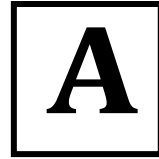


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PAPER- I

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Q1. Consider the following statements with reference to the Gandhara School of Art:

1. It represents a fusion of native and foreign elements.
2. The arts of this school are confined to incidents related to the life of Buddha only.

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

Q2. "This school believes in the physicality of the Universe and is considered to be the realistic and objective philosophy that governs the universe. This school has a scientific approach and explains the phenomenon of this universe."

Which of the following Schools of Philosophy is explained in the above passage?

- (a) Samkhya
- (b) Vaisheshika
- (c) Vedanta
- (d) Mimamsa

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Indo-Islamic Architecture:

1. Like Hindu architecture, the Indo-Islamic architecture too was congested and less spacious.
2. It used limestone mortar as a cementing agent in its constructions.
3. It extensively uses human and animal figures in its decorative motifs and architectural elements.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q4. Consider the following statements with reference to the doctrine of Pratitya-Samutpada in Buddhism:

1. It preaches the middle path between the principle of eternity and annihilation.
2. According to the doctrine, things have existence, but they are not permanent.

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

Q5. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Balban established a firm and stable government, consolidating all authority in his own hands.

Statement-II:

Balban wanted to protect the North-West frontier against Mongol invasions.

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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Q6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Ryotwari Settlement during British India:

1. The Ryotwari Settlement was introduced mainly in Bengal, Bihar and Odisha.
2. Under this Settlement, the peasant was recognised as the proprietor of the land.
3. Every peasant was held personally responsible for the direct payment of land revenue to the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q7. Consider the following statements with reference to "The Government of India Act, 1919":

1. It introduces dyarchy in the provinces.
2. As per the act, for the reserved subjects, the Governor was responsible as before to the Governor-General and the Secretary of State.

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

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

Q8. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The revolt of 1857 was primarily concentrated in the regions of Northern and Central India.

Statement-II:

The British had no control over the regions of Southern India that extended beyond Hyderabad.

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.

Q9. Consider the following statements:

1. Sarla Devi Chaudhurani convened the first meeting of Bharat Stree Mahamandal, which is considered to be the first major Indian women's organisation set up by a woman.
2. Ramabai Ranade founded the Bharat Mahila Parishad under the parent organisation, National Social Conference.
3. Kadambini Ganguly was the first woman to address the annual session of Indian National Congress.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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Q10. Consider the following pairs:

Provisions of the Indian Constitution	Sources
1. Office of the Governor	US Constitution
2. Prerogative Writs	British Constitution
3. Procedure established by Law	Government of India Act of 1935
4. Ideal of Justice in Preamble	Japanese Constitution

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q11. Which of the following are part of the Directive Principles of State Policy?

- 1. Providing the right to adequate means of livelihood for all citizens.
- 2. Preservation of the health and strength of workers and children against forcible abuse.
- 3. Promotion of harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India.
- 4. Raising the level of nutrition and the standard of living of people and to improve public health.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q12. Consider the following statements about Preventive Detention:

- 1. Article 22 grants protection to both citizens, as well as aliens from Preventive Detention.
- 2. The Advisory Board for Preventive Detention consists of persons who are qualified to be appointed as judges of the Supreme Court.
- 3. The Parliament may by law, provide for maximum period for which any person may be detained.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q13. Consider the following statements with reference to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992:

- 1. It granted constitutional status and protection to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- 2. It makes it mandatory for all States to establish a three-tier system of panchayats (local self-governments) in rural areas.
- 3. It introduced a new Schedule containing 29 functional items.
- 4. It implemented Article 44 of the Directive Principles of State Policy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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Q14. Consider the following statements with reference to the constitutional provisions of borrowing by states in India:

1. A state is not allowed to raise any loan without the consent of the Union Government if it owes any part of a loan to the Union Government.
2. The states can borrow from both external and domestic sources.

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

Q15. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Fifth and the Sixth Schedule Areas?

1. Unlike the provisions of the Sixth Schedule, the legislative and the judicial powers are denied to the Fifth Schedule Areas.
2. The Tribes Advisory Councils, established under the provision of the Fifth Schedule, are given the financial power for preparing budget for themselves.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q16. Consider the following statements with reference to the Anti-Defection Law:

1. There is a fixed timeline before which the Speaker needs to decide over the disqualification of the members.

2. A member, who has been disqualified under the Anti-defection Law, can be appointed to a remunerative political post.
3. The disqualification of a member under the Anti-Defection Law bars the member for being re-elected as a member of the House.
4. A member who has resigned from the House cannot be disqualified under the Anti-Defection Law.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

Q17. Consider the following statements about the Money Bill:

1. There cannot be any judicial review of the Speaker's decision to qualify a Bill as a Money Bill.
2. A Money Bill can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha.
3. Joint sitting need not be called for passing of the Money Bill.
4. The President cannot return a Money Bill for the reconsideration of the Houses.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q18. Consider the following statements with reference to the Continental Drift Theory:

1. This Theory is regarding the distribution of the oceans and the continents.
2. It was given by Alfred Wegener.
3. The super continent was named 'Pangaea' and the mega ocean was called 'Panthalassa'.

How many of the above statements is/are

NOT correct?

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

Q19. Consider the following characteristics of a grassland:

1. An extensive area of mid-latitude grasslands is devoid of trees and shrubs.
2. The climate is characterised by hot summers, cold winters, and relatively low rainfall, occurring mainly in spring and summer.
3. In humid regions, grasses grow to a meter or more in height.

Which of the following is best described in the above statements?

- (a) Banni grassland
- (b) Savanna grassland
- (c) Steppe grassland
- (d) Pampas grassland

Q20. Consider the following statements with reference to the Khadar and the Bhangar soils:

1. Bhangar represents a system of new alluvium and it is deposited by floods annually.
2. The Khadar and the Bhangar soils contain calcareous concretions.

3. Both these alluvial soils have developed in the upper and the middle Ganga plains.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q21. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Coal' in India:

1. Coal is found within rock sequences primarily from two geological periods, namely the Gondwana and tertiary deposits.
2. Less than 20% of the coal deposits in India is of bituminous type and is of non-coking grade.
3. Talcher Coalfield has the country's highest coal reserve.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q22. Arrange the following hills of north-east India in South to North direction:

1. Mishmi
2. Miri
3. Dafla
4. Abor

Select the correct option using the code given below:

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

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Q23. Which of the following islands is/are the part of Union Territory of Lakshadweep?

1. Agatti Island
2. Bangaram Island
3. Kadmat Island
4. Katchall Island
5. Kiltan Island

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q24. Consider the following statements with reference to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India:

1. They contribute nearly one third of Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy.
2. The largest workforce in India is engaged in this sector.
3. These industries in India account for around 15% of the industrial units in the country.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q25. Consider the following statements with reference to Incremental Capital-Output Ratio (ICOR):

1. It means the additional amount of capital required to produce one additional unit of output.
2. The lower the ICOR, the less efficient we are in the use of capital.

3. Reducing the cost of capital helps in reducing ICOR.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q26. Consider the following pairs:

Type of Deficit	Impact
1. Fiscal Deficit	Cumulative of all the borrowings.
2. Primary Deficit	Fiscal deficit without interest liabilities.
3. Revenue Deficit	Current income and expenditure.

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q27. Which of the following is/are part of Non-Tax Revenue Receipts?

1. Dividends paid by PSUs to government
2. License fee received by government
3. Disinvestment of shares of PSUs

Select the correct option using the code given below:

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

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Q28. Consider the following statements:

1. The Indian government may have to pay higher interest rates on its foreign borrowings.
2. The Indian stock market may witness a decline in stock prices.
3. The Indian rupee will appreciate against the US dollar.
4. Indian companies may face higher borrowing costs, leading to immediate slowdown in the economy.

Which of the above are the possible impacts of increase in policy rates by the US Federal Reserve?

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

Q29. Consider the following statements with respect to Horticulture in India:

1. India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables.
2. Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of onion.
3. Atmanirbhar Horticulture Clean Plant Program is initiated to promote the availability of disease free, quality planting material of high value horticultural crops.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

Q30. Consider the following statements with reference to Peace Clause of WTO:

1. The Peace Clause allows for a temporary exemption from WTO rules on agriculture subsidies for developing countries.
2. The peace clause has been extended at the 2013 Bali Ministerial Conference.
3. The maximum amount of subsidy for all the developing countries is set at 20% of the value of agricultural product.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q31. Consider the following statements with reference to the Currency Swap Agreement:

1. A currency swap is a transaction in which two parties exchange an equivalent amount of money with each other but in different currencies.
2. Currency swap agreements between countries can help in reducing its reliance on the International Monetary Fund.
3. Currency swap agreement can be helpful for a country during its foreign exchange crisis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q32. Consider the following interactions within species:

1. Barnacles growing on the back of a whale.
2. Sea anemone having stinging tentacles and the clown fish that lives among them.
3. Black walnut trees and nearby plants.
4. Interaction between Cattle egret and grazing cattle.

How many of the above mentioned are the examples of 'Commensalism'?

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

Q33. What is common to the plant species 'Gleadovia Konyakianorum', 'Broomrape', and 'Cuscuta Reflexa'?

- (a) They are found only in the high altitudes of North-Eastern Himalayas.
- (b) They are parasitic plants found in India.
- (c) They are medicinal plants used to treat diabetes.
- (d) They are invasive species of plants that are indigenous to Latin America.

Q34. Consider the following statements with reference to Red Sanders:

1. It is endemic to southern parts of the Eastern Ghats.
2. Its IUCN status is Critically Endangered.
3. It is included in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
4. It is a fast-growing tree species and it display remarkable resistance to droughts.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q35. Consider the following bird species:

1. Jerdon's Courser
2. Bugun Liocichla
3. Winged Wood Duck
4. Lesser Florican
5. Indian Grey Hornbill
6. Red Headed Vulture

How many of the above birds are categorized as 'Critically Endangered' by IUCN?

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

Q36. Consider the following statements with reference to the Shola forests:

1. Temperate forests in the Nilgiris, Anaimalai and Palani hills are called Shola forests.
2. Trees in the Shola forests are stunted and have leathery leaves.
3. They play important role in conserving water supply of the Nilgiris' streams.
4. Trees in the forests are highly tolerant to fire.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q37. The term “Humboldt’s Enigma” was recently seen in news. It refers to which of the following?

- (a) It refers to a recent discovery of a powerful underwater current flowing in the opposite direction of the Humboldt current.
- (b) It refers strong flows of water that move from a beach back toward the open ocean, sea, or lake.
- (c) It refers to the surprising phenomenon of high biodiversity in mountainous regions, even though they are located outside the tropics.
- (d) It is a 24-hour movement pattern used by some organisms which involves moving to the upper water layer at night and returning to the daylight zone or dense lake layer during the day.

38. Consider the following statements with respect to Protected Areas in India:

- 1. Orang National Park is located on the banks of Brahmaputra River.
- 2. Krishna river passes through the Papikonda National Park.
- 3. Keibul Lamjao National Park is the only floating national park in the world.
- 4. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q39. Consider the following statements with reference to Mangroves for the Future initiative:

- 1. It was created by the IUCN and UNEP to encourage financial support for the preservation of coastal ecosystems.
- 2. It exclusively focuses on conservation of mangroves.
- 3. It is purely a research body and doesn’t offer any grants to support mangrove conservation Initiatives.
- 4. India is a member country.

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

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

Q40. Consider the following statements with reference to liquid Nitrogen:

- 1. It is an inert, colourless, odourless, non-flammable, and extremely cooled liquified form of nitrogen.
- 2. It can cause severe internal damage if ingested, leading to tissue destruction in the mouth and digestive tract.
- 3. Its use in drinks is strictly prohibited in India.
- 4. In India, it is permitted as an additive in frozen food as per the guidelines of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q41. Consider the following statements with reference to Superconductivity:

1. It is a phenomenon where certain materials lose all electrical resistivity when cooled below a critical temperature.
2. All elements in the periodic table exhibit superconductivity at low temperatures.
3. Achieving room temperature superconductivity without increased pressure conditions would revolutionize power transmission systems.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q42. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Nano-enhanced paints can reduce emissions of Nitrogen dioxide, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere.

Statement-II:

Nano-enhanced paints contain nanoparticles that provide enhanced durability and weather resistance to painted surfaces.

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.

Q43. Consider the following statements about Higgs Boson particles:

1. It is one of the elementary particles under Standard Model of Particle Physics.
2. It is one of the matter particles.
3. It is the only scalar Boson particles.
4. It was first discovered in July 2012 at the European Organization of Nuclear Research.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q44. Consider the following statements with reference to Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) technology

1. It is an antenna technology for wireless communication.
2. It minimizes error and optimize data speed.
3. It is used in Wireless Local Area networks (WLANS).
4. 5th Generation (5G) Cellular Wireless Communication technology has introduced MIMO in mobile wireless communication for the first time.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

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Q45. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Reduction in salt intake reduces the chances of heart attack and strokes.

Statement-II:

Low salt diets have been shown to lower blood pressure in individuals with hypertension.

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.

Q46. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Mobile phone communication technology is known as Cellular Wireless Communication Technology.

Statement-II:

The source of power for mobile phone is an electric battery which consist of one or more electrochemical cells.

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.

Q47. Consider the following statements with reference to Mahila Samman Saving certificates (MSSC):

- 1. It is a small savings scheme launched by Ministry of Women and Child development.

- 2. Under the initiative, minors' account can be opened through natural guardian.

- 3. It requires the minimum investment amount to be Rs. 10,000.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q48. Consider the following statements with reference to the Child marriage in India:

- 1. More than 40% of the world's child marriages take place in India.
- 2. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, says that child marriages are illegal and voidable at the option of contracting party being a child.
- 3. Girls with either no or below primary level education have experienced lower levels of child marriage.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q49. Consider the following statements with respect to Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA):

- 1. MIGA is a member of the World Trade Organisation.
- 2. It offers protection against both currency inconvertibility risk and political risk, encompassing potential threats such as war.
- 3. India is not a member of MIGA.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q50. Consider the following statements with respect to Forum for India-Pacific Island cooperation (FIPIC):

1. It is a multinational grouping for cooperation between India and 14 Pacific Islands nations.
2. For the first time, FIPIC Summit, 2023 was held in New Delhi.
3. It was established by India as part of its Act East Policy.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q51. Arrange the following Indian Ocean islands from North to South:

1. Mauritius
2. Maldives
3. Seychelles
4. Comoros

Select the correct option using the code given below:

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

Q52. Consider the following statements:

1. Sea of Galilee shares its border with Golan Heights and Israel.
2. Israel and Jordan both have access to the Red Sea.
3. Golan Heights share borders with Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q53. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana:

1. Its purpose is to provide social security to both organized and unorganized sector employees.
2. It operates as a voluntary and contributory pension scheme on a 50:50 basis.
3. It provides assured pension of Rs. 10000/- month after attaining the age of 60 years.
4. It is implemented by Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q54. PM-PRANAM (PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother Earth) was announced in the 2023-24 Budget. It is under which of the following Central Government Ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (d) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers

Q55. Consider the following Harappan Cities:

1. Rakhigarhi
2. Dholavira
3. Sotkakoh
4. Mohenjodaro
5. Ganweriwala

Which of the above cities were located to the east of Indus River?

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

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Q56. Consider the following statements with reference to Krishnadeva Raya of Vijayanagara Empire:

1. During his reign, the land between the Tungabhadra and Krishna rivers (the Raichur doab) was acquired.
2. He composed a work based on the story of Andal in Telugu known as the Amuktamalyada.
3. He also founded a suburban township near Vijayanagara called Nagalapuram after his mother.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q57. Consider the following statements with reference to the sculpture art of the Mauryan period:

1. The images of Yaksha and Yakshi were the masterpieces of the Mauryan period art.
2. During the Mauryan period, wood was not used to create art objects and structures.
3. The ring-stones and disc-stones of the Mauryan period have fine carvings in relief.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q58. With respect to Islam, the term 'Darvesh' refers to which of the following?

- (a) The Muslim saints of Sufi lifestyle.
- (b) An important Sufi Silsila in Central Asia.
- (c) The final resting place of prominent Sufi saints.
- (d) Grants given to the mystics by the ruling classes.

Q59. Consider the following statements with reference to the Cripps Mission:

1. Stafford Cripps was a member of the British War Cabinet.
2. The main reason for sending the Cripps Mission was to resolve the deadlock between the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League over partition.
3. It recommended that any province, not willing to join the Union could have a separate constitution and form a separate Union.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q60. Consider the following statements with reference to Quit India Movement:

1. Gandhiji asked government servants to resign, if they trust the course of the Movement.
2. Students were asked to give up studies, if they were sure that they could continue to remain firm till independence.
3. The Defence of India Rules was in place under which many people were convicted, arrested and detained.
4. Amongst important newspapers, National Herald and Harijan were ceased for publication for the entire duration of the Movement.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q61. Consider the following statements about Kheda Satyagraha:

1. Peasants of Kheda district were in extreme distress due to the failure of crops and that their appeals for the remission of land revenue were being ignored by the Government.
2. Vallabh Bhai Patel was the president of the Gujarat Sabha, which played a leading role in the agitation.
3. Gandhiji called for withholding of revenue, even for those who could pay, if the government did not suspend the collection of land revenue.

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

Q62. Which of the following is/are **NOT** correct with reference to Tribunals in India?

- (a) The original Constitution did not contain provisions with respect to tribunals.
- (b) Article 323A empowers the Parliament to provide for the establishment of administrative tribunals.
- (c) The Central Administrative Tribunal is not bound by the procedure laid down in the Civil Procedure Code of 1908.
- (d) Appeals against the orders of the CAT could be made only in the Supreme Court and not in the high courts.

Q63. Consider the following statements with reference to the Constitutional Amendment Bill:

1. The Constitutional amendment bill can either be introduced by a minister or by a private member but there is a requirement of prior permission of the president.

2. The State legislature can also bring out a constitutional amendment bill.
3. There is no provision of holding a joint sitting of two houses of parliament for the purpose of deliberation and passage of bill.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

Q64. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Chairman of Rajya Sabha does not have the power to suspend a Member of Rajya Sabha while the Speaker of Lok Sabha is empowered to place a Member of Lok Sabha under suspension.

Statement-II:

Both Speaker and Chairman are not vested with the authority to revoke the suspension order of a member.

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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Q65. Consider the following statements with reference to the Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991:

1. It freezes the status of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.
2. The Act does not apply to the place of Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q66. Under which of the following Articles, the Supreme Court shall have the power to issue directions or orders or writs, including writs in the nature of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto and certiorari, whichever may be appropriate, for the enforcement of any of the rights conferred by Part-III of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Article 226
- (b) Article 32
- (c) Article 28
- (d) Article 145

Q67. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. A judge of the Supreme Court may resign from his office or may be removed in case of misbehaviour or incapacity.
2. For the removal of a judge of the Supreme Court, each house of the Parliament will have to pass a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting and a majority of the total membership of that House.

3. The motion of impeachment against a judge was tabled in the Parliament for the first time in 1951.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q68. Consider the following statements with reference to the Estimates Committee:

1. All the members of this Committee are from the Lok Sabha only.
2. It examines the budget estimates before they are voted upon by the Parliament.

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

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

Q69. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The eastern coasts of continents within the tropics have much heavier rainfall than the interiors or the west coasts.

Statement-II:

All western coasts fall in the rain shadow zone.

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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Q70. Arrange the following places in decreasing order of the Coriolis effect they observe:

1. Mumbai
2. Jaipur
3. Nagpur
4. Hyderabad

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

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

Q71. Consider the following statements with reference to Thermocline:

1. It is an oceanic water layer in which water temperature gradually increase with increasing depth.
2. About 90 per cent of total volume of water is found below the thermocline.
3. It is absent in both Arctic and Antarctic circles.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q72. Consider the following pairs:

Ramsar Site	State
1. Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve	Karnataka
2. Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary	Kerala
3. Aghanashini Estuary	Tamil Nadu
4. Tampara Lake	Odisha

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Q73. Consider the following pairs:

1. Worker Population Ratio - Percentage of Employed Population in the total population.
2. Unemployment Rate - Percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.
3. Labour Force Participation Rate - Percentage of working population engaged in work or making tangible efforts to seek work.

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q74. With reference to the Indian economy, demand-pull inflation can be caused/increased by which of the following?

1. Contractionary policies
2. Increase in tax burden
3. Rise in employment
4. Higher government spending

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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Q75. Consider the following statements about Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) and Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER):

1. NEER measures the value of a country's currency against a weighted average of currencies from all countries in the world.
2. REER takes both inflation and exchange rates in account.
3. REER is a better indicator of measuring country's competitiveness in international trade, when compared to NEER.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q76. Consider the following statements with reference to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs):

1. NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits.
2. NBFCs do not form part of the Payment and Settlement System.
3. NBFCs are covered under the purview of the deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.
4. Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) are regulated by National Housing Bank (NHB).
5. Nidhi and Chit fund companies are mainly regulated by RBI.

Which of the statements given above are **NOT** Correct?

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

Q77. Which of the following reports is/are published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

1. World Economic Outlook
2. Global Financial Stability Report
3. Commodity Markets Outlook

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q78. Consider the following statements with reference to India's economic growth since the LPG reforms of 1991:

1. India's annual economic growth has always been positive (except for the FY 2020-21 due to COVID-19 lockdown).
2. India's economic growth rate has always been increasing (except for the FY 2020-21 due to COVID-19 lockdown).

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

Q79. Consider the following statements with reference to Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):

1. Reduction in CRR may lead to inflation.
2. Reserve Bank of India pays interest on the CRR balances.
3. Hike in CRR may increase the lending rates of commercial banks.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q80. Consider the following statements with reference to Additional Tier-1 Bonds:

1. These are perpetual debt instruments issued by banks to raise money and build up their core equity capital.
2. They come with a Put option.
3. These are hybrid of shares and bonds.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q81. Consider the following statements with reference to Methane:

1. Methane has higher global warming potential than carbon dioxide.
2. As per UNEP, Methane is responsible for 30% of the global warming since pre-industrial times.
3. Rice fields are one of the major sources of methane gas emissions.
4. India has promised to cut its methane gas emission by at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2030 as part of Global methane pledge.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

Q82. Consider the following statements with reference to Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF):

1. It is a framework of the Convention of Biological Diversity.
2. It aims for 50 percent conservation of land, sea and inland waters by 2050.
3. It mandates the elimination of all harmful subsidies by member countries by 2030.

4. It is legally binding on parties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q83. Consider the following statements with reference to Global Assessment of Soil Carbon in Grasslands:

1. It is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
2. It measured the baseline of stocks of soil organic carbon in both semi natural and managed grasslands.
3. As per report, most of the world's grasslands have a negative carbon balance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q84. Consider the following statements regarding Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

1. The IPCC is an organization of governments that are members of the United Nations or WMO.
2. It was created in 1988 by WMO and IUCN.
3. It releases its Assessment report (AR) biennially.
4. The IPCC does not conduct new research.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q85. Consider the following statements with reference to India's Panchamrit Strategy:

1. Fifty percent of energy requirement will be met from renewable sources.
2. Non-fossil fuel energy capacity will reach 500 Gigawatt.
3. Reduce total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes.
4. Achieve the target of Net Zero emissions.
5. Decreasing the carbon intensity of India's economy by 45% based on 2005 levels.

How many of the above targets are to be achieved by 2030?

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

Q86. Which of the following statements best describes the consequence of 'Eutrophication'?

- (a) It is a process in which nutrient enriched water bodies support a dense plant population.
- (b) It promotes the growth of coral reefs in marine environments.
- (c) It is a natural process of cleaning, occurring in undisturbed aquatic environments in which water is filtered through layers of soil and other natural materials.
- (d) It is the excessive influx of oxygen into aquatic ecosystems, leading to oxygen-rich water bodies.

Q87. Consider the following statements with respect to Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022:

1. The rules cover all types of batteries such as Electric Vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries and industrial batteries.
2. The rules are based on the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).
3. The rules have, for the first time, defined measurable targets for collection and recycling within a compliance timeframe.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q88. Consider the following statements with respect to Coastal Aquaculture Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023:

1. It included cage culture, sea-weed culture, bivalve culture, marine ornamental fish culture under the definition of coastal aquaculture.
2. It imposed harsher penalties for violations associated with illegal coastal aquaculture.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 and 2

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Q89. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

The sky appears dark to passengers flying at very high altitudes.

Statement-II:

Light scatters so much at such heights that it eventually fades away, making the sky appear dark.

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.

Q90. Consider the following sweeteners:

- 1. Advantame
- 2. Neotame
- 3. Stavia
- 4. Thaumatin
- 5. Sucralose
- 6. Monk Fruit

How many of the above are artificial sweeteners?

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

Q91. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Deepfakes':

- 1. Generators and discriminators are part of generative adversarial networks that are used in the creation of deepfakes.
- 2. Restoring lost voices of persons, enhancing artistic expression, and improving medical training and simulation are some of the positive uses of deepfakes.
- 3. Sections 67 and 67A of the Information Technology Act (2000) have provisions that explicitly deal with all the aspects of deep fakes.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

Q92. Consider the following statements with reference to Measles disease:

- 1. It is a respiratory illness which can spread through air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- 2. Cough, Conjunctivitis and macupapular rash are some important characteristics of the disease.
- 3. It can be completely prevented with two doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

How of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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Q93. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Mitochondria in cells are popularly known as the 'Power House' of the cell.

Statement-II:

They are the only site for a respiratory breakdown of glucose molecules and ATP (adenosine triphosphate; energy-rich molecules) production in the cells.

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.

Q94. Which of the following best describes an Internet Cookie?

- (a) It is a warning displayed on a webpage that cautions viewers against the contents of the webpage.
- (b) It is any advertisement on a webpage that charges viewers when they click on it.
- (c) It is a highlighted text on a webpage which can lead viewers to another webpage when they click on it.
- (d) It is a message given to a web browser intended to better guide the viewers through customisation of webpages.

Q95. 'PRAYAG platform' was recently seen in news. It is related to which of the following?

- (a) Initiative for increasing Tourism in Panch Prayag located in Uttarakhand.
- (b) Online dashboard for tracking air pollution in metropolitan cities.

- (c) E-commerce platform for promoting and selling products from rural artisans.
- (d) Real time monitoring centre for planning and monitoring of river water quality.

Q96. Consider the following statements about Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India:

- 1. They reside in 18 states and one Union territory.
- 2. There are 75 PVTGs officially notified in the country so far.
- 3. Pre-Agriculture level of technology is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.
- 4. PM-PVTG Development mission is implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q97. Consider the following statements regarding Financial Action Task Force (FATF):

- 1. It is an intergovernmental organization founded on the initiative of the G20 to develop policies to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.
- 2. Non-cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) are placed under black list of FATF.
- 3. Once a country is placed on the FATF blacklist, it cannot be reversed.

How many of the above statements is/are **NOT** correct?

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

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Q98. "Climate Inequality: A planet for 99%" report is published by which of the following organization?

- (a) Oxfam International
- (b) UNFCCC
- (c) IUCN
- (d) UNEP

Q99. Consider the following pairs:

Region	Located between seas
1. Crimean Peninsula	Black sea and Sea of Marmara
2. Yucatan Peninsula	Yellow sea and Sea of Japan
3. Kamchatka Peninsula	Okhotsk sea and Pacific Ocean

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

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

Q100. The Rift Valley, located in Eastern Africa, spreads over which of the following countries?

- 1. Ethiopia
- 2. Uganda
- 3. Sudan
- 4. Djibouti
- 5. Nigeria

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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1	A	41	B	81	A
2	B	42	B	82	C
3	A	43	C	83	C
4	C	44	C	84	B
5	B	45	A	85	C
6	A	46	B	86	A
7	D	47	A	87	C
8	C	48	B	88	A
9	C	49	A	89	C
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11	A	51	D	91	A
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15	A	55	D	95	D
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26	C	66	B		
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