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“My ambition is not only to chronicle but to interpret and reveal the movement of the mind and unfold the sources of India in the profound plane of human nature.”

—*Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan*

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- This I.T.W. Booklet contains 100 questions. Each questions is printed in English each questions comprises four responses (answer). You will select the response which you want to mark on the answer sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose ONLY ONE response for each questions.

□ **Penalty for wrong answers :**

1. **There are four alternatives for the answer to every questions. For each question for which a wrong answer is given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that questions will be deducted as penalty.**
2. **If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answer happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as**



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1. Consider the following statements with reference to Deputy Chief Minister

1. He/She must be a member of the state's legislative assembly and is appointed by the Chief Minister, with the approval of the state's Governor.
2. He/She is elected separately by the state's electorate and holds a position parallel to the Chief Minister.
3. He/She is nominated by the Prime Minister and serves as a liaison between the central and state governments.

How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

2. Which of the following defines "assets under management" (AUM)?

- (a) The total value of all the investments a financial institution has made.
- (b) The total market value of the assets managed by a financial institution or investment firm on behalf of its clients.
- (c) The total amount of capital a company has raised through its stock offerings.
- (d) The annual revenue generated by a financial institution from its investment activities.

3. Which of the following best describes Moidams in Ahom dynasty practices?

- (a) Hindu temple architecture
- (b) Buddhist stupa-like structures
- (c) Burial mounds for Ahom royalty
- (d) Fortified complexes for defense

4. What does the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) measure?

- (a) The average number of children born to women of childbearing age in a given year.
- (b) The average number of children a woman is expected to have during her lifetime, based on current age-specific fertility rates.
- (c) The percentage of women who are currently pregnant at any given time.
- (d) The total number of children born in a population divided by the total number of women in that population.

5. Consider the following statements regarding the National Metallurgist Awards:

1. It is given annually only to Indian nationals.
2. It is conferred to recognize outstanding contributions in the metallurgical field.

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

6. Which one of the following statements about the Model Skill Loan Scheme is not correct?

- (a) The scheme is implemented by all scheduled commercial banks in India.
- (b) Loans under this scheme are available for courses of duration from 2 weeks to 3 years.
- (c) The maximum loan amount under this scheme is Rs. 1,50,000.
- (d) There is no upper age limit for the beneficiaries of this scheme.

7. Consider the following subjects

1. Foreign affairs
2. Lighthouses including lightships
3. Post Office Savings Bank
4. Intoxicating liquors
5. Inns and inn- keepers
6. Treasure trove
7. Actionable wrongs

Of the above, which of the subjects are mentioned in the 'Union list'?

- (a) 1,2,3 and 6 only
(b) 1,2,5,6 and 7 only
(c) 1,2 and 3 only
(d) 1,2,3 and 5 only

8. In the context of coal mining in India, what does the term "royalty" primarily refer to?

- (a) The tax paid by coal companies to the central government based on their annual profits.
- (b) The payment made by coal companies to the government for the right to extract coal.
- (c) The fee paid by coal companies for environmental protection measures in mining areas.
- (d) The tariff imposed on coal exports to international markets.

9. Consider the following statements about Autonomous District Councils (ADCs)
1. ADCs are created under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
 2. Nagaland has only one Autonomous District Council.
 3. The state assembly can dissolve the council, and certain laws passed by the ADC require the Governor's assent.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
10. Consider the following statements with respect to National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC)
1. It functions as the technological arm of the Ministry of Shipping.
 2. It provides scientific support to Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
 3. It was set up as an incubation centre at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Chennai in 2018.
- How many of the statements given above are incorrect?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All Three (d) None of the above
11. Which one of the following statements about Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India is not correct?
- (a) Companies can carry forward excess CSR spending to the next financial year
(b) The CSR provisions apply to foreign companies doing business in India
(c) Companies must constitute a CSR committee of the Board if they meet the eligibility criteria
(d) Failure to comply with CSR provisions can result in monetary penalties.
12. Consider the following statements with respect to Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)
1. It aims to provide allopathic and AYUSH Medicare to Ex-servicemen pensioner and their dependents.
 2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
 3. Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation (E-SeHAT) was recently launched under this scheme.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All Three (d) None of the above
13. Consider the following statements with respect to Athletes Individuels Neutres (AIN)
1. It is a designation used for approved Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete in the 2024 Summer Olympics under a neutral flag.
 2. 2024 Summer Olympics is the first Olympics to feature athletes competing under a neutral designation.
 3. No government or state officials from Russian or Belarusian is invited or accredited in any capacity for the 2024 Olympic Games.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only
(b) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
14. Consider the following pairs:
- | Terms in News | Countries |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Seine River | - France |
| 2. Alibaug | - Israel |
| 3. Jabiluka | - Australia |
- How many of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All the above (d) None of the above
15. Consider the following statements with respect to Standardized Agriculture Demonstration Farm (SADF)
1. It aims to enhance agricultural practices, increase crop yields and integrate Indian Standards In forming to benefit the agricultural sector.
 2. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) & Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology have signed an agreement to develop India's first SADF.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
16. Gabon, sometimes seen in the news recently, is situated at?
- (a) North America (b) Europe
(c) Africa (d) Antarctica
17. Consider the following statements with respect to Mobile Therapy Bus Initiative
1. It aims to address the unique needs of children with disabilities in marginalized communities.
 2. The bus is deployed in all metropolitan cities across India.
 3. It was launched by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual and Hans Foundation.

- How many of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) All Three (d) None of the above
- 18.** Monastery of Saint Hilarien, sometimes seen in the news recently, is situated at?
 (a) Russia (b) Gaza Strip
 (c) India (d) Vatican City
- 19.** With reference to Oropouche Fever, Consider the following statements:
 1. It is transmitted through the bites of infected midges and mosquitos.
 2. It can be transmitted from human-to-human.
 3. Symptoms of the disease are similar to dengue.
 4. It can be treated with vaccination or antiviral treatment.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 20.** Consider the following statements:
 1. Shiksha Saptah is a week-long campaign to celebrate the 4th anniversary of the National Education Policy (INEP) 2020.
 2. Vidyanjali is a school volunteer management program, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 2021.
 Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 21.** Consider the following countries:
 1. India 2. Pakistan
 3. Philippines 4. China
 5. Kazakhstan
 Which of the above-mentioned countries are the founding members of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)?
 (a) Only two (b) Only three
 (c) Only four (d) All five
- 22.** The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme primarily incentivizes companies based on their:
 (a) Profit margins
 (b) Tax payments
 (c) Production and export performance
 (d) Research and development expenditure
- 23.** Cheyava Falls, sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with?
 (a) World's largest waterfall situated in Denmark
 (b) A sharp fall in the cotton prices due to a record increase in electricity and various tariffs.
 (c) Phenomenon related to the formation of Northern Lights.
 (d) A rock on moon possessing the feature of Microbiolites.
- 24.** The Governor can act in his discretion to reserve a bill for the President, if:
 (a) The bill is a Money Bill
 (b) The bill affects the Centre-State relations
 (c) The bill is passed unanimously by the State Legislature
 (d) The bill pertains to the subjects in the State List only
- 25.** Consider the following statements:
 1. The U.S. has become India's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplier.
 2. The U.S. is the world's largest LNG exporter.
 Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 26.** Consider the following statements regarding the Golan Heights:
 1. IT is a rocky plateau in southwestern Syria.
 2. It is considered occupied territory under international law and UN Security Council resolutions.
 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
- 27.** Consider the following statements regarding the Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs):
 1. The primary objective of issuing SGBs is to reduce the demand for physical gold.
 2. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issues Sovereign Gold Bonds on behalf of the Government of India.
 3. The interest earned on SGBs is exempted from taxation.
 How many of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) All Three (d) None
- 28.** Consider the following statements:
 1. Disaster Recovery and Community Support (DRCS) partnership is an initiative of Quad grouping aimed at improving coordination for disaster relief operations and enhance regional cooperation.

2. Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA), an initiative of Quad, aims to improve maritime security in the Indian Ocean by using satellite data, training, and building capacity.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements:

1. The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) is constituted by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to provide economic advice and recommendations.
2. The primary purpose of the Law Commission of India is to ensure the enforcement of laws and monitor their proper implementation.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

30. Consider the following statements:

1. The Bohai Gulf is the innermost part of the Yellow Sea, situated on the northeastern coast of China.
2. China, Japan, South Korea borders the Yellow Sea.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. Digitalisation consistently boosts the traditional credit channel of monetary policy by increasing the number of bank loans.
2. Digitalisation makes it harder for consumers to compare prices and make purchasing decisions.
3. Digitalisation can create interconnected financial system with implications for financial stability.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

32. With reference to the International Labour Organization (ILO), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to advance social and economic justice through setting international labour standards.
2. It was created as part of the Treaty of Trianon.

3. World Labour Council is one of the main bodies of the ILO.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

33. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. Royalties are payments set by law and can only be collected by public authorities to pay for welfare programs and public services.
2. Parliament can impose limitations on States' power to tax minerals.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

34. Consider the following statements:

1. DNA is made up of building blocks called nucleotides.
2. The CRISPR-Cas9 tool works by using a guide-RNA (gRNA) to find and attach to a specific DNA sequence in the target genome.
3. The primary advantage of using FnCas9 over CRISPR-Cas9 in gene-editing is that FnCas9 does not require guide-RNA (gRNA).

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution (Eighty-Fourth Amendment) Act of 2001 states that the boundaries of constituencies can't be changed until after the first Census done after 2026.
2. The National Population Register (NPR) was first prepared in 2009.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements:

1. In India, functional limitation is used to assess a person's physical disability.
2. Persons with disabilities (PwDs) have a low employment rate in India.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

37. Consider the following statements:

1. Agarwood is primarily formed due to a fungal infection in the Aquilaria tree.
2. The agarwood is mainly used in food flavouring industry.
3. Agarwood is listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements:

1. Articles 15 and 16 of the Indian Constitution ensure equality for all citizens in government policies and public jobs.
2. The Constitution guarantees 15% reservation for SCs and 7.5% for STs in jobs, education, and public sector enterprises at the central level.
3. The creamy layer refers to the less advantaged members within the Other Backward Class (OBC) category.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

39. Where is India's first integrated agri-export facility being established?

- (a) VadHAVAN Port
(b) Kandla Port
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
(d) Chennai Port

40. Consider the following statements:

1. Caller ID spoofing refers to intercepting phone calls without authorization.
2. The Telecommunications Act, 2023 gives the Union Government the power to take control of any telecommunication service during emergencies.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

41. Consider the following statements:

1. If an ordinary Bill is returned by the President for reconsideration and is passed again by the state legislature with or without amendment, the Governor can reserve it again for the President's consideration.
2. When the President returns a Bill to the state legislature for reconsideration, the state legislature must act upon it within 3 months.

Which of the statement(s) 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 NITI Aayog, consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body.
2. The Governing Council of NITI Aayog comprises the Prime Minister, all Chief Ministers of states, and Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories.
3. National Education Policy, 2020 is an initiative of NITI Aayog.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

43. With reference to the Charaideo Moidam, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Site, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first site from northeastern India to be recognized as a World Heritage Site in the cultural category.
2. The Moidams are similar to Egypt's pyramids.
3. The Moidams were used for the burial of common people in the Ahom Dynasty.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

44. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: India has earned the title of the 'pharmacy of the world'.

Statement-II: Indian pharmaceutical companies produce medicines at a fraction of the cost compared to other countries.

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

45. With reference to the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a regional organization focused on the Bay of Bengal.

2. Thailand is a member of both BIMSTEC and ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).
3. India leads the sector of Agriculture and Food Security in BIMSTEC.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Royalties paid by mining lease holders to the state governments are not considered taxes.
2. The central government can levy taxes on lands and quarries where minerals are found.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Only those persons are appointed as judges in the Supreme Court who are recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium.
2. The Constitution mandates reservation for specific classes of persons in the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court or High Court.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

48. With reference to the Lok Adalat, consider the following statements:

1. The Lok Adalat is a tribunal.
2. Lok Adalat are conducted under the supervision of Legal Services Authority.
3. Both civil and criminal cases can be referred to Lok Adalat.
4. The award passed by a Lok Adalat is not appealable.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Coal is the most abundant fossil fuel in India.
2. The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 governs coal mining eligibility in India.
3. The central government is primarily responsible for addressing illegal mining issues.

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

50. Consider the following statements regarding the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC):

1. It has equal representation of countries from South Asia and Southeast Asia.
2. China is an observer member of BIMSTEC.
3. BIMSTEC differ from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in terms of its geopolitical composition that it excludes Pakistan and includes Southeast Asian nations.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

51. With reference to the Union Budget 2024-25, consider the following statements:

1. It introduced financial incentives for companies to hire more people.
2. Import duties on all electronic goods were raised to 40% to promote domestic manufacturing.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

52. Identify correct statements

1. Seine is the longest river in France.
2. It rises 446 meters above sea level in the wine-making region of Burgundy near the town of Dijon.
3. It empties into English Channel

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. Identify correct statements in context of Menu Bhakaer who recently won Bronze Medal in Paris Olympics..

1. She won two bronze medals, one in 10 m air pistol shooting and another in 25 m rapid pistol shooting.
2. Manu Bhaker's Medal has been the first medal for India in shooting since London 2012 Olympics.
3. Manu Shaker and Sarabjot Singh defeated South Korea in their 10m air pistol mixed team match.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

54. Identify correctly matched pairs

1. National Disaster Response Force is a Constitutional Body for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man made disasters.
2. NDRF has the mandate and capability to respond to nuclear, biological and chemical disaster.
3. Prime Minister of India is the ex-officio chairman of NDRF

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

55. Consider the following statements on genome editing-

1. CRISPR-Cas9 is one of the techniques of genome editing.
2. CRISPR is an enzyme used to edit the DNA
3. Cas9 is used to determine the DNA segment to be altered.

Which of the statements are true.

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

56. Which of the following Correctly describes the core objective of Vatsalya Scheme?

- (a) It aims at providing interactive education to toddlers rather than rote learning
- (b) It aims at providing training to teachers and stakeholders involved in the education of children aged 0-7 years
- (c) It aims at allowing parents or guardians to initiate a NPS account for their children thereby laying the groundwork for responsible financial management from an early age.

(c) Non of the above

57. Choose the correct statements regarding Landslides.

1. Landslides only occur in grounds and terrains.
2. Ground shaking during earthquakes can destabilise slopes by adding stress or triggering existing weaknesses, causing landslides.
3. Lahars are specific types of mudflows that are triggered by volcanic activity.

Choose the correct option :

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

58. Identify correct statements in context of gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH):

1. These are drugs administered to advance the puberty in an individual who are witnessing an episode of delayed Puberty.
2. Prescription of GnRH is strictly prohibited in India.
3. GnRH drugs are administered through monthly, tri-monthly, or six-monthly shots, or through an implant placed under the skin of the upper arm, which needs replacement every 12 months.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

59. With reference to QUAD consider the following statements:

1. Indonesia is one of the members of QUAD.
2. Its purpose is to keep the strategic sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any military or political influence.

Select the correct statements .

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

60. Which among the following statements is NOT correct Regarding the Governor.

1. The Governor holds his office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he enters his office.
2. He has the power to summon or prorogue the state Legislature and dissolve the state assembly.
3. The Governor cannot return a money bill for the reconsideration of the state legislature.
4. One person cannot be appointed as Governor for two or more States.

Choose the correct option :

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

61. Regarding the Article 15 of the Constitution of India, find the wrong answer.

1. Article 15 is limited to citizens only.
2. Article 15 clause (1) and clause (2) both are limited to discrimination on grounds of religion, place of birth, and race.
3. Article 15 permits the State to make special provision for women and Children.
4. Article 15 also permits the State to make any special provisions for SC, ST and socially and economically backward classes of citizens.

Choose the correct option :

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

62. Which of the following are the possible Significance and Relevance of India's Deep-Sea Mission

1. Resource Enhancement
2. Mineral Exploration
3. Climate Impact Assessment
4. Technological Advancements
5. High Seas Accord Alignment

Choose the correct option

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
(d) All of the above

63. The world's famous 'Angel Fall' is located in which one of the following countries?

- (a) Brazil
(b) Nigeria
(c) Republic of Congo
(d) Venezuela

64. Choose the correct statements regarding India's Unemployment Rate

1. India's unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and above has dropped to 3.1% in 2023, marking the lowest in the past three years
2. There is a decline in the unemployment rate among females to 3% in 2023 from 3.3% in 2022 and 3.4% in 2021

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of Above

65. Choose the correct statements regarding India Urban population.

1. According to NITI Aayog, cities in India occupy only 3% of the land, but they contribute 60% of the GDP.
2. India is the world's second largest urban system, with almost 11% of the total global urban population residing in Indian cities.
3. Within the next two decades, India's urban population is predicted to exceed 50% of the total population.

Choose the correct option :

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

66. Consider the following statements:

1. Coal sector was nationalized by the Government of India under Indira Gandhi.
2. Now, coal blocks are allocated on lottery basis.

3. Till recently, India imported coal to meet the shortages of domestic supply, but now India is self-sufficient in coal production.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

67. Which of the following are the Shifting Global Geoeconomic Landscape due to climate Change.

1. Shifting Agricultural Patterns
2. Resource Scarcity
3. Migration and Displacement
4. Erupted Arctic Economic Opportunities
5. Climate-induced Conflicts
6. Climate Gentrification

Choose the correct option

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only
(b) 1, 3, 4 and 6 only
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
(d) All of the above

68. Regarding Finance Bill and Money Bill in the Indian Parliament, consider the following statements :

1. When the Lok Sabha transmits the Finance Bill to the Rajya Sabha, it can amend or reject the Bill.
2. When the Lok Sabha transmits the Money Bill to the Rajya Sabha, it cannot amend or reject the Bill, it can only make recommendations.
3. In the case of disagreement between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, there is no joint sitting for Money Bill, but a joint sitting becomes necessary for the Finance Bill.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements

Statement 1 : Increased atmospheric CO₂ is likely to promote trees over grasses.

Statement 2 : The the C₄ photosynthetic pathway used by trees is preferred under high CO₂ conditions.

Select the answer from the options below

- (a) Statements 1 and 2 are correct and Statement 2 is the correct explanation of statement 1.
(b) Statements 1 and 2 are correct but statement 2 is not the correct explanation of statement 1.
(c) Statement 1 is correct but Statement 2 is incorrect.
(d) Statement 1 is incorrect but Statement 2 is correct.

- 70.** With reference to certain medications, consider the following statements
1. Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors suppress thirst, increasing the risk of dehydration.
 2. Stimulants such as amphetamines may interact with the central nervous system to raise body temperature.
 3. Thyroid hormone pills can also raise temperature, impair temperature regulation, and cause excessive sweating.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All Three (d) None
- 71.** Which of the following statements about India's Sovereign Gold Bonds is not correct?
- (a) SGBs are issued by the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Government of India
 - (b) The bonds are denominated in grams of gold
 - (c) Investors can redeem SGBs before maturity without any penalty
 - (d) SGBs offer a fixed interest rate in addition to returns linked to gold prices
- 72.** Consider the following statements about PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development)
1. It is a national assessment regulator established by the Government of India.
 2. PARAKH aims to set standards for student assessment and evaluation for all recognized school boards.
 3. It was proposed in the National Education Policy 2020.
 4. PARAKH is responsible for conducting the National Achievement Survey (NAS).
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above
- 73.** Which of the following statements about the Seine River is not correct?
- (a) It flows through Paris, dividing the city into the Left Bank and Right Bank
 - (b) The river originates in the Alps and flows into the Mediterranean Sea
 - (c) Major tributaries include the Aube, Marne, and Oise rivers.
 - (d) The riverbanks in Paris are UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- 74.** Consider the following practices according to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regulations
1. A company director trading shares based on unpublished price-sensitive information
 2. An employee selling company stocks after learning about an upcoming product failure
 3. A retail investor buying shares based on publicly available quarterly results
 4. A relative of a company executive trading shares based on confidential information shared by the executive
- How many of the following actions is not considered insider trading?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
- 75.** Consider the following statements about the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) 'Report on Currency and Finance'
1. It is published annually by the RBI.
 2. It provides an in-depth analysis of macro economic developments.
 3. The report focuses solely on domestic economic issues.
 4. It includes recommendations for future monetary policy.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2, and 4 only (d) All of the above
- 76.** Which of the following statements is correct regarding tax exemptions for funding political parties in India?
- (a) Only individuals can claim tax deductions for donations to political parties
 - (b) Companies can claim tax deductions for political donations, but only up to 5% of their average net profit
 - (c) Anonymous donations to political parties through electoral bonds are tax-exempt for the donor
 - (d) Political parties must pay income tax on all donations received, regardless of the source
- 77.** With reference to mining, consider the following statements
1. Entry 50 of the State List under the seventh Schedule of the Constitution gives States the exclusive authority to make laws regarding taxes on mineral rights.
 2. Entry 54 of the Union List gives the Centre the power to regulate mines and mineral development.
 3. States have the power to tax the land where mines and quarries are located by virtue of Article 246.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All Three (d) None

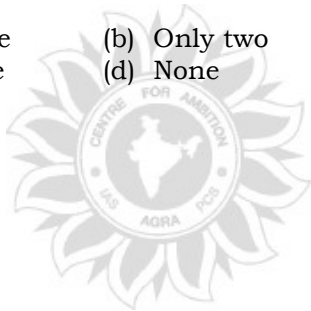
- 78.** Consider the following statements about Lok Adalats in India
1. Lok Adalats are statutory bodies established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
 2. They can only hear civil cases and not criminal matters.
 3. Decisions made by Lok Adalats are legally binding and cannot be appealed in any court
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All Three (d) None
- 79.** Consider the following statements
1. CRISPR occurs naturally in some bacteria, as a part of their immune system that limits infections by recognising and destroying viral DNA.
 2. CRISPR-Cas9 system can also recognise and cut parts of the genome other than the intended portion.
- Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 80.** With reference to The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), consider the following statements
1. It is chaired by the Prime Minister of India.
 2. It negotiates international defence treaties and agreements.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 81.** What is the primary role of a protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) in CRISPR-Cas systems?
- (a) To bind directly to the target DNA and facilitate cleavage.
 - (b) To guide the Cas protein to the correct target sequence by providing a recognition signal.
 - (c) To act as a template for RNA synthesis during the CRISPR process.
 - (d) To prevent the CRISPR-Cas system from targeting the host DNA.
- 82.** With reference to reservations, consider the following statements
1. It was in 1990, when V. P. Singh was Prime Minister, that 27% reservation for OBC was implemented in central government employment based on Mandal Commission.
 2. The 27% reservation for OBC was upheld by the Supreme Court in the Indra Sawhney case.
 3. The criteria for identifying a person as part of the creamy layer is based on the recommendations of the Justice Ram Nandan Prasad Committee.
- How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
- 83.** In which of the following situations might an individual typically need a Tax Clearance Certificate in India?
- (a) When applying for a home loan
 - (b) When leaving India to settle abroad permanently
 - (c) When starting a new job
 - (d) When buying a vehicle
- 84.** Which one of the following statements about lithium is not correct?
- (a) Lithium is the lightest metal on the periodic table.
 - (b) Lithium salts are sometimes prescribed to treat bipolar disorder.
 - (c) It has the lowest specific heat capacity of any solid element.
 - (d) Lithium is highly reactive with water.
- 85.** In the context of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulations, what is the primary objective of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) for banks?
- (a) To ensure that banks can maintain profitability during economic downturns.
 - (b) To ensure that banks hold enough high-quality liquid assets to withstand a 30-day period of financial stress.
 - (c) To assess the creditworthiness of borrowers and manage loan defaults.
 - (d) To ensure banks have sufficient capital to cover their risk-weighted assets.
- 86.** Consider the following statements regarding power generations in India
1. Private sector owns 33% of India's installed power generation capacity (on June 2024).
 2. Growth in India's energy demand grew by 5% from the year 2021-22 to 2022-23.
 3. Carbon emission from India's grid electricity decreased by 9% from 2013-14 to 2022-23.
- How many of the above statements are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
- 87.** Consider the following statements regarding National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN)
1. The mission uses a three-tier implementation mechanism from national to school level.
 2. The mission aims to achieve its goals by the end of the academic year 2025-2026.

3. The mission exclusively targets government schools and does not involve private educational institutions.
How many of the above statements are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
- 88.** Which one of the following statements about the revival of the Olympic Games is not correct?
(a) Panagiotis Soutsos first proposed reviving the Olympic Games in a letter to the Greek Minister of the Interior in 1835.
(b) Evangelos Zappas funded and organized the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1859.
(c) William Penny Brookes organized the first "National Olympic Games" in London in 1866.
(d) Pierre de Coubertin was the original conceiver of the idea for international Olympic Games.
- 89.** Which of the following is not a permanent member of the NITI Aayog Governing Council?
(a) Chief Ministers of all states
(b) Lieutenant Governors of all Union Territories
(c) The Finance Minister of India
(d) Chief Ministers of Union Territories with legislatures
- 90.** The 'proportionality test' of Supreme court to weigh the State's violation of 'Right to privacy' does not include which one of the followings?
(a) The measure is suitable to achieve the aim
(b) There are no less intrusive means available to achieve the same objective
(c) The measure does not violate any other right of individual
(d) The benefit to society outweighs the harm caused to the individual's right to privacy
- 91.** Recently, 'Monastery of Saint Hilarion' was in the news for which one of the following reasons?
(a) Destruction in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict
(b) Dispute for ownership between Armenia and Azerbaijan
(c) Inclusion in UNESCO's World Heritage Site list
(d) Removal from UNESCO's World Heritage Site list
- 92.** Which policy measure most effectively improves a low tax-to-GDP ratio by changing the tax system's structure?
(a) Implementing a flat tax rate across all income levels to simplify the tax code.
(b) Increasing indirect taxes, such as value-added tax (VAT), while reducing direct taxes like income tax.
(c) Expanding the tax base by formalizing the informal economy and broadening the scope of taxable activities.
(d) Increasing tax credits for research and development activities to stimulate economic growth.
- 93.** Consider the following statements about the South Asian University
1. It was established by the eight member nations of SAARC.
2. English is the medium of instruction for all courses.
3. The university awards its own degrees, recognized by all SAARC nations, except in Pakistan.
How many of the above statements are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
- 94.** With reference to Ahom Dynasty, consider the following statements
1. The Ahom dynasty was founded in the early 13th century.
2. It is only longest-ruling dynasty in Indian history.
3. Initially, the Ahoms practiced their indigenous Tai religion but over time, they adopted Hinduism as the dominant religion.
How many of the above statements is/are incorrect?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
- 95.** What is the role of indexation in tax savings on investments?
(a) It refers to adjusting the original purchase price of an asset for inflation before calculating capital gains tax
(b) It allows taxpayers to deduct investment losses from taxable income
(c) It involves converting foreign currency earnings into the local currency for tax reporting
(d) It determines the eligibility of tax-exempt status for certain types of investments
- 96.** Consider the following steps with reference to life cycle of retrovirus
1. The reverse-transcribed DNA is integrated into the host's DNA.
2. The enzyme called integrase, acts like glue to bind the two DNA genomes.
3. Once bound, the viral DNA is called a provirus. and is complete with all the ingredients it needs to be functional.

4. The virus practically hijacks human cells and turns them into virus-making factories. Select the answer from the options below illustrating the correct steps
- (a) 4, 1, 2, 3 (b) 4, 2, 1, 3
 (c) 1, 3, 2, 4 (d) 1, 2, 3, 4

97. What causes Cherenkov radiation to be emitted in a medium?
- (a) Acceleration of charged particles through the medium faster than the speed of light in that medium
 (b) Absorption of gamma rays by atomic nuclei
 (c) Reflection of electromagnetic waves off metallic surfaces
 (d) Ionization of atoms in a magnetic field

98. Consider the following statements:
1. Israel shares its land border with Jordan and Syria.
 2. Lebanon shares its land border with Jordan and Syria.
 3. Yemen shares its land border with Jordan and Oman.
- How many of the above statement(s) are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) All three (d) None



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99. With reference to Tarang Shakti exercise, consider the following statements
1. It is the largest multilateral exercise of Indian Air Force.
 2. It will be hosted in two phases.
 3. Eighteen countries will participate in the event.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

100. Consider the following militia groups active in West Asia:

Group Name	Country
1. Hezbollah	Yemen
2. Hamas	Palestine
3. Houthi	Lebanon

Which of the above pair(s) are correctly matched?

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





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81. (b)	82. (d)	83. (b)	84. (c)	85. (b)	86. (a)	87. (d)	88. (d)	89. (c)	90. (c)
91. (c)	92. (c)	93. (b)	94. (a)	95. (a)	96. (d)	97. (a)	98. (a)	99. (c)	100. (b)

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