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1. What is/are the recent policy initiative(s) of Government of India to promote the growth of manufacturing sector?

1. Setting up of National Investment and Manufacturing Zones

2. Providing the benefit of 'single window clearance'

3. Establishing the Technology Acquisition and Development Fund.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
2. In India, which of the following have the highest share in the disbursement of credit to agriculture and allied activities?
- (a) Commercial Banks  
(b) Cooperative Banks  
(c) Regional Rural Banks  
(d) Microfinance Institutions
3. Why is the Government of India disinvesting its equity in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)?

1. The Government intends to

use the revenue earned from the disinvestment mainly to pay back the external debt.

2. The Government no longer intends to retain the management control of the CPSEs.

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
4. Regarding the International Monetary Fund, which one of the following statements is correct?
- (a) It can grant loans to any country  
(b) It can grant loans to only developed countries  
(c) It grants loans to only member countries  
(d) It can grant loans to the central bank of a country
5. Consider the following actions which the Government can take:

1. Devaluing the domestic currency.
2. Reduction in the export subsidy.
3. Adopting suitable policies which attract greater FDI and more funds from FIIs.

Which, of the above action/actions can help in reducing the current account deficit?

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 2 and 3  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 1 and 3
- 6.** Both Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) are related to investment in a country. Which one of the following statements best represents an important difference between the two?
- (a) FII helps bring better management skills and technology, while FDI only brings in capital  
(b) FII helps in increasing capital availability in general, while FDI only targets specific sectors  
(c) FDI flows only into the

secondary market, while FII targets primary market.

(d) FII is considered to be more stable than FDI

- 7.** In terms of economy, the visit by foreign nationals to witness the XIX Common Wealth Games in India amounted to

- (a) Export  
(b) Import  
(c) Production  
(d) Consumption

- 8.** A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the "base effect". What is "base effect"?

(a) It is the impact of drastic deficiency in supply due to failure of crops

(b) It is the impact of the surge in demand due to rapid economic growth

(c) It is the impact of the price levels of previous year on the calculation of inflation rate

(d) None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) given above is correct in this context

9. Why is the offering of “teaser loans” by commercial banks a cause of economic concern?

1. The teaser loans are considered to be an aspect of sub-prime lending and banks may be exposed to the risk of defaulters in future,

2. In India, the teaser loans are mostly given to inexperienced entrepreneurs to set up manufacturing or export units.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. The lowering of Bank Rate by the Reserve Bank of India leads to

- (a) More liquidity in the market
- (b) Less liquidity in the market
- (c) No change in the liquidity in the market
- (d) Mobilization of more deposits by commercial banks

11. Which one of the following statements appropriately describes the “fiscal stimulus”?

- (a) It is a massive investment by the Government in manufacturing sector to ensure the supply of goods to meet the demand surge caused by rapid economic growth
- (b) It is an intense affirmative action of the Government to boost economic activity in the country
- (c) It is Government's intensive action on financial institutions to ensure disbursement of loans to agriculture and allied sectors to promote greater food production and contain food inflation
- (d) It is an extreme affirmative action by the Government to pursue its policy of financial inclusion

12. In the context of Indian economy, consider the following statements:

- 1. The growth rate of GDP has steadily increased in the last five years.
- 2. The growth rate in per capita income has steadily increased in the last five years.

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

**13.** Among the following who are eligible to benefit from the "Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act"?

- (a) Adult members of only the scheduled caste and scheduled tribe households
- (b) Adult members of below poverty line (BPL) households
- (c) Adult members of house-holds of all backward communities
- (d) Adult members of any household

**14.** A "closed economy" is an economy in which

- (a) the money supply is fully controlled
- (b) deficit financing takes place
- (c) only exports take place
- (d) neither exports nor imports take place

**15.** With what purpose is the Government of India promoting the

concept of "Mega Food Parks"?

1. To provide good infrastructure facilities for the food processing industry.
2. To increase the processing of perishable items and reduce wastage.
3. To provide emerging and eco-friendly food processing technologies to entrepreneurs.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**16.** Which one of the following best describes the term "Merchant Discount Rate" sometimes seen in news?

- (a) The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards pertaining to that bank.
- (b) The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they use debit cards for financial transactions for purchasing goods

or services.

(c) The charge to a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from his customers through the bank's debit cards.

(d) The incentive given by the Government, to merchants for promoting digital payments by their customers through Point of Sale (PoS) machines and debit cards.

- 17.** Consider the following statements
1. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Review Committee Report has recommended a debt to GDP ratio of 60% for the general (combined) government by 2023, comprising 40% for the Central Government and 20% for the State Governments.
  2. The Central Government has domestic liabilities of 21% of GDP as compared to that of war of GDP of the State 2 Governments.
  3. As per the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for a State to take the Central Government's consent for raising any loan if the former owes any outstanding liabilities to the latter.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

- 18.** Which one of the following links all the ATMs in India?
- (a) Indian banks' Association
- (b) National Securities Depository Limited
- (c) National Payments Corporation of India
- (d) Reserve Bank of India
- 19.** Which one of the following statements correctly describes the meaning of legal tender money?
- (a) The money which is tendered in courts of law to defray the fee of legal cases
- (b) The money which a creditor is under compulsion to accept in settlement of his claims
- (c) The bank money in the form of cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, etc.
- (d) The metallic money in circulation in a country
- 20.** If a commodity is provided free to



the public by the Government, then

(a) the opportunity cost is zero.

(b) the opportunity cost is ignored.

(c) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the tax-paying public.

(d) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the Government.

- 21.** Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if
- (a) industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output.
- (b) agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output.
- (c) poverty and unemployment increase.
- (d) imports grow faster than exports.

- 22.** Consider the following statements:  
Human capital formation as a concept is better explained in terms of a process, which enables
1. individuals of a country to accumulate more capital.
  2. increasing the knowledge, skill levels and capacities of the people

of the country.

3. accumulation of tangible wealth.

4. accumulation of intangible wealth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2

(b) 2 only

(c) 2 and 4

(d) 1, 3 and 4

- 23.** Despite being a high saving economy, capital formation may not result in significant increase in output due to
- (a) weak administrative machinery
- (b) illiteracy
- (c) high population density
- (d) high capital-output ratio

- 24.** Economically, one of the results of the British rule in India in the 19th century was the
- (a) increase in the export of Indian handicrafts
- (b) growth in the number of Indian owned factories
- (c) commercialization of Indian

agriculture

(d) rapid increase in the urban population

**25.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Reserve Bank of India manages and services Government of India Securities but not any State Government Securities.

2. Treasury bills are issued by the Government of India and there are no treasury bills issued by the State Governments.

3. Treasury bills offer are issued at a discount from the par value.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 3 Only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**26.** Consider the following statements:

1. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is the amount that banks have to maintain in the form of their own funds to offset any loss that banks incur if the account-holders fail to repay dues.

2. CAR is decided by each individual bank.

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.** With reference to digital payments, consider the following statements:

1. BHIM app allows the user to transfer money to anyone with a UPI-enabled bank account.

2. While a chip-pin debit card has four factors of authentication, BHIM app has only two factors of authentication.

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

**28.** Consider the following:

- |    |        |           |
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| 1. | Areca  | nut       |
| 2. |        | Barley    |
| 3. |        | Coffee    |
| 4. | Finger | millet    |
| 5. |        | Groundnut |
| 6. |        | Sesamum   |



7. Turmeric

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, has announced the Minimum Support Price for which of the above?

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 7 only
- (b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (c) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

**29.** With reference to the governance of public sector banking in India, consider the following statements

1. Capital infusion into public sector banks by the Government of India has steadily increased in the last decade.

2. To put the public sector banks in order, the merger of associate banks with the parent State Bank of India has been affected.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**30.** Consider the following statements:

- 1. Some species of turtles are herbivores.
- 2. Some species of fish are herbivores.
- 3. Some species of marine mammals are herbivores.
- 4. Some species of snakes are viviparous.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**31.** Consider the following:

- 1. Tughlaqabad fort
- 2. Lodi Garden
- 3. Qutab Minar
- 4. Fatehpur Sikri

The correct chronological order in which they were built is:

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

**32.** What is the correct chronological order in which the following appeared in India?

- 1. Gold coins
- 2. Punch marked silver coins
- 3. Iron plough
- 4. Urban culture

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 3, 4, 1, 2

(b) 3, 4, 2, 1

(c) 4, 3, 1, 2

(d) 4, 3, 2, 1

- 33.** Assertion (A): According to Ashoka's edicts social harmony among the people was more important than religious devotion.

Reason (R): He spread ideas of equity instead of promotion of religion.

(a) Both A and R are true but R is the correct explanation of A

(b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A

(c) A is true but R is false

(d) A is false but R is true

- 34.** Assertion (A): During the time of Akbar, for every ten cavalymen, the mansabdars had to maintain twenty horses.

Reason (R): Horses had to be rested while on march and replacements were necessary in times of war.

(a) Both A and R are true but R is the correct explanation of A

(b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A

(c) A is true but R is false

(d) A is false but R is true

- 35.** The following persons came to India at one time or another:

1. Fa-Hien
2. I-Tsing
3. Megasthenes
4. Hieun-Tsang

The correct chronological sequence of their visits is:

(a) 3, 1, 2, 4

(b) 3, 1, 4, 2

(c) 1, 3, 2, 4

(d) 1, 3, 4, 2

- 36.** The term 'Aryan' denotes:

- (a) an ethnic group
- (b) a nomadic people
- (c) a speech groups
- (d) a superior race

- 37.** Assertion (A): The Aham and Puram poems of the Padinen Kilukanakku group formed a continuation of the Sangam composition.

Reason (R): They were included under the post-Sangam works as against the Sangam works proper.

(a) Both A and R are true but R is

the correct explanation of A

- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

**38.** Assertion (A): Ashoka annexed Kalinga to the Mauryan Empire.

Reason (R): Kalinga controlled the land and sea routes to South India.

- (a) Both A and R are true but R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

**39.** Who among the following Indian rulers established embassies in foreign countries on modern lines?

- (a) Haider Ali
- (b) Mir Qasim
- (c) Shah Alam II
- (d) Tipu Sultan

**40.** Assertion (A): Harshavardhana convened the Prayag Assembly.

Reason (R): He wanted to

popularize only the Mahayana form of Buddhism.

- (a) Both A and R are true but R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not a correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

**41.** Which one of the Chola kings conquered Ceylon?

- (a) Aditya-I
- (b) Rajaraja-I
- (c) Rajendra
- (d) Vijayalaya

**42.** Match List-I (Ancient site) with List- II (Archaeological finding) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List-I (Ancient site) (Archaeological finding)	List-II
A. Lothal Ploughed field	1.
B. Kalibangan Dockyard	2.
C. Dholavira Terracotta replica of a plough	3.
D. Banawali An inscription comprising ten large sized signs of the Harappan script	4.

Codes:  
(a) A – 1; B – 2; C – 3; D – 4

- (b) A – 2; B – 1; C – 4; D – 3
- (c) A – 1; B – 2; C – 4; D – 3
- (d) A – 2; B – 1; C – 3; D – 4

- 43.** The ancient Indian play Mudrarakshasa of Visakhadutt has its subject on:
- (a) a conflict between Gods and Demons of ancient Hindu lore
  - (b) a romantic story of an Aryan prince and a tribal woman
  - (c) the story of the power struggle between two Aryan.
  - (d) the court intrigues at the time of Chandragupta
- 44.** Mrichchhakatika' an ancient Indian book written by Shudraka deals with:
- (a) the love affair of a rich merchant with the daughter of a courtesan
  - (b) the victory of Chandragupta II over the Shaka Kshatrapas of western India
  - (c) the military expeditions and exploits of Samudragupta
  - (d) the love affairs between a Gupta king and a princess of Kamarupa

- 45.** With reference to ancient Jainism, which one of the following statements is correct?
- (a) Jainism was spread in South India under the leadership of Sthalabahu.
  - (b) The Jainas who remained under the leadership of Bhadrabahu were called Shvetambaras after the council held at Pataliputra.
  - (c) Jainism enjoyed the patronage of the Kalinga king Kharaavela in the first century BC.
  - (d) In the initial stage of Jainism, the Jainas worshipped images unlike the Buddhist.
- 46.** Consider the following statements:
1. The Chinese pilgrim Fa-Hien attended the fourth Great Buddhist Council held by Kanishka.
  2. The Chinese pilgrim Hiuen-Tsang met Harsha and found him to be antagonistic to Buddhism.
- 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

47. Which one of the following sequences indicates the correct chronological order?  
(a) Shankaracharya–Ramanuja–Chaitanya  
(b) Ramanuja–Shankaracharya–Chaitanya  
(c) Ramanuja–Chaitanya–Shankaracharya  
(d) Shankaracharya–Chaitanya–Ramanuja
48. Who among the following was not a contemporary of the other three?  
(a) Bimbsara  
(b) Gautama Buddha  
(c) Milinda  
(d) Prasenjit
49. With reference to the invaders in ancient India, which one of the following is the correct chronological order?  
(a) Greeks-Sakas-Kushanas  
(b) Greeks- Kushanas-Sakas  
(c) Sakas-Greeks- Kushanas  
(d) Sakas-Kushanas-Greeks
50. What does Baudhayan theorem (Baudhayan Sulva Sutras) relate to?  
(a) Lengths of sides of a right-angled triangle  
(b) Calculation of the value of pi  
(c) Logarithmic calculations  
(d) Normal distribution curve
51. Anekantavada is a core theory and philosophy of which one of the following?  
(a) Buddhism  
(b) Jainism  
(c) Sikhism  
(d) Vaishnavism
52. Why did Buddhism start decline in India in the early medieval times?  
1. Buddha was by that time considered as one of the incarnations of Vishnu and thus became a part of Vaishnavism.  
2. Invading tribes from Central Asia till the time of last Gupta king adopted Hinduism and persecuted Buddhists.  
3. Kings of Gupta dynasty were strongly opposed to Buddhism.  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**53.** Regarding the Indus Valley Civilization, consider the following statements:

1. It was predominantly a secular civilization and the religious element, though present, did not dominate the scene

2. During this period, cotton was used for manufacturing textiles in India

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

**54.** The "Dharma" and "Rita" depict a central Idea of ancient Vedic civilization of India. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Dharma was a conception of obligations and of the discharge of one's duties to oneself and to others.

2. Rita was the fundamental moral law governing the functioning of the universe and all it contained.

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

**55.** With reference to Dhrupad, one of the major traditions of India that has been kept alive for centuries, which of the following statements are correct?

1. Dhrupad originated and developed in the Rajput kingdoms during the Mughal period.

2. Dhrupad is primarily a devotional and spiritual music.

3. Dhrupad Alap uses Sanskrit syllables from Mantras.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3

(d) None of the above is correct

**56.** With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following was/were common to both Buddhism and Jainism?

1. Avoidance of extremities of penance and enjoyment

2. Indifference to the authority



of the Vedas

3. Denial of efficacy of rituals

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**57.** The Nagara, the Dravida and the Vesara are the

(a) three main racial groups of the Indian subcontinent

(b) three main linguistic divisions into which the languages of India can be classified

(c) three main styles of Indian temple architecture

(d) three main musical Gharanas prevalent in India

**58.** Lord Buddha's image is sometimes shown with the hand gesture called 'Bhumisparsha Mudra'. It symbolizes

(a) Buddha's calling of the Earth to watch over Mara and to prevent Mara from disturbing his meditation

(b) Buddha's calling of the Earth to witness his purity and chastity

despite the temptations of Mara

(c) Buddha's reminder to his followers that they all arise from the Earth and finally dissolve into the Earth, and thus this life is transitory

(d) Both the statements (a) and (b) are correct in this context

**59.** Consider the following Bhakti Saints:

- 1. Dadu Dayal
- 2. Guru Nanak
- 3. Tyagaraja

Who among the above was/were preaching when the Lodi dynasty fell and Babur took over?

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

**60.** Which of the following characterizes/characterize the people of the Indus Valley Civilization?

- 1. They possessed great palaces and temples
- 2. They worshipped both male and female deities
- 3. They employed horse-drawn chariots

Select the correct statement/statements using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None of the statements given above is correct

**61.** The Chinese traveller Yuan Chwang (Hiuen Tsang) who visited India recorded the general conditions and culture of India at that time. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The roads and river-routes were completely immune from robbery

2. As regards punishment for offences, ordeals by fire, water and poison were the instruments for determining the innocence or guilt of a person

3. The tradesmen had to pay duties at ferries and barrier stations

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

**62.** Some Buddhist rock-cut caves are called Chaityas, while the others are called Viharas. What is the difference between the two?

(a) Vihara is a place of worship, while Chaitya is the dwelling place of the monks

(b) Chaitya is a place of worship, while Vihara is the dwelling place of monks

(c) Chaitya is the stupa at the far end of the cave, while Vihara is the hall axial to it

(d) There is no material difference between the two

**63.** In the context of the cultural history of India, a pose in dance and dramatics called 'Tribhanga' has been a favourite of Indian artists from ancient times till today. Which of the following statements best describes this pose?

(a) One leg is bent and the body is slightly curved at the waist and neck

(b) Facial expressions, hand gestures and make-up are combined to symbolise certain epic or historic characters

(c) Movements of body, face and

hand are used to express oneself or to tell a story

(d) A little smile, slightly curved waist and certain hand gestures are emphasized to express the feeling of love or eroticism

- 64.** Which of the following statements is/are applicable to Jain doctrine?
1. The surest way of annihilation Karma is to practise penance
  2. Every object, even the smallest particle has a soul
  3. Karma is the bane of the soul and must be ended
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 65.** A community of people called Manganiyars is well-known for them
- (a) martial arts in North-East India
- (b) musical tradition in North-West India
- (c) classical vocal music in South India

(d) pietra dura tradition in Central India

- 66.** In medieval India, the designations 'Mahattara' and 'Pattakila' were used for
- (a) military officers
- (b) village headmen
- (c) specialists in Vedic rituals
- (d) chiefs of craft guilds
- 67.** Which of the following Kingdoms were associated with the life of the Buddha?
1. Avanti
  2. Gandhara
  3. Kosala
  4. Magadha
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 and 4
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 3 and 4
- 68.** With reference to the famous Sattriya dance, consider the following statements:
1. Sattriya is a combination of music, dance and drama
  2. It is a centuries-old living tradition of Vaishnavites of Assam
  3. It is based on classical Ragas and Talas of devotional songs

composed by Tulsidas, Kabir and Mirabai

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 69.** Who of the following founded a new city on the south bank of a tributary to river Krishna and undertook to rule his new kingdom as the agent of a deity to whom all the land south of the river Krishna was supposed to belong?
- (a) Amoghavarsha I
  - (b) Ballala II
  - (c) Harihara I
  - (d) Prataparudra II
- 70.** With reference to the art and archaeological history of India, which one among the following was made earliest?
- (a) Lingaraja Temple at Bhubaneswar
  - (b) Rock-cut Elephant at Dhauri
  - (c) Rock-cut Monuments at

Mahabalipuram

(d) Varaha Image at Udayagiri

- 71.** Kalamkari painting refers to
- (a) a hand-painted cotton textile in South India
  - (b) a handmade drawing on bamboo handicrafts in Northeast India.
  - (c) a block-painted woollen cloth in the Western Himalayan region of India
  - (d) a hand-painted decorative silk cloth in North-Western India
- 72.** Banjaras during the medieval period of Indian history were generally
- (a) agriculturists
  - (b) warriors
  - (c) weavers
  - (d) traders
- 73.** What is/are common to the two historical places known as Ajanta and Mahabalipuram?
1. Both were built in the same period.
  2. Both belong to the same religious denomination.
  3. Both have rock-cut monuments.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) None of the statements given above is correct

**74.** With reference to the cultural history of medieval India, consider the following statements:

1. Siddhas (Sittars) of Tamil region were monotheistic and condemned idolatry.

2. Lingayats of Kannada region questioned the theory of rebirth and rejected the caste hierarchy.

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

**75.** With reference to Manipuri Sankirtana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a song and dance performance

2. Cymbals are the only musical instruments used in the performance

3. It is performed to narrate the

life and deeds of Lord Krishna  
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**76.** Consider the following statements:

1. Saint Nimbarka was a contemporary of Akbar.

2. Saint Kabir was greatly influenced by Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi.

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

**77.** In which of the following relief sculpture inscriptions is 'Ranyo Ashoka' (King Ashoka) mentioned along with the stone portrait of Ashoka?

- (a) Kanganahalli
- (b) Sanchi
- (c) Shahbazgarhi
- (d) Sohgaura

- 78.** Which of the following phrases defines the nature of the 'Hundi' generally referred to in the sources of the post-Harsha period?
- (a) An advisory issued by the king to his subordinates
- (b) A diary to be maintained for daily accounts
- (c) A bill of exchange
- (d) An order from the feudal lord to his subordinates

- 79.** With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Mitakshara was the civil law for upper castes and Dayabhaga was the civil law for lower castes.

2. In the Mitakshara system, the sons can claim the right to the property during the lifetime of the father, whereas in the Dayabhaga system, it is only after the death of the father that the sons can claim the right to the property.

3. The Mitakshara system deals with matters related to the property held by male members only of a family, whereas the Dayabhaga system deals with the matters related to the property held by both male and female members of a family.

Select the correct answer using

the code given below:

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

- 80.** Consider the following statements:

1. The weightage of food in Consumer Price Index (CPI) is higher than that in Wholesale Price Index (WPI).
2. The WPI does not capture changes in the prices of services, which CPI does.
3. Reserve Bank of India has now adopted WPI as its key measure of inflation and to decide on changing the key policy rates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 81.** Which one of the following countries of South-West Asia does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea?
- (a) Syria



- (b) Jordan
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Israel

**82.** Which of the following is/are the possible consequence/s of heavy sand mining in riverbeds?

1. Decreased salinity in the river
2. Pollution of groundwater
3. Lowering of the water-table

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**83.** With reference to India, the terms 'Halbi, Ho and Kui' pertain to:

- (a) dance forms of Northwest India
- (b) musical instruments
- (c) pre-historic cave paintings
- (d) tribal languages

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

1. PVTGs reside in 18 States and one Union Territory.
2. A stagnant or declining population is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.
3. There are 95 PVTGs officially notified in the country so far.
4. Irular and Konda Reddi tribes are included in the list of PVTGs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**85.** With reference to Indian freedom struggle, consider the following events:

1. Mutiny in Royal Indian Navy
2. Quit India Movement launched
3. Second Round Table Conference

What is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

- (a) 1 - 2 - 3

- (b) 2 – 1 – 3
- (c) 3 – 2 – 1
- (d) 3 – 1 – 2

- 86.** If the RBI decides to adopt an expansionist monetary policy, which of the following would it not do
1. Cut and optimize the Statutory Liquidity Ratio
  2. Increase the Marginal Standing Facility Rate
  3. Cut the Bank Rate and Repo Rate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 87.** With reference to Indian economy, consider the following:
1. Bank rate
  2. Open market operations
  3. Public debt
  4. Public revenue

Which of the above is/are component/ components of

Monetary Policy?

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

- 88.** With reference to Visible Light Communication (VLC) technology, which of the following statements are correct?

1. VLC uses electromagnetic spectrum wavelengths 375 to 780 nm.
2. VLC is known as long-range optical wireless communication.
3. VLC can transmit large amounts of data faster than Bluetooth.
4. VLC has no electromagnetic interference.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

- 89.** According to India's National Policy on Biofuels, which of the following

can be used as raw materials for the production of biofuels?

1. Cassava
2. Damaged wheat grains
3. Groundnut seeds
4. Horse gram
5. Rotten potatoes
6. Sugar beet

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**90.** Consider the following statements:

1. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is appointed by the Central Government.
2. Certain provisions in the Constitution of India give the Central Government the right to issue directions to the RBI in public interest.
3. The Governor of the RBI draws his power from the RBI Act.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

**91.** Indian Government Bond Yields are influenced by which of the following?

1. Actions of the United States Federal Reserve
2. Actions of the Reserve Bank of India
3. Inflation and short-term interest rates

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**92.** With reference to 'IFC Masala Bonds', sometimes seen in the news, which of the statements given below is/ are correct?

1. The International Finance Corporation, which offers these bonds, is an arm of the World Bank.
2. They are rupee-denominated bonds and are a source of debt financing

for the public and private sector.

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

- 93.** Which one of the following regions of India has a combination of mangrove forest, evergreen forest and deciduous forest?
- (a) North Coastal Andhra Pradesh
  - (b) South-West Bengal
  - (c) Southern Saurashtra
  - (d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- 94.** With reference to recent developments regarding 'Recombinant Vector Vaccines', consider the following statements:
1. Genetic engineering is applied in the development of these vaccines.
  2. Bacteria and viruses are

used as vectors.

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

- 95.** Consider the following statements:

1. Asiatic lion is naturally found in India only.
2. Double-humped camel is naturally found in India only.
3. One-horned rhinoceros is naturally found in India only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 96.** With reference to "Blockchain Technology", consider the following statements:

1. It is a public ledger that everyone can inspect, but which no single user controls.
2. The structure and design of blockchain is such that all the data in it are about cryptocurrency only.
3. Applications that depend on basic features of blockchain can be developed without anybody's permission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**97.** Consider the following countries:

1. Australia
2. Canada
3. China
4. India
5. Japan
6. USA

Which of the above are among the 'free-trade partners' of ASEAN?

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5
- (b) 3, 4, 5 and 6
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5

- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 6

**98.** Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Indian Patents Act, a biological process to create a seed can be patented in India.
2. In India, there is no Intellectual Property Appellate Board.
3. Plant varieties are not eligible to be patented in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**99.** Consider the following statements:

1. Adenoviruses have single-stranded DNA genomes whereas retroviruses have double-stranded DNA genomes.
2. Common cold is sometimes caused by an adenovirus whereas AIDS is caused by a retrovirus.

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

**100.** "To uphold and protect the Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India" is a provision made in the

- (a) Preamble of the Constitution
- (b) Directive Principles of State Policy
- (c) Fundamental Rights
- (d) Fundamental Duties

**101.** Consider the following countries:

1. Australia
2. Canada
3. China
4. India
5. Japan
6. USA

Which of the above are among the 'free-trade partners' of ASEAN?

- (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5
- (b) 3, 4, 5 and 6
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 6

**102.** With reference to the 'National Intellectual Property Rights Policy', consider the following statements:

1. It reiterates India's commitment to the Doha Development Agenda and the TRIPS Agreement.
2. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is the nodal agency for regulating intellectual property rights in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**103.** Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Indian Patents Act, a biological process to create a seed can be patented in India.
2. In India, there is no Intellectual Property Appellate Board.
3. Plant varieties are not eligible to be patented in India.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**104.** With reference to Indian elephants, consider the following statements:

1. The leader of an elephant group is a female.
2. The maximum gestation period can be 22 months.
3. An elephant can normally go on calving till the age of 40 years only.
4. Among the States in India, the highest elephant population is in Kerala.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**105.** Which of the following statements is/are true of the Fundamental

Duties of an Indian citizen?

1. A legislative process has been provided to enforce these duties.
2. They are correlative to legal duties.

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

**106.** Consider the following statements:  
The Environment Protection Act, 1986 empowers the Government of India to

1. state the requirement of public participation in the process of environmental protection, and the procedure and manner in which it is sought
2. lay down the standards for emission or discharge of environmental pollutants from various 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

**107.** Which of the following phenomena might have influenced the evolution of organisms?

1. Continental drift
2. Glacial cycles

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

**108.** 'Rashtriya Garima Abhiyaan' is a national campaign to

- (a) rehabilitate the homeless and destitute persons and provide them with suitable sources of livelihood
- (b) release the sex workers from their practice and provide them with alternative sources of livelihood
- (c) eradicate the practice of manual scavenging and rehabilitate the

manual scavengers

- (d) release the bonded labourers from their bondage and rehabilitate them

**109.** If a wetland of international importance is brought under the 'Montreux Record', what does it imply?

(a) Changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring or are likely to occur in the wetland as a result of human interference.

(b) The country in which the wetland is located should enact a law to prohibit any human activity within five kilometres from the edge of the wetland.

(c) The survival of the wetland depends on the cultural practices and traditions of certain communities living in its vicinity and therefore the cultural diversity therein should not be destroyed.

(d) It is given the status of 'World Heritage Site.'

**110.** Right to Privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of Right to Life and Personal Liberty. Which of the following in the Constitution of

India correctly and appropriately imply the above statement?

(a) Article 14 and the provisions under the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution.

(b) Article 17 and the Directive Principles of State Policy in Part IV.

(c) Article 21 and the freedoms guaranteed in Part III.

(d) Article 24 and the provisions under the 44th Amendment to the Constitution.

**111.** Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP does not connote a higher level of economic development if

(a) industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output.

(b) agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output.

(c) poverty and unemployment increase.

(d) imports grow faster than exports.

**112.** With reference to Indian freedom struggle, Usha Mehta is well-known for

(a) Running the secret Congress Radio in the wake of Quit India Movement

(b) Participating in the Second

Round Table Conference

(c) Leading a contingent of Indian National Army

(d) Assisting in the formation of Interim Government under Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

**113.** Which of the following statements is/are correct about the deposits of 'methane hydrate'?

1. Global warming might trigger the release of methane gas from these deposits.

2. Large deposits of 'methane hydrate' are found in Arctic Tundra and under the sea floor.

3. Methane in atmosphere oxidizes to carbon dioxide after a decade or two.

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

**114.** Consider the following rivers:

1. Vamsadhara

2. Indravati
3. Pranahita
4. Pennar

Which of the above are tributaries of Godavari?

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

**115.** In the cities of our country, which among the following atmospheric gases are normally considered in calculating the value of Air Quality Index?

1. Carbon dioxide
2. Carbon monoxide
3. Nitrogen dioxide
4. Sulfur dioxide
5. Methane

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**116.** In India, it is legally mandatory for which of the following to report on cyber security incidents?

1. Service providers
2. Data centres
3. Body corporate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**117.** Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana is aimed at

- (a) bringing the small entrepreneurs into formal financial system
- (b) providing loans to poor farmers for cultivating particular crops
- (c) providing pensions to old and destitute persons
- (d) funding the voluntary organizations involved in the promotion of skill development and employment generation

**118.** With reference to the Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India, consider the following

statements:

1. They cannot engage in the acquisition of securities issued by the government.
2. They cannot accept demand deposits like Savings Account.

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

**119.** With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, consider the following statements:

1. A coastal state has the right to establish the breadth of its territorial sea up to a limit not exceeding 12 nautical miles, measured from baseline determined in accordance with the convention.
2. Ships of all states, whether coastal or land-locked, enjoy the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea.
3. The Exclusive Economic Zone shall not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline from

which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

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

**120.** With reference to Swadeshi Movement, consider the following statements:

1. It contributed to the revival of the indigenous artisan crafts and industries.
2. The National Council of Education was established as a part of Swadeshi Movement.

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

**121.** The 'Swadeshi' and 'Boycott' were

adopted as methods of struggle for the first time during the

- (a) agitation against the Partition of Bengal
- (b) Home Rule Movement
- (c) Non-Cooperation Movement
- (d) visit of the Simon Commission to India

**122.** The Partition of Bengal made by Lord Curzon in 1905 lasted until

- (a) the First World War when Indian troops were needed by the British and the partition was ended

- (b) King George V abrogated Curzon's Act at the Royal Durbar in Delhi in 1911

- (c) Gandhiji launched his Civil Disobedience Movement

- (d) the Partition of India in 1947 when East Bengal became East Pakistan

**123.** Under the Kisan Credit Card scheme, short-term credit support is given to farmers for which of the following purposes?

- 1. Working capital for maintenance of farm assets
- 2. Purchase of combine harvesters, tractors and mini trucks

- 3. Consumption requirements of farm households
- 4. Post-harvest expenses
- 5. Construction of family house and setting up of village cold storage facility

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only

- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only

- (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**124.** Which one of the following is a filter feeder?

- (a) Catfish

- (b) Octopus

- (c) Oyster

- (d) Pelican

**125.** Which of the following can be found as pollutants in the drinking water in some parts of India?

- 1. Arsenic
- 2. Sorbitol
- 3. Fluoride
- 4. Formaldehyde
- 5. Uranium

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**126.** In addition to fingerprint scanning, which of the following can be used in the biometric identification of a person?

- 1. Iris scanning
- 2. Retinal scanning
- 3. Voice recognition

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**127.** With reference to 'fuel cells' in which hydrogen-rich fuel and oxygen are used to generate electricity, consider the following statements:

- 1. If pure hydrogen is used as a fuel, the fuel cell emits heat and water as by-products.
- 2. Fuel cells can be used for powering buildings and not

for small devices like laptop computers.

- 3. Fuel cells produce electricity in the form of Alternating Current (AC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**128.** Consider the following crops:

- 1. Cotton
- 2. Groundnut
- 3. Rice
- 4. Wheat

Which of these are Kharif crops?

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

**129.** India enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 in order to comply with the obligations to



- (a) ILO
- (b) IMF
- (c) UNCTAD
- (d) WTO

**130.** Satellites used for telecommunication relay are kept in a geostationary orbit. A satellite is said to be in such an orbit when:

1. The orbit is geosynchronous.
2. The orbit is circular.
3. The orbit lies in the plane of the Earth's equator.
4. The orbit is at an altitude of 22,236 km.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**131.** 'Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme' is

- (a) Certifying the skills acquired by construction workers through traditional channels.
- (b) Enrolling the persons in

Universities for distance learning programmes.

(c) Reserving some skilled jobs to rural and urban poor in some public sector undertakings.

(d) Certifying the skills acquired by trainees under the National Skill Development Programme.

**132.** The Ghadr (Ghadar) was a:

- (a) revolutionary association of Indians with headquarters at San Francisco

(b) nationalist organization operating from Singapore

(c) militant organization with headquarters at Berlin

(d) communist movement for India's freedom with headquarters at Tashkent

**133.** What is the importance of developing Chabahar Port by India?

(a) India's trade with African countries will enormously increase.

(b) India's relations with oil-producing Arab countries will be strengthened.

(c) India will not depend on

Pakistan for access to Afghanistan and Central Asia.

(d) Pakistan will facilitate and protect the installation of a gas pipeline between Iraq and India.

**134.** Which one of the following is a purpose of 'UDAY', a scheme of the Government?

(a) Providing technical and financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in the field of renewable sources of energy

(b) Providing electricity to every household in the country by 2018

(c) Replacing the coal-based power plants with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind and tidal power plants over a period of time

(d) Providing for financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies

**135.** Which of the following is issued by registered foreign portfolio investors to overseas investors who want to be part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly?

(a) Certificate of Deposit

(b) Commercial Paper

(c) Promissory Note

(d) Participatory Note

**136.** Consider the following statements:

1. In tropical regions, Zika virus disease is transmitted by the same mosquito that transmits dengue.
2. Sexual transmission of Zika virus disease is possible.

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

**137.** With reference to "Blockchain Technology", consider the following statements:

1. It is a public ledger that everyone can inspect, but which no single user controls.
2. The structure and design of blockchain is such that all the data in it are about cryptocurrency only.
3. Applications that depend on basic features of blockchain can be developed without

anybody's permission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**138.** In a dry cell (battery), which of the following are used as electrolytes?

- (a) Ammonium chloride and Zinc chloride
- (b) Sodium chloride and Calcium chloride
- (c) Magnesium chloride and Zinc chloride
- (d) Ammonium chloride and Calcium chloride

**139.** With reference to 'Astrosat', the astronomical observatory launched by India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Other than USA and Russia, India is the only country to have launched a similar observatory into space.
- 2. Astrosat is a 2000 kg satellite placed in an orbit at 1650 km above the surface

or the Earth.

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

**140.** With reference to chemical fertilizers in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. At present, the retail price of chemical fertilizers is market-driven and not administered by the Government.
- 2. Ammonia, which is an input of urea, is produced from natural gas.
- 3. Sulphur, which is a raw material for phosphoric acid fertilizer, is a by-product of oil refineries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

(d) 1, 2 and 3

**141.** Who of the following scientists proved that the stars with mass less than 1.44 times the mass of the Sun end up as White Dwarfs when they die?

- (a) Edwin Hubble
- (b) S. Chandrashekhar
- (c) Stephen Hawking
- (d) Steven Weinberg

**142.** Consider the following statements:

1. Asiatic lion is naturally found in India only.
2. Double-humped camel is naturally found in India only.
3. One-horned rhinoceros is naturally found in India only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**143.** With reference to the governance of public sector banking in India, consider the following statements:

1. Capital infusion into public sector banks by the Government of India has steadily increased in the last decade.
2. To put the public sector banks in order, the merger of associate banks with the parent State Bank of India has been affected.

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

**144.** With reference to the 'Trans-Pacific Partnership', consider the following statements:

1. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia.
2. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of maritime security 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

**145.** Consider the following:

1. Electromagnetic radiation
2. Geothermal energy
3. Gravitational force
4. Plate movements
5. Rotation of the earth
6. Revolution of the earth

Which of the above are responsible for bringing dynamic changes on the surface of the earth?

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

**146.** With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements:

1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra but it flows through Sikkim.
2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta.
3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of

India and Bangladesh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**147.** If you want to see gharials in their natural habitat, which one of the following is the best place to visit?

- (a) Bhitarkanika Mangroves
- (b) Chambal River
- (c) Pulicat Lake
- (d) Deepor Beel

**148.** Consider the following countries:

1. Azerbaijan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Turkmenistan
5. Uzbekistan

Which of the above have borders with Afghanistan?

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

(c) 3, 4 and 5 only

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**149.** With reference to the 'Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 (PBPT Act)', consider the following statements:

1. A property transaction is not treated as a benami transaction if the owner of the property is not aware of the transaction.
2. Properties held benami are liable for confiscation by the Government.
3. The Act provides for three authorities for investigations but does not provide for any appellate mechanism.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 2 and 3 only

**150.** We adopted parliamentary democracy based on the British model, but how does our model differ from that model?

1. As regards legislation, the

British Parliament is supreme or sovereign but in India, the power of the Parliament to legislate is limited.

2. In India, matters related to the constitutionality of Amendment of an Act of the Parliament are referred to the Constitution Bench by the Supreme Court.

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





1.	d	23.	d	45.	c	67.	c	89.	a	111.	c	133.	c
2.	a	24.	c	46.	d	68.	b	90.	c	112.	a	134.	d
3.	d	25.	c	47.	a	69.	c	91.	d	113.	d	135.	d
4.	c	26.	a	48.	c	70.	b	92.	c	114.	d	136.	c
5.	d	27.	a	49.	a	71.	a	93.	d	115.	b	137.	d
6.	b	28.	b	50.	a	72.	d	94.	c	116.	d	138.	a
7.	a	29.	c	51.	b	73.	b	95.	a	117.	a	139.	d
8.	c	30.	d	52.	a	74.	c	96.	d	118.	b	140.	b
9.	a	31.	b	53.	c	75.	b	97.	c	119.	d	141.	b
10.	a	32.	d	54.	c	76.	d	98.	c	120.	c	142.	a
11.	b	33.	a	55.	b	77.	a	99.	b	121.	a	143.	b
12.	d	34.	d	56.	b	78.	c	100.	d	122.	b	144.	d
13.	d	35.	b	57.	c	79.	b	101.	c	123.	b	145.	d
14.	d	36.	c	58.	b	80.	a	102.	c	124.	c	146.	c
15.	b	37.	a	59.	b	81.	b	103.	c	125.	c	147.	b
16.	c	38.	a	60.	b	82.	b	104.	a	126.	d	148.	c
17.	c	39.	d	61.	b	83.	d	105.	d	127.	a	149.	b
18.	c	40.	b	62.	b	84.	c	106.	b	128.	c	150.	c
19.	b	41.	c	63.	a	85.	c	107.	c	129.	d		
20.	d	42.	b	64.	d	86.	b	108.	c	130.	a		
21.	c	43.	d	65.	b	87.	c	109.	a	131.	a		
22.	b	44.	a	66.	b	88.	c	110.	c	132.	a		