a location for installation.
2. SMRs can be easily incorporated in to an existing grid where other sources of power as also integrated.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



- 17)** Which among the following is correct about 'Autoimmune' diseases:
- Autoimmune diseases occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own cells.
 - Autoimmune diseases are caused by bacterial/viral infections that the immune system cannot fight off.
 - Autoimmune diseases are triggered by inactivated vector vaccines.
 - Autoimmune diseases are caused by consumption of immunosuppressants.
- 18)** Which among the following defines the purpose of a Sun synchronous Orbit around the Earth?
- To maintain a fixed position of satellites relative to the Earth's surface.
 - To observe the same region on the Earth's surface using satellites at the same local time each day.
 - To achieve the highest possible altitude for satellites above the Earth's surface.
 - To minimize the amount of time satellites spent in Earth's shadow.
- 19)** Consider the following statements about solar panels:
- Solar panels exploit the particle nature of light to produce electrical energy.
 - Direct sunlight is a necessary precondition for solar panels to produce electricity.
 - Solar panels can produce electricity under artificial light.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 2 and 3 only
 - 1 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
- 20)** The term "Nanobubble" was recently discussed in the news in which of the following contexts?
- Quantum computing
 - Water treatment techniques
 - Next generation display technologies
 - Energy storage in electric vehicles
- 21)** The main advantage of Single Transferable Vote system, sometimes mentioned in the news, is that:
- It is suitable for parliamentary executive system for ensuring effective majority for a single political party.
 - It allows voters to cast multiple votes for a single candidate.
 - It eliminates the need for delimitation of territorial constituencies.
 - It ensures representation of minority communities in proportion to their voting strength.
- 22)** In India, the extension of the President's Rule in a State beyond one year is permissible under which of the following conditions?
- A National Emergency is declared and remains in force either throughout India or in the concerned State (or its parts).
 - A hung assembly results from the election, meaning no party secures a clear majority in the concerned State legislative assembly.
 - The Election Commission certifies that it is not feasible to conduct legislative assembly elections due to prevailing difficulties.
 - The extension is approved by the Parliament through a special majority.
- Select the correct answer from the code given below:
- 1, 3 and 4 only
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 4 only



23) With reference to the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities, consider the following statements:

1. According to Article 350(B) of the Constitution of India, there shall be a Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities to be appointed by the Prime Minister.
2. The office of the Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities was added to the Constitution based on the recommendations of the States Reorganisation Commission (1953-55).
3. He/she investigates all the matters relating to the safeguards provided for the linguistic minorities in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24) With reference to the special leave petition of the Supreme Court, consider the following statements:

1. According to the Constitution of India, it can be filed against the judgments and orders of any High Court or tribunals in India.
2. The Supreme Court does not have the authority to grant special leave against an order issued by a court or tribunal established by law concerning the Armed Forces.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25) With reference to the Goods and Services Tax (GST), consider the following statements:

1. Both the Union and the States, including Union Territories with Legislatures, possess concurrent powers to levy and collect GST.
2. The decisions of the GST Council are binding on the Central and the State Governments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

26) With reference to India, consider the following statements:

1. The institutions of Speaker and Deputy Speaker originated under the Government of India Act of 1919.
2. Both Speaker and Deputy Speaker are elected from among the Lok Sabha members by a simple majority of members present and voting.
3. Both Speaker and Deputy Speaker have the same general powers when presiding over the House.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I:

The scope of Article 17 of the Constitution of India extends to the social boycott or exclusion of individuals from all religious services.

Statement – II:

The Indian Constitution, in Part III, does not provide a specific definition for the term 'untouchability.'



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

28) Consider the following languages:

- 1. Malayalam
- 2. Tamil
- 3. Pali
- 4. Telugu

Arrange the above languages in the chronological order of their designation as classical languages.

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

29) With reference to the religious rights enshrined in Part III of the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. No person shall be compelled to pay any taxes for the promotion or maintenance of any particular religion or religious denomination.
- 2. The Constitution allows the state to regulate or restrict any economic, financial, political or other secular activity which may be associated with religious practice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

30) Which one of the following statements is correct with respect to preventive detention laws in India?

- (a) A person arrested under preventive detention shall have the right to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner.
- (b) A person arrested under a preventive detention law has a right to be produced before a magistrate within 24 hours.
- (c) Preventive detention beyond three months requires the opinion of an advisory board.
- (d) Both the parliament and State legislatures have equal authority to make a law on preventive detention.

31) The earth has a layered structure. Which of the following statements correctly explains the evolution of such a structure?

- (a) The Earth's layers formed due to the gradual cooling of the planet, with heavier elements rising to the surface and lighter elements sinking.
- (b) The differentiation of Earth's layers occurred due to gravitational separation, where denser materials sank to the core and lighter materials rose to form the crust.
- (c) The Earth's layers formed uniformly due to the even distribution of elements in the early molten state, leading to a homogeneous interior.
- (d) The Earth's layered structure is a result of external asteroid impacts, which deposited heavier materials deep inside while leaving lighter materials on the surface.

32) With reference to block mountains, consider the following statements:

- 1. They are believed to have formed due to folding and faulting.
- 2. They are characterized by steep slopes.



3. Sierra Nevada mountain in North America is considered the most extensive block mountain range in the world.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

33) Consider the following rivers:

- 1. Volga
- 2. Dnipro
- 3. Danube
- 4. Rhone

How many of the above rivers drain into the Black Sea?

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

34) Which of the following pairs of mountain ranges and the countries they are located in are correctly matched?

- 1. Zagros Mountains – Iran
- 2. Drakensberg Mountains – South Africa
- 3. Atlas Mountains – Algeria
- 4. Carpathian Mountains – Spain

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

35) Consider the following factors:

- 1. Solar winds
- 2. Volcanic eruptions
- 3. Gravity of the earth
- 4. Living beings on the earth

How many of the factors given above have contributed to the evolution of the earth's atmosphere?

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

36) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Peaty soils are found in areas of heavy rainfall and high humidity.
- 2. Peaty soils occur widely in the northern part of Bihar, southern part of Uttarakhand and the coastal areas of West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

37) With reference to the Teesta River, consider the following statements:

- 1. The river flows through at least three States in India.
- 2. The Brahmaputra-Teesta confluence does not occur in Indian territory.
- 3. Rangit river is a tributary of the Teesta.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

38) Consider the following pairs:

	Grassland in India	State/UT
1.	Banni	Gujarat
2.	Bugyal	Uttarakhand
3.	Marg	Jammu and Kashmir
4.	Ukhrul	Himachal Pradesh



How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

39) With reference to the geography of India, 'Kalasa Nala' and 'Banduri Nala', which were recently in the news, are:

- (a) Rivers
- (b) Mountain peaks
- (c) Glaciers
- (d) Plateaus

40) Consider the following geographical entities:

- 1. Great Nicobar Island
- 2. Coco Channel
- 3. Duncan Passage
- 4. Ten-degree Channel

Which of the following is the correct order of the above geographical entities when arranged from north to south?

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

41) With reference to the Peninsular block of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Peninsula is formed essentially by a great complex of sedimentary and volcanic rocks, which constitutes a major part of it.
- 2. The Peninsular region contains several relict and residual mountains and deep rivers with high gradients.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42) With reference to the winter rainfall in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Western Disturbances cause winter rainfall in north-western India.
- 2. The North-eastern part of India does not receive any rainfall during the winter months.
- 3. The rainfall during the winter months is generally detrimental to the Rabi crops grown in this season.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I:

The age-sex pyramid of less developed countries is triangular shaped with a wide base.

Statement – II:

Less developed countries generally have an expansive population trend.

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

44) With reference to microplastics, consider the following statements:

- 1. Microplastics are small plastic particles typically less than 5 millimetres in size.
- 2. Microplastics can potentially enter the human blood stream.



3. Ingestion of microplastics by marine organisms can lead to biomagnification in the food chain.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

45) With reference to Eco-Sensitive zones (ESZs), consider the following statements:

1. ESZs are legally designated under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 to act as buffer zones around Protected Areas.
2. Industrial activities such as hydrocarbon exploration, mining, and infrastructure development within an ESZ, require prior clearance from the National Green Tribunal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46) Some businesses or countries exploit genetic resources for commercial or academic development without obtaining prior consent or providing fair compensation to the indigenous communities or nations where these resources were originally discovered.

Which of the following conventions/protocols makes exclusive arrangements in controlling such an activity as mentioned above?

- (a) Basel Convention
- (b) Nagoya Protocol
- (c) Stockholm Convention
- (d) Cartagena Protocol

47) It is an inland saline lake and a protected site under the Ramsar convention. The lake shows seasonal variability in its water levels. The vegetation present in the catchment area of the lake is xerophytic.

Description of which of the following lakes is given above?

- (a) Umiam Lake
- (b) Dipor Bil
- (c) Sambhar Lake
- (d) Roop Kund Lake

48) With reference to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), consider the following statements:

1. The CDRI is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that aims to promote disaster-resilient infrastructure development.
2. It was launched by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) held in Paris.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49) Which one of the following organisms does **not** exhibit natural bioluminescence?

- (a) Fungi
- (b) Virus
- (c) Bacteria
- (d) Jelly fish

50) With reference to the protected areas in India, consider the following statements:

1. A region can be declared as a National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary by a State government.
2. Recommendation of the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) is required for the alteration of boundaries of both National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.



3. A Wildlife Sanctuary can be converted into a National Park.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

51) Which one of the following statements is correct with reference to 'Digital Banking Units' (DBUs)?

- (a) DBUs are specialized fixed-point business units set up by scheduled commercial banks to offer digital banking services.
- (b) It is an initiative by the Reserve Bank of India to promote financial inclusion by enabling banking services in remote areas through mobile vans equipped with ATMs.
- (c) It is a collaborative effort between multiple banks to create a shared digital platform for cryptocurrency transactions.
- (d) DBUs are temporary service centers set up during financial literacy drives.

52) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I:

The rise of 'strategic autonomy' in the trade policies of some major economies has led to a noticeable decline in reliance on multilateral trade agreements and institutions.

Statement – II:

Countries aiming to enhance their 'strategic autonomy' often adopt measures such as trade protectionism, reshoring or friend-shoring of supply chains, and emphasizing domestic production over global economic integration.

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

53) Other things remaining unchanged, how many of the following events are likely to occur when retail inflation levels fall below the RBI's target limits?

- 1. A potential slowdown in production and investment.
- 2. Real interest rates increase in the market.
- 3. A reduced likelihood of the RBI implementing further monetary policy tightening measures.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

54) Which of the following initiatives were introduced under India's National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy?

- 1. Scheme for Facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP)
- 2. National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM)
- 3. Stand Up India Scheme
- 4. Make in India Initiative

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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



55) The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in India includes which of the following features?

1. It allows foreign direct investment in infrastructure projects.
2. It involves risk-sharing between the public and private sector.
3. It mandates complete privatization of public sector assets.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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

56) Consider the following pairs:

Law/Framework	Objective
1. Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)	Allows banks to recover secured loans without court intervention
2. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016	Provides a time-bound insolvency resolution process
3. RBI's Risk-Based Supervision Framework	Imposes criminal liability on wilful defaulters

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

57) With reference to capital formation in an economy, consider the following statements:

1. In a high-saving economy, a high incremental capital-to-output ratio ensures higher capital formation.
2. Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) includes intermediate consumption and household final consumption.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58) Consider the following statements regarding public and private goods:

1. A good that is both non-rivalrous and non-excludable is classified as a public good.
2. A good that is rivalrous and non-excludable is known as a common-pool resource.
3. A private good can be both rivalrous and excludable.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

59) With reference to the change in the base year for the calculation of GDP, consider the following statements:

1. Recently, the Government of India has decided to change GDP base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23.
2. The shift in GDP base year will accurately reflect structural changes in the Indian economy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60) Consider the following statements:

1. India continues to be a net importer of steel.
2. India has a trade surplus in the services sector.
3. India is a net exporter of petroleum products.



Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

61) The right to contest an election in India is a:

- (a) Fundamental Right
- (b) Constitutional Right
- (c) Statutory Right
- (d) Natural Right

62) In the context of Indian federalism, the judicial doctrine of "pith and substance" is applied to:

- (a) ensure that State laws do not conflict with international treaties.
- (b) determine the true nature of a law when there is overlap between the legislative competence of the Centre and the States.
- (c) determine whether a law violates Fundamental Rights.
- (d) interpret the scope of Directive Principles of State Policy

63) With reference to the office of the Vice-President of India, consider the following statements:

1. The qualifications for the office of the Vice-President are the same as those for the office of the President, except that the Vice-President must be qualified for election as a member of the Lok Sabha.
2. The Vice-President does not vote in the Rajya Sabha under any circumstances as he/she is not a member of the House.
3. The Vice-President cannot be removed from office when the House is in session.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

64) In India, the Writ of Certiorari can be issued against which of the following entities?

1. Judicial Authorities
2. Quasi-Judicial Authorities
3. Administrative Authorities
4. Legislative Bodies
5. Private Bodies

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 3 and 4 only

65) With reference to constitutional amendments, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) A constitutional amendment bill can be introduced in the Lok Sabha only.
- (b) The bill can be introduced only by a minister and not by a private member.
- (c) The Houses of the Parliament may pass the bill separately or jointly.
- (d) The President must sign it after it is passed by the Parliament.

66) Which one of the following countries is not a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Cameroon
- (d) Senegal

67) With reference to the Geological Time Scale, consider the following statements:

1. The first life on the Earth appeared in the Cambrian period.
2. Homo Sapiens appeared for the first time in the Holocene epoch.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



68) Consider the following statements with respect to Radon gas:

1. Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive noble gas.
2. Radon gas can be found in high concentrations in indoor environments, such as homes and workplaces with minimal ventilation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69) Which of the following are considered as renewable sources with respect to energy generation?

1. Geothermal energy
2. Nuclear energy
3. Biomass from municipal solid waste
4. Natural gas
5. Hydropower from flowing water

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 5 only
- (c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 3 and 5 only

70) The non-fungible tokens (NFT) are primarily used for

- (a) Tracking black money in the economy
- (b) Creating unique digital files
- (c) Detecting fake news in social media
- (d) Securing digital transactions

71) With reference to the Nobel Prize in Economics, consider the following statements:

1. It is one of the five Nobel Prizes established by Alfred Nobel's will in 1895.
2. Amartya Sen was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize for Economics for his contributions to welfare economics.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72) Which of the following is/are the functions of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)?

1. Promote exports from the Indian economy
2. GI registration for Indian products abroad
3. Serve as the Secretariat to the National Accreditation Board (NAB) – the accreditation body for the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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

73) How many of the States given below are major groundnut producers of India?

1. Gujarat
2. Rajasthan
3. Kerala
4. Karnataka
5. Tamil Nadu
6. Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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



74) What are the primary objectives of establishing the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)?

1. To provide accessible and affordable banking services to all citizens.
2. To offer credit facilities to small and marginal farmers.
3. To promote financial inclusion, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Select the correct answer from the code given below:

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

75) With reference to 'Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI)', consider the following statements:

1. State forest departments are the primary implementing agencies of the programme.
2. MISHTI is implemented through collaboration of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) across implementing states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76) Consider the following information:

	<i>Maha-janapada</i>	<i>Capital city</i>	<i>Feature of the capital city</i>
1	Anga	Champa	Important commercial centre
2	Mallas	Kushinara	Location of Buddha's Mahaparinirvana
3	Vatsa	Kaushambi	Located at the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna
4	Assaka	Potali	Located on the banks of the Kaveri River

In which one of the above rows is the given information **incorrectly** matched?

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

77) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I: Rig Vedic society was an egalitarian society.

Statement – II: Rig Vedic society was not divided on caste lines.

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

78) The largest excavated Mesolithic site in India is:

- (a) Bagor, Rajasthan
- (b) Bhimbetka, Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Belan Valley, Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Nevasa, Maharashtra



79) Consider the following pairs:

	River	Importance
1.	Beas	Farthest point of Alexander's advancement in India
2.	Tapi	Location of Harappan dockyard at Lothal
3.	Ghaggar	Associated with the discovery of ploughed agricultural fields at a Harappan site

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

80) *Terapanth* and *Mandir Margi* are sects of:

- (a) Buddhism
- (b) Jainism
- (c) Shaivism
- (d) Vaishnavism

81) The Buddhist Stupa at Amaravati was discovered by:

- (a) Alexander Cunningham
- (b) Alexander Rea
- (c) Walter Elliot
- (d) Colin Mackenzie

82) Consider the following statements:

Statement – I:

12th century India witnessed the rise of Turkish expansion which culminated in the establishment of Delhi Sultanate.

Statement – II:

The Turks in 12th century had at their disposal the finest horses in the world, which were bred by hardy warriors and skillful horsemen.

Statement – III:

The mountains around Ghur were rich in metals including iron provided for the making of war materials for the Turks.

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

83) Which Vijayanagara ruler established the city of Nagalapuram?

- (a) Devaraya I
- (b) Krishnadeva Raya
- (c) Devaraya II
- (d) Harihara II

84) Increase in the number of 'mansabdars' during the end of the Mughal reign indicated the:

- (a) Rise in administrative efficiency of the empire
- (b) Expansion of the empire into new territories
- (c) Increase in military strength of the empire
- (d) Growing pressure on jagirdari system and decline in revenue efficiency

85) In medieval India, the term 'Jharokha' refers to a/an:

- (a) Military formation used in Deccan warfare
- (b) Royal edict issued by the Sultan or Emperor
- (c) Ornamental overhanging enclosed balcony in architecture
- (d) Tax levied on non-Muslims during Mughal rule



86) Which dynasty rose to prominence in the Kannada region between the 11th and 14th centuries, initially establishing Belur as its centre before shifting to Halebidu, capitalizing on the declining power of the Cholas and Pandyas?

- (a) Kadambas
- (b) Kakatiyas
- (c) Yadavas
- (d) Hoyasalas

87) In 641 CE, who among the following rulers sent an envoy to the Chinese emperor and established the first diplomatic relations between India and China?

- (a) Harshavardhana
- (b) Pulakesin II
- (c) Narasimhavarman I
- (d) Rajaraja Chola I

88) With reference to the Wavell Plan (1945), consider the following statements:

1. It proposed the reconstitution of Central Executive Council with all its members except the governor general and the Commander-in-Chief would be Indians.
2. The Plan was rejected by the Indian National Congress.
3. The Plan eventually led to the formation of the Constituent Assembly of India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

89) Which of the following best describes the 'Tebhaga Movement (1946-47)?'

- (a) A movement for forest rights in central India
- (b) A peasant movement demanding two-thirds share of crops in Bengal region
- (c) A tribal uprising against the British rule
- (d) A movement for separate statehood in eastern India by tribal groups

90) With reference to the Revolt of 1857, consider the following statements:

1. The economic exploitation of the peasantry and the annexation of princely states were major causes of the revolt.
2. The revolt was primarily confined to the Bengal and Madras presidencies, with minimal participation from other regions.
3. The failure of the revolt can be attributed to the disunity among Indian leaders and the overwhelming military strength of the British.
4. One of the key impacts of the revolt was the transfer of power from the East India Company to the British Crown.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

91) With reference to judicial reforms in British India, consider the following statements:

1. The Cornwallis Code of 1793 introduced the principle of judicial equality in India, ensuring that Indian and European subjects were tried under the same laws.
2. The Indian High Courts Act of 1861 abolished the civil and criminal courts set up by the Company's government and facilitated the establishment of High Courts.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

92) Who among the following resigned from the Viceroy's Executive Council in protest against the Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

- (a) Syed Hasan Imam
- (b) Madan Mohan Malaviya
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore
- (d) Sir Shankaran Nair

93) It is a long-lived greenhouse gas and an ozone-depleting substance. At room temperature, it is colourless and non-flammable, with a slight metallic scent and taste. At elevated temperatures, it is a powerful oxidiser similar to molecular oxygen. It has significant medical uses, especially in surgery and dentistry, for its anaesthetic and pain reducing effects.

Identify the greenhouse gas from the description given above?

- (a) Sulphur dioxide
- (b) Nitrous oxide
- (c) Carbon monoxide
- (d) Methane

94) The Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) test, which was in news recently is used to:

- (a) Detect sub-atomic particles in high-energy physics experiments
- (b) Determine the nutrient and adulterant profile of food and agricultural products
- (c) Identify genetic mutations in human DNA
- (d) Assess the radioactive decay rate of unstable isotopes.

95) Consider the following regions:

- 1. Gulf of Mannar
- 2. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 3. Gulf of Kutch
- 4. Lakshadweep

In India, coral reefs are found in how many of the above regions?

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

96) What type of animal is the 'batagur baska,' an endangered species native to India?

- (a) Insect
- (b) Marine mammal
- (c) Riverine turtle
- (d) Wild cat

97) Certain coastal and marine sites in India have been identified as "Important Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Areas (ICMBA)". With reference to ICMBAs, consider the following statements:

- 1. ICMBAs are established to achieve the goals under the Aichi Biodiversity Target.
- 2. ICMBAs can be upgraded to Protected Areas such as Conservation Reserve or Community Reserve.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

98) How many of the following Protected Areas lie below the tropic of cancer?

- 1. Kuno National Park
- 2. Buxa Tiger Reserve
- 3. Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park
- 4. Papikonda National Park



Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

99) Consider the following measures:

1. Biological oxygen demand (BOD)
2. Chemical oxygen demand (COD)
3. Coliform bacteria level

Which of the above are used to indicate the degree of water pollution?

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

100) Consider the following organisms:

1. Mosquitoes
2. Moths
3. Wasps
4. Ants

How many of the above are pollinators?

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