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| 1. | Kalbeliya is a folk dance from
(a) Assam
(b) Odisha
(c) Rajasthan
(d) Gujarat |
| 2. | BRUSA agreement is related to
(a) conservation efforts to save coral reefs.
(b) Five Eyes Alliance
(c) defence cooperation India and Italy
(d) A quadripartite agreement involving the Centre, Mizoram, Tripura governments, and Bru leaders |
| 3. | In India, if a religious sect/community is given the status of a national minority, what special advantages it is entitled to?
1. It can establish and administer exclusive educational institutions.
2. The President of India automatically nominates a representative of the community to Lok Sabha.
3. It can derive benefits from the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme. |

- 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
4. **Consider the following statements regarding Iyothee Thass Pandithar**
1. He established the 'Sakya Buddhist Society' in Madras
2. He stressed that untouchables are not Hindus
3. He published a magazine called 'Dravida Pandian'
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:**
(a) Only one statement is true.
(b) Only Two statements are true.
(c) All three statements are true.
(d) None of the statements are true.
5. **Consider the following statements regarding Maski Rock edict**
1. The Maski rock edict is a minor rock edict of Emperor Ashoka.
2. It was discovered at the archaeological site of

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Maski in Andhra Pradesh

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.

6. If in a country there happens to be the office of monarchy and parliamentary form of government this monarchy will be called

- (a) Head of the state
- (b) Head of the cabinet
- (c) Head of the government
- (d) Both the head of government and state.

7. Which of the following countries share borders with Israel?

- 1. Lebanon
- 2. Syria
- 3. Egypt
- 4. Jordan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. The town Bucha was seen in news recently, where it is?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Palestine
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) Armenia

9. Consider the following:

- 1. President
- 2. Prime Minister
- 3. Governor of the state
- 4. Chief Minister

Which of the above positions are entitled to the emolument, allowances and privileges under second schedule?

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10. Consider the following statements about Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices:
1. It's a statutory body functions under the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers welfare.
 2. It decides Minimum Support Price(MSP) from season to season.
- 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.
11. Consider the following statements regarding the presidentship of the Indian National Congress (INC).
1. George Yule was the first Englishman to become the president of INC.
 2. Mukhtar Ahmed Ansari was the first Muslim to become the president of INC.
 3. Annie Besant was the first woman to become the president of INC.
- 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.
12. The Global Findex Report was released by
- (a) World Trade Organisation
 - (b) International Monetary Fund
 - (c) World Economic Forum
 - (d) World Bank

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13. The newspaper "Rast Goftar" was the mouthpiece of

- (a) Singh Sabha Movement
- (b) Nirankari movement
- (c) Namdhari movement
- (d) Rehnumai Mazdayasan Sabha

14. **Consider the following statements w.r.t. "Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council".**

- 1. It is formed as per the fifth Schedule of the Constitution.
- 2. It has the power to legislate.

Which of the above is/are true?

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

15. **The major articles which are traded by the English East India Company in India were**

- 1. Saltpetre
- 2. Indigo
- 3. Cotton
- 4. Tea

5. Opium

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

16. Arya Samaj believed in the truthfulness of

- 1. Doctrine of Karma
- 2. Doctrine of Transmigration of soul
- 3. Doctrine of fate (niyati)
- 4. Doctrine of one personal god

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17. **Consider the following statements:**

- 1. El Nino occurs when the tropical Pacific waters are warmer than normal.
- 2. El Nino occurs more frequently than La Nina.
- 3. Cycles of disease outbreaks have been

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linked to the El Nino cycle.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

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

18. **Tajikistan is bordered by**

- 1. Afghanistan
- 2. Uzbekistan
- 3. Kyrgyzstan
- 4. China

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

19. The British established their trading centre in the following order

- (a) Surat, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras.
- (b) Surat, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta.
- (c) Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Surat.
- (d) Calcutta, Madras, Surat Bombay.

20. The essence of the famous Lord Mayo's resolution of 1870 was the

- (a) Financial Decentralisation
- (b) Vernacular Education
- (c) Press Reforms
- (d) Army Reforms

21. Which of the statements given with reference to G20, below is/ are correct?.

- 1. It is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union.
- 2. It is headquartered in Belgium.
- 3. The members represent about two-thirds of the world's population.

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

22. **Under the Kisan Credit Card scheme, short-term credit**

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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

23. The British policy of Masterly Inactivity was related to the affairs of

- (a) Afghanistan
(b) Burma
(c) Nepal
(d) Tibet

24. The organisation named "Board of Control" to exercise control over the Company's civil, military and revenue affairs was established through the

- (a) Regulating Act, 1772
(b) Pitt's India Act, 1784
(c) The Act of 1786
(d) The Charter Act of 1793

25. 1. Cobalt
2. Copper
3. Lithium
4. Molybdenum
5. Nickel

Which of these are critical minerals for India?.

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

26. **Consider the following statement regarding the Theosophical society**

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1. It stood for the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.
2. Annie Besant was one of the founders of the Theosophical society. 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
27. Who established the Indian Society in London to air the grievances of Indians to the British authorities?
- (a) Anand Mohan Bose
(b) Surendranath Banerjee
(c) Dadabhai Naoroji
(d) Rabindranath Tagore
28. **Consider the following statements w.r.t. Manyam Rebellion.**
1. It coincided with Non-Cooperation Movement and persuaded people to wear khadi and give up drinking.
2. Alluri Seetharam Raju was associated with it.
- Which of the above is/are true?**
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
29. **The basket of currencies under Special Drawing Rights (SDR) include**
1. US dollar
2. Japanese yen
3. Euro
- 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.
30. **Which of the following is/are the Pacific Island Countries?.**
1. Nauru
2. Niue
3. Finland
4. Vanuatu
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
(b) 4 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 only
(d) 2 and 4 only
31. **Which of the following are not the members of ASEAN?.**
1. Timor-Leste
2. Bhutan

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

32. **18th Consider the following statements regarding the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs):**

1. The Dhebar Commission created Primitive Tribal Groups as a separate category in 1970s, which was later renamed as PVTGs.
2. Among the 75 listed PVTG's the highest number is found in Andaman and Nicobar.

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

33. **Consider the following statements about the "Contingency Fund of India".**

1. The money can be spent out of the Contingency Fund of India to meet unforeseen expenditure with the approval of President.

2. Such spending out of the Contingency Fund of India has to be replenished.

3. No Parliamentary approval of is necessary for the money spent from the Contingency Fund of India. Which of the statements given above is/ are **incorrect**?

- (a) Only I
(b) Only I and II
(c) Only II and III
(d) None of the above

34. **Which of the following is/are true w.r.t. the Kosi River System?**

1. The Kasi is a trans-boundary river which flows through Bangladesh, Pakistan and India.
2. The Kosi carries the maximum amount of silt and sand after the Brahmaputra in India.
3. Kosi River is notorious for the meandering behaviour of its east-to-west course.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

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- (d) 1, 2 and 3
35. **Arrange the following mutiny of Indian soldiers as per correct chronological sequence**
1. Barrackpore mutiny
 2. Vellore mutiny
 3. Ratings mutiny
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:**
- (a) 3 - 2 - 1
(b) 2 - 3 - 1
(c) 2 - 1 - 3
(d) 1 - 2 - 3
36. **1. It is classified as Critically Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Red List.**
- 2. It is strongly aquatic but uses terrestrial nesting sites.**
- Which of the statements given above is/ are correct w.r.t. "Northern River Terrapin"?**
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
37. **If 200 members are present and voting in Rajya Sabha then absolute majority will be considered as**
- (a) 101
(b) 126
(c) 133
(d) 100
38. **Thomas Hare Electoral System is used**
- (a) in the election of President
(b) in the election of Members of Rajya Sabha
(c) Both (a) & (b)
(d) Neither (a) Nor (b)
39. **1. Each organism has only one genome.**
- 2. Exons contain the nucleotides that directly encode for proteins.**
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct w.r.t. "Genome"?**
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
40. **Rohini Commission was in news in connection with**

- (a) OBC Sub-Categorization
(b) EWS Reservation
(c) LGBTQ Rights
(d) Gender issues
41. Indus Water Treaty gives India 20% of the water from the Indus River System and the rest 80% to Pakistan. Indus Water Treaty allows each country certain uses on the rivers allocated to the other. World Bank has not signed the Indus Waters Treaty. Which of the given above statements is are correct?.
- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 1 and 3
(c) 1, 2 and 3
(d) 2 and 3
42. Which of the following is thought to result primarily from positive feedbacks from the retreat of ice and snow?.
- (a) Polar Amplification
(b) Positive Indian Ocean Dipole
(c) Modoki oscillation
(d) Julian oscillation
43. Why does India not fit into any classic type of federation?
- (a) States are non-autonomous.
(b) Emergency Provisions
(c) Role of Governors
(d) All the above
44. Who among the following founded the Vedanta College in which courses both in Indian learning and in Western social and physical sciences were offered?
- (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
(b) Bala Gangadhar Tilak
(c) Gopalakrishna Gokhale
(d) Swami Dayananda Saraswati
45. The "Union Executive" includes

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| <p>President
Vice President
Council of Ministers
Attorney General
Comptroller and Auditor General</p> <p>(a) 1, 2, 3 & 4</p> <p>(b) 1, 2 & 3</p> <p>(c) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5</p> <p>(d) 1 & 3</p> <p>46. The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of</p> <p>The Prime Minister, who shall be the Chairperson of the committee
The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister</p> <p>(a) Only 1 & 2</p> <p>(b) Only 3</p> <p>(c) 1, 2 & 3</p> | <p>(d) Only 1 & 3</p> <p>47. Which of the following States and Union Territories have one seat each in the Lok Sabha?</p> <p>Mizoram
Sikkim
Dadra and Nagar Haveli
Lakshadweep</p> <p>(a) Only 1 & 4</p> <p>(b) Only 2 & 4</p> <p>(c) Only 2, 3 & 4</p> <p>(d) 1, 2, 3 & 4</p> <p>48. Consider the following statements regarding Sedition</p> <p>It is a non-bailable offence.
An Individual charged with sedition is barred from government job.
The law was inserted in Indian Penal Code in 1860.
Select the correct answer using the code below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only</p> <p>(b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 3 only</p> |
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- (d) 1 and 3 only
49. Adi, Nyishi, Galo and Mishmi that were in news refer to
- (a) Ancient Rivers
- (b) Languages
- (c) Folk dances
- (d) Ancient Musical instruments
50. Which of the following s / are extra constitutional /extra-legal device(s) for securing cooperation and coordination between the States in India?
- The National Development Council
- The Governors' Conference
- Zonal Councils
- The Inter State Council
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 4
- (d) 1, 3 and 4
51. **Which of the following statements is/are correct**

- w.r.t. Currency Swap agreements between two countries?**
1. In such arrangements no third country currency is involved.
 2. Both countries pay for import and export trade at the pre-determined rates of exchange.
- (a) 1 only(b) 2 only(c) Both 1 and 2(d) Neither 1 nor 2
52. **Which of the following is/are true w.r.t. Public Accounts Committee?.**
1. It is formed every 5 years.
 2. CAG assists the committee during the course of investigation.
 3. A Minister is not eligible to be elected as a member of the Committee.
 4. The Chairman is appointed by the Prime Minister with the recommendation of the Speaker.
- (a) 1 and 2 only(b) 2 only(c) 2 and 3 only(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
53. **Consider the following statements**
1. The Constitution of India mentions about a no-confidence motion but

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confidence motion is an innovative practice added later.

2. Before the vote on the confidence motion, if the prime minister recommends to the president that the House be dissolved, such a recommendation has to be followed.

Which of the given statements are correct?.

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

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1. It is sprayed directly on the leaves and gets absorbed by the plant.
 2. It contains 14% total nitrogen evenly dispersed in water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct w.r.t. "Liquid Nano Urea"?

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

55. **Which of the following is/ are nonfederal features of Indian Constitution?**

1. Election Commission
2. Finance Commission
3. Single Citizenship
4. Rigid Constitution

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

56. **The power to decide the structure of administration of Union territories is vested with?**

- (a) The Parliament (b) The President (c) President in consultation with Lt. Governor (d) Minister of Home Affairs

57. **Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Social Cost of Carbon'? It is a measure, in monetary value, of the**

- (a) long-term damage done by a tonne of CO₂ emission in a given year. (b) requirement of fossil fuels for a country to provide goods and services to its citizens, based on the burning of those fuels. (c) efforts put in by a climate refugee to adapt to live in a new place. (d) contribution of an individual person to the carbon footprint on the planet Earth.

58. **Consider the following:**

1. question hour is held in both houses on all days of the session.

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2. Question hour is strictly regulated.

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

59. **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

60. **By which one of the following Acts was the Governor General of Bengal designated as the Governor General of India?**

(a) The Regulating Act (b) The Pitt's India Act (c) The Charter

Act of 1793 (d) The Charter Act of 1833

61. **Consider the following statements about "Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG)":**

1. CAG of India is performing the role of an Auditor General and Comptroller.
2. CAG is a member of the parliament.

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

62. **Consider the following statements about Azooxanthellate corals:**

1. They derive nourishment from capturing planktons.
2. They are a group of a soft corals.

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

63. **"Rafah Crossing" is frequently in news is in**

(a) Gaza-Egypt border (b) Israel-Palestine Border (c) Israel-Jordan border (d) Syria-Egypt border

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64. **Where is “Zmiinyi Island”?**
(a) Ukraine(b) Russia(c) South China sea(d) North Korea

65. **Consider the following statements about Wetlands:**
1. They are very good in absorbing carbon.
2. They absorb all heavy metal.

Select the Incorrect answer using the code given below:
(a) 1 only(b) 2 only(c) Both 1 and 2(d) Neither 1 nor 2

66. **In the “Index of Eight Core Industries”, which one of the following has the highest weightage?**
(a) Coal production(b) Steel production(c) Fertilizer production(d) Petroleum Refinery process

67. **I2U2 initiative is flashes in news sometimes linked to?**
(a) Ozone layer protection(b) Climate change(c) International relation(d) Pandemic control

68. **Consider the following statements:**
1. All the G7 countries are part of G20.
2. Russia is part of G7
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

69. **Environment Performance index is Released by?**
(a) World Economic Forum(b) UNEP(c) UNDP(d) World wildlife institute

70. **Consider the following:**
1. Black sea
2. Sea of Marmara
3. Caspian sea
4. Mediterranean sea
5. Aegean sea

How many of the above sea is/are bordering Turkey?
(a) Only two(b) Only three.(c) Only four.(d) All five.

71. **Consider the following statements about Loss & Damage (L&D) Fund:**

1. World Bank will be the “interim host” of the fund.
2. Payments are compulsory for the economically developed countries as per the world bank norms.

Select the correct answer using code given below:
(a) 1 only.
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2.
(d) Neither 1 nor 2.

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72. **Consider the following:**
1. Union finance minister.
 2. Minister for state, finance.
 3. Any minister from state government.

The GST council consist of which of the above positions?

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

73. **Which of the following is/are true w.r.t to P-notes?**

1. They are issued by the Foreign Portfolio Investors.
2. They are traded on Indian Stock Exchanges.

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

74. **Consider the following statements:**

1. El Nino is the unusual warming of surface waters in the Western tropical Pacific Ocean.
2. La Nina the unusual cooling of the tropical eastern Pacific.

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

75. **Consider the following statements:**

1. Attorney general of India can participate and vote in Lok Shaba.
2. He/She can became a member of parliamentary committee.

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

76. **Consider the following statements about Lentivirus:**

1. Lentivirus is a genus of retroviruses that cause chronic and deadly diseases.
2. Lentiviruses are DNA viruses.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

77. **The term Warsaw mechanism is in news for what context?**

- (a) Solving territorial disputes between European Nation states.(b) Providing financial and technical assistance to developing nations.(c)

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- Prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons.(d) Tackling the menace of plastic pollution.
78. **The Barents sea is divided between:**
(a) Russia and Norway(b) Russia and Ukraine.(c) Armenia and Azerbaijan.(d) Syria and Egypt.
79. **Which of the following bodies is/are mentioned in constitution?**
1. NITI Aayog
2. Finance commission
3. Zonal council
Select the correct answer using the code given below:
(a) 2 and 3 only(b) 1 and 3 only(c) 2 only(d) 1 and 2 only
80. **Keibul Lamjao National park is the only floating national park in world, where it is?**
(a) Meghalaya(b) Manipur(c) Arunachal Pradesh(d) Assam
81. **Which of the following countries are part of OPEC+?**
1. Azerbaijan
2. Brunei
3. Mexico
4. India
5. South Sudan
6. USA
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 5.(b) 2, 3, 4 and 5.(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4.(d) All the above.
82. **Consider the following statements:**
1. The office of solicitor general is a constitutional one.
2. The attorney general of India is a member of cabinet.
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.
83. **Which of the following states/union territories are involved in Cauvery water disputes?**
1. Tamil Nadu
2. Kerala.
3.Puducherry
4. Karnataka.
Select the correct answer using code given below:
(a) 1 and 3 only(b) 1, 2 and 3 only(c) 2 and 3 only(d) All the above.
84. The members of which one of the following standing committees are chosen exclusively from the members of Lok Shaba?
(a) Public accounts committee.(b) Committee on

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- estimates(c) Committee on public undertakings.(d) Committee on delegated legislation.
85. **Which of the following is the largest Harappan site in the subcontinent?**
(a) Rakhigarhi(b) Harappa(c) Dholavira(d) Ganveriwala.
86. **Which one of the following soils in India is rich in Nutrients?**
(a) Black soil(b) Alluvial soil.(c) Yellow soil.(d) Peaty soil.
87. **In India, which one of the following constitutional amendments enacted to overcome the issue of defection in legislature?**
(a) 7th constitutional amendment.(b) 42nd constitutional amendment(c) 43rd constitutional amendment.(d) 52nd constitutional amendment.
88. **The Warsaw international mechanism on “Loss and Damage” often seen in news is associated with?**
(a) Nuclear waste.(b) Plastic pollution(c) Climate change.(d) Air pollution.
89. **4. Consider the following statements about Electoral bonds:**

1. **The donor's name is mentioned on bearer bond.**
2. **It can be bought from reserve bank of India.**
- 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.
90. **With reference to permafrost, which of the following are correct?**
1. **They cover more than 30% of earth's surface.**
2. **If it thaws, there may be a chance of microbial outburst.**
3. **These regions may not always be covered with snow.**
- 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.
91. **Consider the following:**
1. Alteration of boundaries, names and area of any state.
2. Administration of scheduled areas.
3. Abolition of state legislative council.
4. Appointment of additional judges.
- How many of the above provisions is/are modified by simple majority of the parliament?**

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92. (a) Only one.(b) Only two.(c) Only three.(d) All four.
2. Kuril Islands is a long standing territorial disputes between which of the following nations?
(a) Japan and China.(b) South Korea and North Korea.(c) Russia and Japan.(d) China and Russia
93. **Consider the following:**
1. Iran.
2. Saudi Arabia.
3. Oman.
4. Bahrain.
5. Jordan.
Which of the above countries are part of Gulf Cooperation Council?
(a) 1 and 3 only(b) 2, 3 and 4 only(c) 1, 2 and 3 only(d) All the above.
94. **Consider the following statements:**
1. Writ of Habeas corpus is the can be issued against private individuals only.
2. No writs mentioned in the constitution can be issued against legislative wing of the government.
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.
95. **I2U2 is the new partnership between which of the following countries?**
(a) India, Indonesia, USA, UK.(b) Iran, UAE, Iraq, UK.(c) India, USA, Israel, UAE.(d) India, Iran, USA, UK
96. **'Blue Dot Network' is sometime talked about with reference to which one of the following?**
(a) Producing biodegradable plastics.(b) Converting crop residues into packaging material.(c) Certification framework for quality infrastructure projects.(d) Cyber security company that attacks the government's cyber system.
97. **The Preamble is**
(a) Enforceable in courts(b) Justiciable in courts(c) Enforceable but not justifiable in courts(d) Not enforceable in courts
98. **Consider the following countries:**
1. Iceland
2. Finland
3. Norway
4. Switzerland

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Which of the above countries are part of European Free Trade Association?

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

99. **What are the features are parliamentary form of democracy?**

1. Head of the state hold ceremonial position.
2. Highly stable form of government.

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.

100. **Consider the following statements about Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment (PGII):**

1. It's a collaborative effort by the European Union and North America.
2. It is considered to be the bloc's counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

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.

101. **Consider the following:**

1. Egypt
2. Israel
3. Yemen

4. Jordan

How many of the above countries is/are bordering Red Sea?

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

102. **Which of the following countries is/are implemented a dedicated tax for "High Fat Sugar Salt(HFSS)" products?**

1. Finland
2. The UK
3. France
4. Mexico

Select the correct answer:

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

103. **Consider the following statements about Alternative Investment Funds(AIF):**

1. It refers to privately pooled investment fund.
2. Only Indian private players are allowed to participate.
3. Reserve Bank of India is the monitoring authority.

Select the Incorrect 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.

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104. **Consider the following statements about “National Start-up Advisory Council”:**

1. It's aimed at building a robust ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups.
2. It was constituted under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

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

105. **Which of the following have officially adopted the “living lands charter”?**

- (a) SAARC countries. (b) Common Wealth Countries. (c) Coton 4 countries. (d) Nordic countries.

106. **Consider the following statements:**

1. Demand Pull inflation occurs when an increase in the production costs.
2. A booming economy with high consumer spending can create excess demand.

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

107. **What is Monetary Inflation?**

- (a) Increase in the money supply in an economy. (b) This type of inflation is often described as a feedback loop between wages and prices. (c) Sudden and unexpected disruption to the supply of goods and services. (d) Increase in the production costs for goods and services.

108. **Consider the following statements about “Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP)”:**

1. India has an ambitious target of 20% ethanol blending in petrol by year 2030.
2. Ethanol can also be produced from cane juice without the extraction of sugar.

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

109. **Consider the following statements about “Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)”:**

1. It operates under India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It grants approvals for new drugs.

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3. It's the country's apex health regulatory agency.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

110. **Consider the following statements:**

1. Some mushrooms have medicinal properties.
2. Some mushrooms have psycho-active properties.
3. Some mushrooms have insecticidal properties.
4. Some mushrooms have bioluminescent properties.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

111. **“The Donkey Route” is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) Traveling through Latin American countries to reach the US border. (b) World's dangerous route from South Africa to Vladivostok (Russia). (c) It's a road, rail and sea route from Asia to

Australia. (d) Travelling in northern part of Russia.

112. **Consider the following statements about “Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS)”:**

1. Every listed company, should maintain a public shareholding of at least 49%.
2. Securities and Exchange Board of India has prescribed MPS.
3. There is an exception to public sector companies for maintaining MPS.

How many of the above countries is/are bordering Red Sea?

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

113. **“Kempegowda International Airport” is sometimes talked about in news for receiving an honour from UNESCO's 2023 Prix Versailles. Where is the Kempegowda International Airport?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) New Delhi (c) Karnataka (d) Telangana

114. **Consider the following statements about “Peninsular Rivers”:**

1. All the Peninsular rivers run from west to east.

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2. Both the Narmada and the Tapi rivers considered as a "Transboundary rivers" in India.

3. Peninsular rivers are defined by their meanders, and Perennial water flow.

Select the Incorrect 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.

115. **Consider the following statements about "Carbon Credits Trading Scheme (CCTS)":**

1. It's a scheme for the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

2. The Ministry of Renewable energy in India has introduced CCTS.

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

116. **Consider the following statements about "Sahitya Akademi award":**

1. It's the second-highest literary honour by the Government of India.

2. It's an autonomous body.

3. English is one of the recognised languages.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

117. **Consider the following statements about "United Nations Security Council (UNSC)":**

1. UNSC is a 5-member body.

2. It is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

118. **The "Great Bitter Lake" locates between which one of the following?**

(a) Australia and Tasmania. (b) Red Sea and Mediterranean Sea. (c) Israel and Jordan. (d) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman.

119. **Consider the following:**

1. Nagaland
2. Manipur
3. Tripura
4. Mizoram
5. Assam

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6. Arunachal Pradesh
How many of the above Indian States border with Myanmar?
(a) Only Two (b) Only Three (c) Only Four (d) Only Five
120. **Consider the following statements about “Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North East Region (PMDevINE)”:**
1. It’s a Centre-State scheme.
 2. It will be implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.
 3. Infrastructure Development is one of the objectives of the scheme.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:**
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 2 only
121. **Bab el-Mandeb strait, a strategic choke point for all South and South-east Asian countries is located in?**
(a) Between Malaysia and Sumatra (b) Between Red Sea and Arabian Sea (c) Persian Gulf (d) Mediterranean Sea
122. **Consider the following statements about “Tribunals”:**
1. Tribunals are Judicial bodies.
 2. Article 323 B of the Constitution, which authorizes the establishment of tribunals for various matters.
 3. The recent Supreme Court ruling emphasized that a tribunal can direct the framing of government policy.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?**
(a) Only one. (b) Only two. (c) All three. (d) None
123. **Consider the following Statements:**
1. The prime meridian is the line of 0° latitude.
 2. Indian Government uses “chai bagan time zone” for official purposes.
- Select the correct answer using code given below:**
(a) 1 only. (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2. (d) Neither 1 nor 2.
124. **Consider the following statements about “credit rating agencies (CRA)”:**

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1. CRA's are regulated by Reserve Bank of India.
2. Presently, India has seven registered CRAs.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

125. **Strait of Gibraltar is located where?**

- (a) In Red Sea(b) In the Arabian Ocean(c) In Mediterranean Sea(d) In the Indian Ocean

126. **Consider the following statements about "Nematocysts":**

1. Nematocysts are specialized cells found in jellyfish only.
2. It acts as potent weapons for defence and hunting.
3. Nematocysts composed of Toxins.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

127. **Consider the following countries:**

1. India
2. Bangladesh
3. Sri Lanka
4. Mauritius
5. Seychelles

Which of the above countries are part of "Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)":

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

128. **Consider the following statements about "Debt-to-GDP ratio":**

1. Debt-to-GDP ratio is a financial metric of a countries GDP divides by debt of a country and multiplied by 100.
2. A higher Debt-to-GDP ratio indicates that a country has a higher level of debt.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

129. **Disguised unemployment, is seen in news recently. What is disguised unemployment?**

- (a) It occurs when productivity is low and too many workers are filling too few jobs.(b) People lose their jobs because they are simply no longer needed, mainly because of consumer preferences.(c) It's the result of voluntary employment transitions within an economy.(d) It's caused by job

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losses during downturns or contractions in an economy.

130. **Consider the following statements about "UNHRC":**

1. It is an intergovernmental body within the United Nations system.
2. India, is the current chairperson of this council.

Select the correct answer using code given below:

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

131. **Consider the following:**

1. USA
2. Guatemala
3. Belize
4. Nicaragua

How many of the above countries is/are bordering with Mexico?

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

132. **Consider the following statements about "IMF":**

1. IMF has promoted the system of fixed rate exchange system.
2. Bretton Woods System provided floating international currency exchange rates.

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

133. **"PM JANMAN", is a scheme related to which one of the following?**

- (a) Ensuring full security from cyber threats(b) Bring tribal communities into the mainstream(c) Introducing Production Linked Incentives 2.0 (PLI 2.0) in semi-conductor manufacturing.(d) Self-Sufficiency in Defence sector.

134. **Consider the following statements about "Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)":**

1. All tribal groups in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are recognized as PVTGs.
2. Andaman and Nicobar Islands has the highest number of PVTGs.
3. Dhebar Commission established PVTGs.

Select the Incorrect 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.

135. **Consider the following statements:**

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1. Deflation is a temporary slowing of the pace of price inflation.
2. Disinflation is a decrease in the general price level of goods and services.

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

136. **Consider the following statements about “Breakthrough Prizes”:**

1. It acknowledges top scientists globally in fundamental sciences.
2. It's often dubbed the “Oscars of Science”.

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

137. **Consider the following statements about “Nuclear power”:**

1. India currently has over 18 nuclear reactors in 8 power plants across the country.
2. Pressurized heavy-water reactor uses deuterium oxide as its coolant and neutron moderator.

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

138. **Consider the following statements about “North-Atlantic Treaty of Organisation (NATO)”:**

1. It's headquartered in New York.
2. Legislatures of all current NATO members must approve new applicants.
3. It follows the principle of “All signatories consider an attack on one an attack against all”.
4. ‘Treating minority populations fairly’ is one of the criteria to join NATO.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

139. **“6x6x6 Strategy” is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) Tackling cyber threats(b) Climate change menace(c) Providing necessary nutrients to people(d) Circumventing sanctions on Rupee-Ruble trade.

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140. **Consider the following statements about "Lantana":**

1. It's one of the worst invasive species.
2. It's native to India.
3. It's an ornamental plant.

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.

141. **Force Majeure, is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) It's an unforeseeable circumstances that prevent someone from fulfilling a contract. (b) Writ petition filed by the Attorney General of India. (c) A protective mechanism to cancelling the unwanted contracts. (d) Renewable energy producing company can claim tax-benefits through legal means.

142. **Consider the following statements about "Huntington's disease":**

1. It's an inherited condition in which nerve cells in the brain break down over time.
2. A gene called HTT are involved in the

production of a protein called huntingtin.

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

143. **Fiscal Slippage, is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) It's a shortcoming in the income of a government as compared to its spendings. (b) The actual fiscal deficit is more than what was expected. (c) It occurs when expenditures surpass revenue and then up impacting the financial health of a country. (d) It's the difference between exports and imports of goods and services.

144. **Consider the following:**

1. Russia
2. Iran
3. Kazakhstan
4. Kyrgyzstan
5. China

How many of the above mentioned countries are part of "Eurasian Economic Union (EEU)"?

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

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145. **Consider the following statements about “Glutamine”:**

1. It's the most abundant amino acid found in the body.
2. It's a building block for making proteins in the body.
3. It's also needed to make other amino acids and glucose.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

146. **Consider the following statements about “Treasury Bills”:**

1. They are long term debt instruments.
2. It was issued by the Government of India.
3. A seller of T-bills pay no interest when it is matured.
4. Both the State government and Union Government can issue T-bills.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

147. **Consider the following statements about “Minimum Support Price (MSP)”:**

1. MSP's are announced by the Government at the end of sowing season.
2. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices takes a final decision on the level of MSP.

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

148. **PM Vishwakarma is a Central Sector Scheme launched recently is sometimes talked about with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) Educational loan(b) Agricultural subsidy(c) Support to artisans and craftspeople(d) Cyber security improvement

149. **The Global Energy Transition Index released by which one of the following organisation?**

- (a) UNFCCC(b) World Economic Forum(c) UNEP(d) World bank

150. **Happy Seeder, is sometimes talked about in the news with reference to which one of the following?**

- (a) Tractor-operated machine seeding(b) Drone operated for pesticide management(c) Used for in-situ management of

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- paddy stubble(d) Used for land survey in agricultural lands
151. **Consider the following statements about “KABIL (KHANIJ BIDESH INDIA LIMITED)”:**
1. It is a Joint Venture Company formed in 2016.
 2. The target of this company is to commercial use of strategic minerals in overseas locations for supply in India.
- 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
152. **Consider the following statements about “Pelagic Birds”:**
1. These are seabirds that live on open seas and oceans.
 2. Only time they come inland is to breed.
 3. These birds live longer than other wild birds.
- 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.
153. **What are the Impact/s on Indian Economy when USAs Federal Reserve Decided to reduce “Federal Funds Rate(the interest rate at which banks lend to each other overnight.)”?**
1. It may lead to capital inflows to Indian market.
 2. Positive impact on Indian stock markets.
 3. Depreciation pressure on the Indian rupee.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?**
- (a) Only one(b) Only two(c) Only three(d) None
154. **Consider the following statements about “National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)”:**
1. For availing the NDRF funds, states are required to submit a memorandum indicating the sector-wise damage and need of funds.
 2. The financial assistance from NDRF is considered as a compensation for loss/damage to properties /crops.
 3. ‘Pest attack’ is considered as the natural calamity under NDRF.

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How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

155. **Consider the following:**

1. Egypt
2. Pakistan
3. Saudi Arabia

4. Indonesia

5. Ethiopia

How many of the above mentioned countries are going to join the 'BRICS' club?

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

SI. NO	ANS	EXPLANATION
1.	C	<p>This Explanation</p> <p><i>Kalbeliya Dance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is a folk dance from Rajasthan. ▪ It is well known by other names like "Sapera Dance" or "Snake Charmer Dance". ▪ It is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called "Kalbelia". ▪ This dance has become so well-known throughout the world that this dance and its songs have been included in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2010. ▪ In Kalbelia dance, males play various traditional instruments and females perform the dance. ▪ It is one of the most sensuous dances among all Rajasthani dances. ▪ In this dance form, the main performers are female dancers who dance and swirl, replicating the movements of a serpent. ▪ The dancers wear brightly coloured skirts, blouses, and heavy jewellery. ▪ Instruments: The male musicians typically play the dhol (a drum), the pungi (a snake charmer's pipe), and the khanjari (a tambourine).
2.	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 'Five Eyes' is a multilateral intelligence-sharing network shared by over 20 different agencies of five English-speaking countries — Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United

		<p>Kingdom and the United States. It is both surveillance-based and signals intelligence (SIGINT). Intelligence documents shared between the member countries are classified 'Secret—AUS/CAN/NZ/UK/US Eyes Only,' which gave the group its title 'Five Eyes.'</p> <p>Historical background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The origins of the FVEY can be traced to informal secret meetings during World War II between British and American code-breakers. ▪ The treaty called the British-U.S. Communication Intelligence Agreement, or BRUSA (now known as the UKUSA Agreement), was signed between the State-Army-Navy Communication Intelligence Board (STANCIB) of the U.S. and the London Signal Intelligence Board (SIGINT) of Britain. ▪ Its scope was limited to "communication intelligence matters only" related to "unrestricted" exchange of intelligence products in six areas: collection of traffic; acquisition of communication documents and equipment; traffic analysis; cryptanalysis; decryption and translation; and acquisition of information regarding communication organisations, practices, procedures, and equipment. The arrangement was later extended to 'second party' countries —Canada joined in 1948, while Australia and New Zealand became part of the alliance in 1956. ▪ It was started before the US formally entered the war, followed by the Allies' 1941 Atlantic Charter that established their vision of the post-war world.
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4.	C	<p><i>The Tamil Nadu government has installed a statue of Dalit rights and anti-caste activist Iyothee Thass Pandithar in Chennai.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It will unveiled at Gandhi Mandapam on December 1, 2023. ▪ He was a prominent Tamil anti-caste activist and practitioner of Siddha medicine. ▪ Birth – On May 20, 1845 in the former Madras Presidency. ▪ Languages known – Tamil, English, Pali and Sanskrit. ▪ Tribal activist – He organised the tribal people in the Nilgiris in 1870's and then started Advaidananda Sabha in 1876.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Against Untouchability – He founded Panchamar Mahajana Sabha in 1891 along with Rettaimalai Srinivasan.▪ He stressed that untouchables are not Hindus and shall be considered as Adi-Tamilars.▪ Renaissance of Buddhism – He established the 'Sakya Buddhist Society' in Madras in 1898 with branches all over South India, which is also known as Indian Buddhist Association.▪ Literature – He launched 'Dravida Pandian' magazine in 1885 along with John Rathinam and in 1907, he launched 'Oru Paisa Tamizhan', a Tamil newspaper.▪ Empowered depressed class – He succeeded in getting 1000's of acres of lands and distributed among the landless poor under the scheme of 'Panchami Lands'.
5.	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Maski rock edict is a minor rock edict of Emperor Ashoka.▪ It was discovered in 1915 by C. Beadon at the archaeological site of Maski in the Raichur district of Karnataka, India.▪ The Maski rock edict is important because it was the 1 edict of Emperor Ashoka to include his name. Earlier edicts referred to him as Devanampiyadevi.
6.	A	Head of the State: The head of state is the highest-ranking official in a country. The head of state represents the unity and sovereignty of the nation. The head of state is usually a ceremonial figurehead, who performs ceremonial duties, such as representing the country at international events, and signing bills into law.
7.	D	Israel, country in the Middle East, located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. It is bounded to the north by Lebanon, to the northeast by Syria, to the east and southeast by Jordan, to the southwest by Egypt, and to the west by the Mediterranean Sea.
8.	C	Bucha is a city in Ukraine's Kyiv Oblast
9.	C	<u>Second Schedule deals with the provisions in relation to allowances, privileges, emoluments of:</u> President of India, Governors of Indian States, Speaker of Lok Sabha & Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, Chairman of Rajya Sabha & Deputy

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		Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Legislative Assemblies of Indian States, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Legislative Councils of the Indian States, Supreme Court Judges, High Court Judges. Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG).
10.	D	It is a statutory panel under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India. The CACP is an expert body that recommends the MSPs of the notified Kharif and Rabi crops to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).
11.	C	George Yule was the first Englishman to become the president of the Indian National Congress (INC). He became the fourth President of the INC in 1888 at Allahabad. Tyabji was one of the founding member and first Muslim president of Indian National Congress. Annie Besant was the first woman President of Indian National Congress. She presided over the 1917 Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress.
12.	D	Global Findex Database has been the definitive source of data on the ways in which adults around the world use financial services, from payments to savings and borrowing, and manage financial events such as a major expense or a loss of income.
13.	D	Rast Goftar ("The Truth Teller") was started by Dadabhai Naoroji. It propagated messages of Rahnumai Mazdayasnan Sabha (Religious Reform Association founded in 1851 by a group of English-educated Parsis for the "regeneration of the social conditions of the Parsis and the restoration of the Zoroastrian religion to its pristine purity)
14.	B	The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is one of three tribal councils in Meghalaya created under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution.
15.	D	The East India Company was initially created in 1600 to serve as a trading body for English merchants, specifically to participate in the East Indian spice trade. It later added such items as cotton, silk, indigo, saltpeter, tea, and opium to its wares and also participated in the slave trade.
16.	D	Vedas are infallible and the only true source of knowledge.

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		Opposed idol worship, as well as reincarnation theory of God. However, they accepted the doctrine of "Karma" and the transmigration of soul. Believed in transcendental one God.
17.	D	El Niño is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. Trade winds and atmosphere are also impacted by El Niño. El Niño is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.
18.	D	Description: Tajikistan, officially the Republic of Tajikistan, is a mountainous landlocked country in Central Asia. It borders Afghanistan to the south, Uzbekistan to the west, Kyrgyzstan to the north, and China to the east.
19.	B	<u>Formation of the British trading centers</u> Surat (1613) Madras (1639) Bombay (1668) Calcutta (1686)
20.	A	Mayo's resolution of 1870: Its resolution pertained to financial decentralization that was a legislative devolution inaugurated by the Indian Council Act of 1861.
21.	A	The G20 is an international forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union. It was established in 1999 to promote international economic cooperation and address global economic issues. The G20 members represent around 80% of the world's GDP and two-thirds of its population. The G-20 has no fixed headquarters
22.	B	1 3 and 4 is the correct answer.

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		The Kisan Credit Card Scheme detailed in the ensuing paragraphs is to be implemented by Commercial Banks, RRBs, Small Finance Banks, and Cooperatives.
23.	A	John Lawrence and the Policy of Masterly Inactivity: It was a reaction to the disasters of the First Afghan War and of Afghan passion for independence. Policy rested on the fulfilment of two conditions: The peace at the frontier was not disturbed. No candidate in civil war sought foreign help.
24.	B	Pitt's India Act of 1784 allowed the Court of Directors to manage commercial affairs but created a new body called the Board of Control to manage political affairs. Thus, it established a system of double government.
25.	D	These minerals are Antimony, Beryllium, Bismuth, Cobalt, Copper, Gallium, Germanium, Graphite, Hafnium, Indium, Lithium, Molybdenum, Niobium, Nickel, PGE, Phosphorous, Potash, REE, Rhenium, Silicon, Strontium, Tantalum, Tellurium, Tin, Titanium, Tungsten, Vanadium, Zirconium, Selenium and Cadmium.
26.	A	The Theosophical Society is the organisational body of Theosophy, an esoteric new religious movement. It was founded in New York City, US in 1875. Among its founders were Helena Blavatsky, a Ukrainian mystic and the principal thinker of the Theosophy movement, and Henry Steel Olcott, its first president.
27.	C	In 1865, the London Indian Society was founded under the guidance of Dadabhai Naoroji. It was formed by Indian students as a forum to air political grievances. Europeans were allowed to be honorary members but could not vote or hold office. Of the founding group of students, they included W. C. Bannerjee, Manmohan Ghose, Pherozeshah Mehta and Badruddin Tyabji.
28.	C	The Rampa Rebellion of 1922, also known as the Manyam Rebellion, was a tribal uprising led by Alluri Sitarama Raju in Godavari Agency of Madras

		Presidency, British India. It began in August 1922 and lasted until the capture and killing of Raju in May 1924.
29.	D	The SDR is an international reserve asset. The SDR is not a currency, but its value is based on a basket of five currencies—the US dollar, the euro, the Chinese renminbi, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.
30.	A	There are 15 independent Pacific Island nations in addition to tens of thousands of islands, islets, and atolls. The independent nations are: Northern Mariana Islands. Federate States of Micronesia.
31.	C	ASEAN is an international organization that has 10 member countries in Southeast Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
32.	C	
33.	D	The Contingency Fund of India exists for disasters and related unforeseen expenditures. The fund is administered by the Finance Secretary (Department of Economic Affairs) on behalf of the President of India and it can be operated by executive action. In 2005, it was raised from Rs. 50 crore to Rs 500 crore.
34.	B	The Kosi or Koshi is a transboundary river which flows through China, Nepal and India. It drains the northern slopes of the Himalayas in Tibet and the southern slopes in Nepal. From a major confluence of tributaries north of the Chatra Gorge onwards, the Kosi River is also known as the Saptakoshi.
35.	C	Barrackpore Mutiny , (Nov. 2, 1824), incident during the First Anglo-Burmese War (1824–26), generally regarded as a dress rehearsal for the Indian Mutiny of 1857. The Vellore mutiny , or Vellore Revolution, occurred on 10 July 1806 and was the first instance of a large-scale and violent mutiny by Indian sepoys against the East India Company, predating the Indian Rebellion of 1857 by half a century. 8 February 1946, it was reported that all naval ratings below the rank of petty officer at HMIS Talwar were refusing commands from the CO. Eventually,

		the ratings rebelled, seizing control of the shore establishment and expelling the officers.
36.	C	The northern river terrapin (Batagur baska) is a species of riverine turtle native to Southeast Asia. It has been classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List and considered extinct in much of its former range; as of 2018, the population in the wild was estimated at around 100 mature individuals.
37.	B	Absolute Majority This refers to a majority of more than 50% of the House's total membership. This means that in the Lok Sabha, the absolute majority is 273. (50% more than 545, the total membership of the Lok Sabha).
38.	C	The Hare quota (also known as the simple quota) is a formula used under some forms of proportional representation. In these voting systems the quota is the number of votes that guarantees a candidate, or a party in some cases, captures a seat.
39.	C	
40.	A	The Rohini Commission was instituted on October 2, 2017, led by Justice G Rohini, the former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. This four-member commission was formed to ensure a more equitable distribution of reservation benefits among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in India.
41.	A	The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960 after nine years of negotiations between India and Pakistan with the help of the World Bank, which is also a signatory. The negotiations were the initiative of former World Bank President Eugene Black. Seen as one of the most successful international treaties, it has survived frequent tensions, including conflict, and has provided a framework for irrigation and hydropower development for more than half a century. Former U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower described it as "one bright spot ... in a very depressing world picture that we see so often."

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42.	A	The main positive feedback in global warming is the tendency of warming to increase the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere, which in turn leads to further warming.
43.	D	
44.	A	In 1825, Raja Rammohan Roy established Vedanta college where courses in both Indian learning and Western social and physical sciences were offered.
45.	A	Under Chapter I (part V) of the Indian Constitution only the President, Council of Ministers, Attorney General are mentioned as part of Union Executive. The CAG is mentioned in Chapter V (Part V) as an independent body.
46.	C	
47.	D	
48.	A	Section 124A IPC: It defines sedition as an offence committed when "any person by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India".
49.	B	
50.	B	
51.	B	Currency swaps are financial contracts between two parties to exchange a specific amount of one currency for an equivalent amount of another currency. The purpose of currency swaps is to reduce currency risk, achieve lower financing costs, or gain access to a foreign currency.
52.	B	It presently comprises 22 members (15 members elected by the Lok Sabha Speaker, and 7 members elected by the Rajya Sabha Chairman) with a term of one year only. The Chairman of the Committee is appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha. PAC restricts any Minister from being elected as a member of it.
53.	C	Both the statements are correct

54.	A	Liquid Nano Urea has been found effective and efficient for plant nutrition which increases production with improved nutritional quality. It can boost a balanced nutrition program by reducing the excess use of Urea application in the soil and make the crops stronger, healthier and protect them from the lodging effect. It contains 40,000 mg/L of nitrogen in a 500 ml bottle which is equivalent to the impact of nitrogen nutrient provided by one bag of conventional urea.
55.	D	Indian Constitution also possesses the following unitary or Non-federal features: Strong Centre. States Not Indestructible. Single Constitution Flexibility of the Constitution No Equality of State Representation Emergency Provisions Single Citizenship Integrated Judiciary
56.	C	The Centre has powers to administer the Union Territories through administrators.
57.	A	The social cost of carbon (SCC) is an estimate, in monetary value. It is the economic damages that would result from emitting one additional ton of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Hence the correct answer is long-term damage done by a tonne of CO ₂ emission in a given year.
58.	D	The frequency of Question Hour in the Parliament varies. In the Lok Sabha (Lower House), Question Hour is held on all working days of the Parliament. However, in the Rajya Sabha (Upper House), Question Hour is held on the first day of the session and then for a fixed number of days as decided by the Chairman.
59.	C	Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are centrally recognized special category from among the Scheduled Tribe.

		<p>It was constituted during the 4th five year plan on the basis of the report of the Dhebar commission (1960-61).</p> <p>Such groups were identified by one or more of the following features: Pre-agricultural level of technology, Low level of literacy, Economic backwardness, A declining or stagnant population.</p>
60.	D	<p>The Charter Act of 1833 was a significant constitutional instrument defining the scope and authority of the East India Company. The liberal and utilitarian philosophy of Bentham was made popular by the provisions of this Act.</p>
61.	D	<p>CAG of India is only performing the role of an Auditor General and not of a Comptroller but in Britain it has the power of both Comptroller as well as Auditor General. CAG is not a member of the parliament while in Britain; CAG is a member of house of the Commons.</p>
62.	A	<p>They are hard corals and are not only solitary but have a highly compressed skeletal structure.</p>
63.	A	<p>The Rafah Border Crossing Point is the sole crossing point between Egypt and Palestine's Gaza Strip. It is located on the Egypt–Palestine border.</p>
64.	A	<p>Snake Island, also known as Serpent Island or Zmiinyi Island, is a Ukrainian island located in the Black Sea, near the Danube Delta, with an important role in delimiting Ukrainian territorial waters.</p>
65.	B	<p>Wetland soil is an important carbon sink; 14.5% of the world's soil carbon is found in wetlands, while only 6% of the world's land is composed of wetlands.</p> <p>Wetlands remove excessive nutrients from water and allow the particulate matter to settle down which can be then used by plants. It has been proved that 90% of phosphorus can be removed from passing water through wetland.</p>

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66.	D	The Index of Eight Core Industries highest weight is currently possessed by the Refinery Products Industry.
67.	C	The I2U2 Group is a grouping of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States. The group's first joint statement, released on July 14, 2022, states that the countries aim to cooperate on "joint investments and new initiatives in water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security.
68.	A	The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 sovereign countries, the European Union (EU), and the African Union (AU). It works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation and sustainable development.
69.	A	Environmental performance index released by the World Economic Forum in partnership with the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia University Center for International Earth Science Information Network.
70.	C	Türkiye is surrounded by sea on three sides. The Mediterranean in the south, the Aegean in the west, and the Black Sea in the north. The Marmara Sea, in the northwest, includes the Istanbul and Dardanelles Straits and is a territorial water of Türkiye.
71.	A	It will be based at the World Bank but managed by an independent secretariat. The World Bank will be the "interim host" of the fund for a period of four years. Payments are voluntary.
72.	D	The council is a joint forum of the center and states. The chairperson of the GST Council is Union Finance Minister. The other members of the GST Council include the Union State Minister of Revenue or Finance and Ministers in charge of Finance or Taxation of all the States.
73.	C	Participatory notes also referred to as P-notes, or PNs, are financial instruments required by investors or hedge funds to invest in Indian securities without having to register with the Securities and Exchange

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		Board of India (SEBI). P-notes are among the group of investments considered to be Offshore Derivative Investments (ODIs).
74.	B	El Nino is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. La Nina, the “cool phase” of ENSO, is a pattern that describes the unusual cooling of the tropical eastern Pacific.
75.	B	Attorney general can participate, speak but don't have the right to vote.
76.	A	Lentiviruses are RNA viruses
77.	B	Warsaw mechanism- It was being created to provide financial and technical assistance to economically developing nations that were incurring L&D due to climate change.
78.	A	The Barents Sea is a secluded part of the Arctic Ocean divided between Norway and Russia.
79.	C	The Finance Commission of India is a constitutional body that allocates revenues for both the central and state governments, promoting fiscal federalism.
80.	B	The Keibul Lamjao National Park is a national park in the Bishnupur district of the state of Manipur in Northeast India
81.	A	OPEC + The non-OPEC countries which export crude oil are termed as OPEC plus countries. OPEC plus countries include Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brunei, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Russia, South Sudan and Sudan.
82.	D	Both the statements are wrong.
83.	D	All the states and Union territory above mentioned are involved in this dispute.

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84.	B	The Estimates Committee has 30 members and all these members are from Lok Sabha.
85.	A	Rakhigarhi is the largest Harappan site in the Indian subcontinent. Other large sites of Harappan civilization on Indian sub-continent are Harappa, Mohenjodaro and Ganveriwala in Pakistan and Dholavira (Gujarat) in India.
86.	B	Alluvial soil is known for its high fertility and is found in the northern plains of India. It is ideal for the cultivation of various crops like grains, sugarcane, and oilseeds.
87.	D	The 10th Schedule of the Indian Constitution popularly referred to as the "Anti-Defection Law" was inserted by the 52nd Amendment (1985) to the Constitution. "Defection" has been defined as, "To abandon a position or association, often to join an opposing group".
88.	C	The COP established the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Loss and Damage Mechanism), to address loss and damage associated with impacts of climate change.
89.	D	The name and other information of the donor are not entered on the instrument and thus electoral bonds are said to be anonymous. Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds or money instruments that can be purchased by companies and individuals in India from authorised branches of the State Bank of India (SBI).
90.	B	Permafrost is a permanently frozen layer on or under Earth's surface. It consists of soil, gravel, and sand, usually bound together by ice. Permafrost usually remains at or below 0°C (32°F) for at least two years.
91.	C	Additional Judges can be appointed by the President under clause (1) of Article 224 of the Constitution.
92.	C	The islands have been under Russian administration since their 1945 invasion by the Soviet Union near the end of World War II. Japan claims

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		the four southernmost islands, including two of the three largest (Iturup and Kunashir), as part of its territory, as well as Shikotan and the unpopulated Habomai islets, which has led to the ongoing Kuril Islands dispute.
93.	B	GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. The council is the largest trading bloc of India.
94.	B	Writ of Habeas corpus is the can be issued against both private individuals and public authorities.
95.	C	The I2U2 Group is a grouping of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.
96.	C	The Blue Dot Network (BDN) is a certification framework for quality infrastructure projects. The initiative is a joint project of the governments of Australia, Czech Republic, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States that supports investment in high-quality infrastructure projects around the world, especially by the private sector.
97.	D	The preamble is neither enforceable nor justifiable in a court of law.
98.	C	The EFTA Member States are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
99.	A	Parliamentary form of democracy is not a stable form of government. Government enjoys power till they enjoy majority in parliament.
100.	B	The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) is a collaborative effort by Group of Seven to fund infrastructure projects in developing nations based on the trust principles of the Blue Dot Network. It is considered to be the bloc's counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative and a key component of the "Biden Doctrine".
101.	B	The six countries bordering the Red Sea proper are: Eastern shore: Saudi Arabia. Yemen.

		Western shore: Egypt. Sudan. Eritrea. Djibouti.
102.	C	Countries like Denmark, France, Mexico, and the UK have implemented dedicated taxes for HFSS.
103.	B	As per Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012, AIFs refer to privately pooled investment funds, either from Indian or foreign sources, in the form of a trust, company, body corporate, or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).
104.	A	<u>National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC):</u> The NSAC was constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The primary objective of NSAC is to advise the Government on measures aimed at building a robust ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups. The ultimate goal is to drive sustainable economic growth and generate significant employment opportunities.
105.	B	At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kigali, all 54 Commonwealth members officially adopted the Living Lands Charter: A Commonwealth Call to action on Living Lands (CALL).
106.	B	Demand Pull inflation occurs when the demand for goods and services exceeds their supply. When the overall demand in the economy is high, consumers are willing to pay more for the available goods and services, leading to a general rise in prices. A booming economy with high consumer spending can create excess demand, putting upward pressure on prices.
107.	A	Monetary inflation is often linked to an increase in the money supply in an economy. When there is more money in circulation, consumers have more purchasing power, which can drive up demand and prices. Central banks printing more money or implementing policies that increase the money supply can contribute to monetary inflation.

108.	B	The 'National Policy on Biofuels' notified by the Government in 2018 envisaged an indicative target of 20% ethanol blending in petrol by year 2030. However, considering the encouraging performance, due to various interventions made by the Government since 2014, the target of 20% ethanol blending was advanced from 2030 to 2025-26.
109.	C	Formed in 1961, operates under India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Oversees drugs, cosmetics, and medical devices' safety, efficacy, and quality as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Grants approvals for new drugs, licenses for manufacturing, and regulates clinical trials.
110.	D	Answer: All four.
111.	A	The "donkey route" to the United States involves migrants traveling through Latin American countries to reach the US border. The journey often starts in countries like Ecuador, Bolivia, or Guyana, where Indian citizens can obtain visas easily.
112.	B	SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has prescribed Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norms for listed companies. Rule 19A of the Securities Contract Regulation Rules states that every listed company, except public sector companies, should maintain a public shareholding of at least 25%.
113.	C	Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru has been recognised as one of the world's most beautiful airports and awarded the special prize for interiors at the UNESCO's 2023 Prix Versailles.
114.	D	Except for the Narmada and Tapi, most of the Peninsular rivers run from west to east. Both the Narmada and the Tapi rivers run westward and form estuaries. Peninsular rivers are defined by their straight course, lack of meanders, and non-perennial water flow.
115.	A	The 'CCTS' stands for the Carbon Credits Trading Scheme, and it is a scheme for the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The central government notifies and governs this scheme. The Ministry of

		Power in India has introduced amendments to the Carbon Credits Trading Scheme (CCTS).
116.	B	It was founded in 1954 as an autonomous body under the Union Culture Ministry and is dedicated to promoting literature in Indian languages. Languages Recognised: Besides the 22 languages enumerated in the Constitution of India, the Akademi has recognised English and Rajasthani as languages in which its programme may be implemented. Languages Recognised: Besides the 22 languages enumerated in the Constitution of India, the Akademi has recognised English and Rajasthani as languages in which its programme may be implemented.
117.	B	UNSC has 15 members of which 5 are permanent and 10 are non-permanent members. Non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the UN General Assembly. Five permanent members are- US, UK, France, Russia, and China. It is the only UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions to member states.
118.	B	The canal connects the Great Bitter Lake to the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
119.	C	Four North-Eastern States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram share international boundary with Myanmar.
120.	C	The PM-DevINE scheme as a Central Sector scheme, was introduced as a part of the Union Budget 2022-23. It will be implemented by Ministry of Development of North-East Region. <u>Objectives of PM-DevINE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Infrastructure Development▪ Supporting Social Development Projects▪ Empowering Youth and Women
121.	B	The flow through this strait provides for the circulation between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, since no flow takes place through the Suez Canal. The strait's Arabic name means "the gate of tears," so called from the dangers that formerly attended its navigation.

122.	A	Emphasizing that the making of policy falls outside the judiciary's domain, the court underscored that tribunals, being quasi-judicial bodies, are similarly restricted in directing the framing of policies. The Supreme Court observed that under Article 323 B of the Constitution, which authorizes the establishment of tribunals for various matters, a hierarchy of tribunals may be created. However, it reiterated that the role of tribunals is adjudicatory, not policy formulation. In a recent judgment on an appeal filed by the Union of India under Section 31(1) of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, the Supreme Court emphasized that a tribunal cannot direct the framing of government policy.
123.	D	The prime meridian is the line of 0° longitude, the starting point for measuring distance both east and west around Earth.
124.	B	CRAs in India: Presently, India has seven registered CRAs, namely CRISIL, CARE, ICRA, SMREA, Brickwork Rating, India Rating and Research Pvt. Ltd. In India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) primarily regulates credit rating agencies under the SEBI Regulations, 1999 of the SEBI Act, 1992.
125.	C	Strait of Gibraltar, channel connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean, lying between southernmost Spain and northwesternmost Africa.
126.	B	Nematocysts are specialized cells found in jellyfish, corals, sea anemones, and hydras, and act as potent weapons for defence and hunting. Composed of capsules containing coiled tubules and toxins, nematocysts rapidly eject these tubules with extreme acceleration when triggered. Nematocysts play a crucial role in the feeding and defence strategies of cnidarians in particular. Cnidarians are animals that contain cells called cnidocytes.
127.	C	The CSC, was formed in 2011 as a trilateral maritime security grouping of India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. It welcomed Mauritius as a fourth member at the fifth meeting of national security advisers. Bangladesh and Seychelles attended as observers and have been invited to join the group.

128.	B	Debt-to-GDP ratio is a financial metric that compares a country's total debt to its gross domestic product (GDP). Debt-to-GDP Ratio = (Total Debt/Gross Domestic Product) × 100. A higher Debt-to-GDP ratio indicates that a country has a higher level of debt relative to its economic output.
129.	A	Disguised unemployment is unemployment that does not affect aggregate economic output. It occurs when productivity is low and too many workers are filling too few jobs. It can refer to any part of the population that is not employed at full capacity.
130.	A	The UNGA takes into account the candidate States' contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments in this regard. The members serve for three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.
131.	C	Mexico borders the United States to the north and Guatemala and Belize to the south. To the west and south lies the Pacific Ocean and to the east the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Mexico has 8 times the size of Britain.
132.	D	The Bretton Woods System is a set of unified rules and policies that provided the framework necessary to create fixed international currency exchange rates. After the Bretton Woods system (system of fixed exchange rates) collapsed in the 1971, the IMF has promoted the system of floating exchange rates.
133.	B	PM JANMAN is a government scheme that aims to bring tribal communities into the mainstream.
134.	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All four tribal groups in the Andaman and one in the Nicobar Islands are recognized as PVTGs.▪ Odisha has the highest number of PVTGs (15).▪ In 1973, the Dhebar Commission established Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).▪ In 2006, the Government of India renamed the PTGs as PVTGs.

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135.	D	In economics, deflation is a decrease in the general price level of goods and services. Disinflation is a temporary slowing of the pace of price inflation.
136.	C	Both are correct statements
137.	B	India currently has over 22 nuclear reactors in 7 power plants across the country, which together produce 6,780 MW of nuclear power. A pressurized heavy-water reactor (PHWR) is a nuclear reactor that uses heavy water (deuterium oxide D ₂ O) as its coolant and neutron moderator. PHWRs frequently use natural uranium as fuel, but sometimes also use very low enriched uranium.
138.	C	Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium. Ratification of new members could take a year, as the legislatures of all 30 current members must approve new applicants.
139.	C	The Government of India launched the Anaemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) strategy in 2018 to reduce the prevalence of anaemia in women, children and adolescents through a life cycle approach. The strategy aims at preventive and curative mechanisms through a 6X6X6 strategy including six target beneficiaries, six interventions and six institutional mechanisms for all stakeholders
140.	C	Lantana is one of the world's ten worst invasive species and a species of high concern for India. Lantana is not native to India. It was introduced in the country as an ornamental plant by the British in the 1800s.
141.	A	Force Majeure is a legal term that refers to unforeseeable circumstances or events beyond the control of parties involved in a contract that may excuse non-compliance with the contractual obligations. These events are often considered "acts of God" or "acts of nature."
142.	C	Both the statements are correct.

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143.	B	If the actual fiscal deficit is more than what was expected it is called a fiscal slippage. For example, in the budget, the estimated fiscal deficit was 4.5% but the actual deficit at the end of the financial year is 7% then it is called fiscal slippage.
144.	B	The Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) is an economic union of states located primarily in Northern Eurasia. It consists of five member states : Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia.
145.	C	Glutamine is the most abundant amino acid found in the body. It's made in the muscles and transferred by the blood into different organ systems. Glutamine is a building block for making proteins in the body. It's also needed to make other amino acids and glucose.
146.	C	Treasury bills or T-bills are money market instruments. They are short term debt instruments issued by the Government of India. In India, the central government issues both treasury bills and bonds or dated securities, while state governments issue only bonds or dated securities, which are called the state development loans. Treasury bills are zero coupon securities and pay no interest. Instead, they are issued at a discount and redeemed at the face value at maturity.
147.	D	The minimum support prices are announced by the Government at the beginning of the sowing season for certain crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). CACP submits its recommendations to the government. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister takes a final decision on the level of MSPs and other recommendations made by CACP.
148.	C	PM Vishwakarma is a Central Sector Scheme launched recently to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools. It is a new scheme with an outlay of Rs 13,000 crore and is fully funded by the Central government. The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise is the nodal ministry of PM Vishwakarma Yojana.

149.	B	Fostering Effective Energy Transition index was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
150.	C	Happy Seeder(HS) is a tractor-operated machine developed by the Punjab Agricultural University(PAU) in collaboration with Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). Happy seeder is used for in-situ management of paddy stubble (straw).
151.	B	A Joint Venture Company among NALCO, HCL and MECL named Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) was formed in August 2019. The target of this company is to identify, acquire, develop, process and make commercial use of strategic minerals in overseas locations for supply in India.
152.	D	These are seabirds that live on open seas and oceans rather than inland or around more restricted waters such as lakes and rivers. The only other time they come inland is to breed. In general, seabirds live longer than other wild birds; most have an average lifespan of 50 years.
153.	B	<u>Impact on Indian Economy:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Capital Flows: A rate cut may lead to capital outflows from emerging markets like India as investors seek higher returns in the US.2. Exchange Rates: Depreciation pressure on the Indian rupee due to capital outflows.3. Borrowing Costs: Lower interest rates globally can result in reduced borrowing costs for Indian businesses.4. Equity Markets: Positive impact on Indian stock markets due to increased liquidity and lower global interest rates.
154.	B	NDRF guidelines state that natural calamities of cyclones, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloud burst, pest attack and cold wave and frost considered to be of severe nature by Government of India (GoI) and requiring expenditures by a state government in excess of the balances available in its own SDRF will qualify for immediate relief assistance from NDRF. For availing the NDRF funds, states are required to submit a memorandum indicating the sector-wise

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		damage and need of funds. The Centre, on its part, assesses the damage and grants the additional funds to states. The financial assistance from NDRF is for providing immediate relief and is not compensation for loss/damage to properties /crops. In other words, NDRF amount can be spent only towards meeting the expenses for emergency response, relief and rehabilitation.
155.	B	Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are set to join the group with effect from January 1, 2024.