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Q.1) With reference to United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), consider the following statements

1. Voting in the General Assembly on certain important questions is by a three-fourth majority of those present and voting
2. The resolutions passed by the General Assembly do not have the binding forces over the member nations
3. Emergency special sessions of the UNGA can be called by the Security Council, if supported by at least eight members

Select the correct statements

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

Q.1) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| Although the resolutions passed by the General Assembly do not have the binding forces over the member nations (apart from budgetary measures), pursuant to its Uniting for Peace resolution of November 1950 (resolution 377 (V)), the Assembly may also take action if the Security Council fails to act, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member, in a case where there appears to be a threat | Voting in the General Assembly on certain important questions—namely recommendations on peace and security; budgetary concerns; and the election, admission, suspension or expulsion of members—is by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. Other questions are decided by a simple majority | Emergency special sessions can be called by the Security Council, if supported by at least seven members, or by a majority of Member States of the United Nations. If enough votes are had, the Assembly must meet within 24 hours, with Members being notified at least twelve hours before the opening of the session |

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| to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression | | |
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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-faces-more-tough-choices-at-unsc-ungover-ukraine/article65090613.ece>

Q.2) 'SWIFT' a mechanism often seen in news is related to

- a) Emergency deployment of armed forces
- b) Sanctions imposed by UN
- c) IAEA protocol
- d) Financial transactions

Q.2) Solution(d)

The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, legally S.W.I.F.T. SC, is a Belgian cooperative society providing services related to the execution of financial transactions and payments between banks worldwide. Its principal function is to serve as the main messaging network through which international payments are initiated.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/west-unleashes-swift-bans-more-crushing-penalties-on-russia/article65090347.ece?homepage=true>

Q.3) Which of the following group of countries border Russia?

- a) Latvia, Romania, Estonia
- b) Finland, Georgia, Hungary
- c) Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania
- d) Belarus, Uzbekistan, Ukraine

Q.3) Solution(c)

Russia is bounded to the north and east by the Arctic and Pacific oceans, and it has small frontages in the northwest on the Baltic Sea at St. Petersburg and at the detached Russian oblast (region) of Kaliningrad (a part of what was once East Prussia annexed in 1945), which also abuts Poland and Lithuania. To the south Russia borders North Korea, China, Mongolia, and Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. To the southwest and west it borders Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, and Estonia, as well as Finland and Norway



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/explained-why-did-vladimir-putin-bring-up-the-disintegration-of-the-ussr-prior-to-declaring-war-on-ukraine/article65086877.ece>

Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding United Nations Environment Programme

1. The United Nations Environment Assembly is UNEP's governing body which meets every two years
2. UNEP hosts the secretariats of The Minamata Convention on Mercury and Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants among others

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.4) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Correct |
| The United Nations Environment Assembly is UNEP's governing body. Created in 2012 to replace the Governing Council, it currently has 193 members and meets every two years | UNEP hosts the secretariats of several multilateral environmental agreements and research bodies, including The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), The Minamata Convention on Mercury, The Convention on Migratory Species and The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/tackling-the-plastic-problem/article65090764.ece>

Q.5) With reference to disinvestment in India, consider the following statements

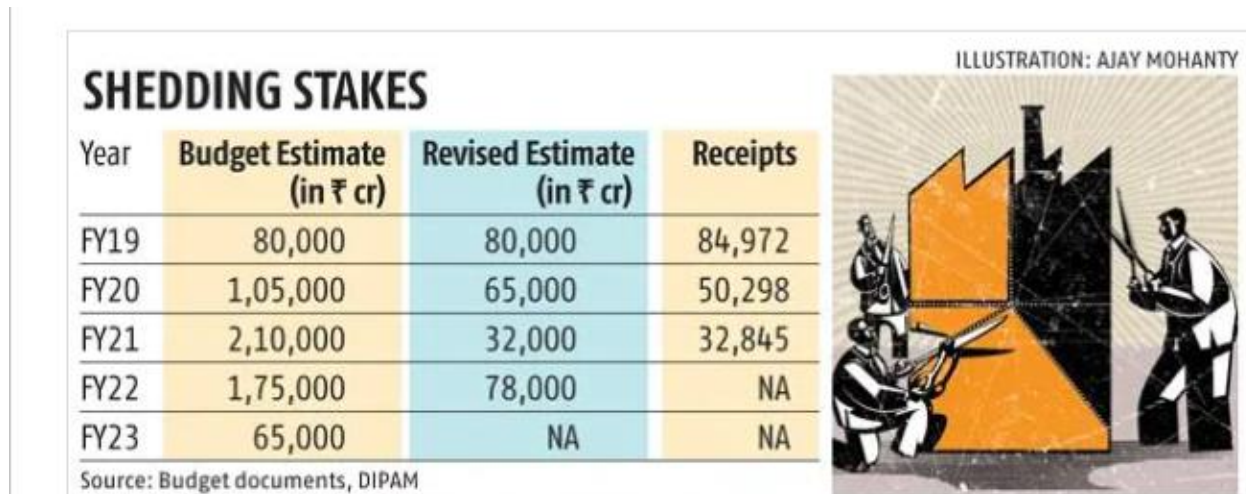
1. Proceeds from disinvestment are shown under capital receipts in the budget of the Government
2. Disinvestment earnings have been rising consistently in the last five years

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.5) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Incorrect |
| Proceeds from disinvestment in India form a part of capital receipts in the budget of the Government of India | Disinvestment earnings have varied over the last five years. |



Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/towards-another-milestone-in-the-disinvestment-journey-7793696/>

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding 'International Criminal Court'

1. It was established by the Rome Statute
2. The ICC may only investigate and prosecute crimes committed within member states
3. India is a signatory but has not ratified the treaty to join ICC

Select the correct statements

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

Q.6) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| The ICC began operations on 1 July 2002, upon the entry into force of the Rome Statute, a multilateral treaty that serves as the court's foundational and governing document | The ICC lacks universal territorial jurisdiction and may only investigate and prosecute crimes committed within member states, crimes committed by nationals of member states, or crimes in situations referred to the Court by the United Nations Security Council. | India is neither ratified nor a signatory the Rome Statue. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/debunking-russias-international-law-justifications/article65094642.ece>

Q.7) 'Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)' was established by

- World Bank and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) and World Economic Forum(WEF)
- World Meteorological Organization(WMO) and United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP)
- Climate Action Network and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change(UNFCCC)

Q.7) Solution(c)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is an intergovernmental body of the United Nations responsible for advancing knowledge on human-induced climate change. It was established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and later endorsed by United Nations General Assembly. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, it is composed of 195 member states.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ipcc-report-warns-of-unavoidable-multiple-climate-hazards/article65092570.ece>

Q.8) Consider the following statements

1. Aadhaar is neither considered a proof of residence nor a proof of citizenship
2. Aadhaar data is collected by UIDAI(Unique Identification Authority of India) a statutory body established by Information Technology Act, 2009

Select the correct statements

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

Q.8) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| Aadhaar is considered a proof of residence and not a proof of citizenship, Aadhaar does not itself grant any rights to domicile in India | Aadhaar data is collected by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), a statutory authority established in January 2009 by the Government of India, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, following the provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016 |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ready-to-give-aadhaar-card-to-sex-workers-uidai-tells-sc/article65092574.ece>

Q.9) Consider the following pairs**Strait: Sea**

1. Dardanelles: Sea of Marmara and Aegean Sea
2. Bosphorous: Mediterranean and Baltic Sea
3. Kerch: Black Sea and Sea of Azov

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched

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

Q.9) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|--|---|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The Dardanelles connects the Sea of Marmara with the Aegean and Mediterranean seas while also allowing passage to the Black Sea by extension via the Bosphorus | The Bosphorus connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara | The <i>Kerch Strait</i> is a strait in Eastern Europe. It connects the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, |



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/russia-ukraine-crisis-live-updates-air-india-plane-departs-from-mumbai-to-bucharest-to-evacuate-indians-stranded-in-ukraine/article65086509.ece>

Q.10) Consider the following statements regarding 'Biosimilars'

1. Biosimilar is a biological product that is very similar to a reference biologic and for which there are no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety, purity, and potency
2. Unlike with generic drugs, biosimilars generally exhibit lower molecular complexity
3. Biosimilars are officially approved versions of original innovator products and can be manufactured only when the original product's patent is valid

Select the correct statements

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

Q.10) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| A biosimilar is a biological product that is very similar to a reference biologic and for which there are no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety, purity, and potency. | Unlike with generic drugs of the more common small-molecule type, biologics generally exhibit high molecular complexity and may be quite sensitive to changes in manufacturing processes. Despite that heterogeneity, all biopharmaceuticals, including biosimilars, must maintain consistent quality and clinical performance throughout their lifecycle | Biosimilars are officially approved versions of original "innovator" products and can be manufactured when the original product's patent expires. Reference to the innovator product is an integral component of the approval. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/biocon-arm-to-acquire-biosimilars-business-of-viatris-for-334-bn/article65092490.ece>

Q.11) Consider the following statements regarding 'United Nations Human Rights Council'

1. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is an inter-governmental organization whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world
2. "Special procedures" is the general name given to the mechanisms established by the Human Rights Council

Select the correct statements

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

Q.11) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|---|
| Correct | Correct |
| The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is an inter-governmental organization whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world. The Council has 47 members elected for staggered three-year terms on a regional group basis. | "Special procedures" is the general name given to the mechanisms established by the Human Rights Council to gather expert observations and advice on human rights issues in all parts of the world. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/un-human-rights-chief-flags-setback-to-post-war-accountability-in-sri-lanka/article65089921.ece>

Q.12) Consider the following events

1. Establishment of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)
2. Nationalization of Suez Canal
3. Sino-Indian war
4. Antarctic treaty was opened for signature

Arrange the following in chronological order

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

Q.12) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Event 1 | Event 2 | Event 3 | Event 4 |
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| On 26 July 1956, Nasser nationalised the Suez Canal Company, which prior to that was owned primarily by British and French shareholders. | The Antarctic treaty was opened for signature on December 1, 1959, and officially entered into force on June 23, 1961. | Drawing on the principles agreed at the Bandung Conference in 1955, the Non-Aligned Movement was established in 1961 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia through an initiative of the Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah and Indonesian President Sukarno | The Sino-Indian War between China and India occurred in October–November 1962. A disputed Himalayan border was the main cause of the war. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-ukraine-war-india-and-a-stand-of-non-alignment/article65156505.ece>

Q.13) With reference to Participatory-notes, consider the following statements

1. It is an instrument issued by a registered foreign institutional investor (FII) to an overseas investor
2. P-notes are jointly regulated by RBI and SEBI
3. These notes are a unique Indian invention started by SEBI to enable foreign corporates and high networth investors enter the Indian market

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.13) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| A participatory note, commonly known as a P-note or PN, is an instrument issued by a registered foreign institutional investor (FII) to an overseas investor who wishes to invest in Indian stock markets without registering themselves with the market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) | SEBI has no jurisdiction over participatory note trading. Although foreign institutional investors must register with the Indian regulatory board, the participatory notes trading among foreign institutional investors are not recorded. Officials fear this practice may lead to the P-Notes being used for money laundering or other illegal activity. | P-notes are a unique Indian invention started in 2000 by SEBI to enable foreign corporates and high net worth investors enter the Indian market without having to go through the process of registering as Foreign Institutional Investor (FII). |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/investments-through-p-notes-decline-to-87989-crore-in-january/article65144765.ece>

Q.14) 'Sagar Parikrama' recently seen in news is

- Military exercise part of MILAN 2022
- Indian Navy's voyage to circumnavigate the globe
- Mission to tap the rare minerals in the Indian Ocean Region
- Event to demonstrate solidarity with fisher folk

Q.14) Solution(d)

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is organising this journey as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava' Starting from Gujarat, 'Sagar Parikrama' is proposed to be conducted in all coastal states/UTs through a pre-decided sea route to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders as a spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1802149>

Q.15) Consider the following statements regarding 'Explosive Substances Act of 1908'

- It extends to the whole of India and applies to citizens outside India
- No Court shall proceed to the trial of any person for an offence against this Act except with the consent of the investigative agency

Choose the correct statements

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.15) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| Explosive Substances Act, 1908 extends to the whole of India and also applies to citizens | No Court shall proceed to the trial of any person for an offence against this Act except |

outside of India

with the consent of the Central Government

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/bastars-wheels-of-justice-grind-exceedingly-slow/article65156574.ece>

Q.16) 'Fluoroquinolones, cephalosporins and carbapenems' seen in news are

- a) Pesticides
- b) Nano-micelles
- c) Antibiotics
- d) Fruit-ripening substances

Q.16) Solution(c)

Fluoroquinolones, cephalosporins and carbapenems are antibiotics. India has been reporting high levels of resistance to fluoroquinolones, cephalosporins and carbapenems across the Gram-negative pathogens that cause almost 70 per cent of infections in communities and hospitals.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/growing-scourge-anti-microbial-resistance-urgent-attention-7798079/>

Q.17) Consider the following statements regarding 'The North Atlantic Treaty Organization'

1. NATO was established in the aftermath of 9/11 attacks
2. All the members of NATO are found in North America and Europe only
3. An agreement in the original NATO Treaty ensures collective defence

Select the correct statements

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

Q.17) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| North Atlantic Treaty also called the North Atlantic Alliance was established in the aftermath of World War II, the organization implements the North Atlantic Treaty, signed 4 April 1949 | NATO has thirty members, mainly in Europe and North America. Turkey is a member whose territory lies in Asia as well | Article 5, an agreement that ensures “collective defence”, which means that an attack on one ally will be considered an attack on all allies. |

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/russia-ukraine-war-nato-troops-deployment-article-5-7798588/>

Q.18) Consider the following statements

1. Ashoka expresses support for all the major religions of his time in his edicts
2. In one of the edicts, Ashoka declares himself to be a "Dhamma Mahamatta"
3. All the edicts have been written in Brahmi and Kharosthi scripts only

Which of the given statements above are correct?

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

Q.18) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|---|
| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| Ashoka expresses support for all the major religions of his | Ashoka calls himself an upasaka (a lay follower of | Ashoka's edicts have been engraved in Brahmi, Kharosthi |

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| time: Buddhism, Brahmanism, Jainism, and Ajivikaism in his edicts. | Buddhism) and a sakya (i.e. Buddhist, after Gautama Buddha's title Shakya-Muni. This and several other edicts are evidence of his Buddhist affiliation | , Greek and Aramaic scripts. |
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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-appetite-for-war-but-no-place-for-peace/article65184655.ece>

Q.19) Consider the following

1. Punchhi Commission
2. Sarkaria Commission
3. Rajamannar Committee
4. West Bengal Memorandum

Which of the following given above have made recommendations regarding the office of the Governor?

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

Q.19) Solution(c)

West Bengal Memorandum published a memorandum on Centre-state relations in 1977. Except West Bengal Memorandum, all the other commissions have made recommendations regarding the office of the Governor.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/lines-and-roles-the-hindu-editorial-on-governors/article65184157.ece>

Q.20) Consider the following statements regarding 'Attorney General'

1. The Attorney General(AG) must be a person who is qualified to be appointed a judge of the Supreme court
2. AG enjoys all the privileges and immunities that are available to a member of Parliament
3. AG is not debarred from private legal practice

Select the correct statements

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

Q.20) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Correct |
| <p>President of India appoints a person who is qualified for the post of Supreme Court Judge. Attorney General is appointed by the President on the advice of the government. These are the following qualifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He should be an Indian Citizen 2. He must have either completed 5 years in High Court of any Indian state as a judge or 10 years in High Court as an advocate 3. He may be an eminent jurist too, in the eye of | <p>Similar to Member of Parliament, Attorney General also enjoys all powers related to immunities and privileges</p> | <p>Attorney General is not considered as a government servant. Attorney General can practice privately too as he is not debarred from private legal practice.</p> |

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Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/sc-asks-ag-to-help-in-evacuation-of-medical-students-stranded-in-ukraine-near-romania-border-7798860/>

Q.21) Consider the following statements regarding 'International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'

1. It was established independently of the United Nations through its own international treaty
2. The IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council
3. Italy functions as the depository Government for the IAEA Statute

Select the correct statements

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

Q.21) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| It was established independently of the United Nations through its own international treaty, the IAEA Statute | The IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council. | United States functions as the depository Government for the IAEA Statute. The State is considered a member when its acceptance letter is deposited. The United States then informs the IAEA, which notifies other IAEA Member States |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/not-taking-sides-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-and-the-ukraine-conflict/article65187973.ece>

Q.22) 'Xenotransplantation' involves the transplantation between

- a) Genetically identical individuals of the same species
- b) Different species
- c) Individuals of the same species
- d) Genetically identical individuals of different species

Q.22) Solution(b)

Xenotransplantation is the transplantation of living cells, tissues or organs from one species to another. Such cells, tissues or organs are called xenografts or xenotransplants. It is contrasted with allotransplantation (from other individual of same species), syngeneic transplantation or isograft transplantation (grafts transplanted between two genetically identical individuals of the same species) and autotransplantation (from one part of the body to another in the same person).

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/can-you-make-a-silk-purse-out-of-a-sows-ear/article65187503.ece>

Q.23) Consider the following statements regarding 'Indus Water Treaty'

1. The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan, brokered by the United Nations
2. The Commission is required to meet at least once in a year
3. In cases of dispute or disagreement, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) alone is responsible for arbitration

Select the correct statements

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

d) 2 and 3 only

Q.23) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is a water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan, brokered by the World Bank, to use the water available in the Indus River and its tributaries. It was signed in Karachi on 19 September 1960 by Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistani President Ayub Khan. | The Commission is required to meet at least once in a year to discuss potential disputes as well as cooperative arrangements for the development of the Indus System of Rivers. | In cases of dispute or disagreement, Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) or a neutral technical expert respectively is called in for arbitration. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-says-all-its-projects-fully-compliant-with-provisions-of-indus-waters-treaty/article65188258.ece>

Q.24) With reference to 'Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)', Which of the following statements are CORRECT

1. AIIB is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states
2. India has the third largest voting share after China and Russia

Choose the appropriate code

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

Q.24) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank that aims to improve economic and social outcomes in Asia. The bank was proposed by China in 2013 and the initiative was launched at a ceremony in Beijing in October 2014. | China is the AIIB's largest shareholder with a 26.5% voting share. India is the second largest, with 7.5%, followed by Russia, which has a 5.97% voting share. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/asian-infrastructure-investment-bank-puts-russia-belarus-projects-on-hold/article65187557.ece>

Q.25) Consider the following

1. American depositary receipts (ADRs)
2. Exchange traded funds
3. Reinvested earnings
4. Intra-company loans
5. Mutual funds

Which of the following constitute Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI)

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

Q.25) Solution(a)

Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) refers to the purchase of securities and other financial assets by investors from another country. Examples of foreign portfolio investments include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, American depositary receipts (ADRs), and global depositary receipts (GDRs).

Source: <https://www.outlookindia.com/business/fpi-holdings-in-domestic-equities-down-2-to-654-billion-in-october-december-report-news-185021>

Q.26) 'HANSA-NG' seen in news recently is a

- a) Submarine
- b) Flying trainer
- c) Surface to air missile
- d) Howitzer

Q.26) Solution(b)

India's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore under the aegis of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has successfully completed the sea level trials at Puducherry from 19th February to 5th March, 2022

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1803305>

Q.27) With reference to 'Coal Gasification', consider the following statements

1. Coal gasification is a process in which coal is partially oxidized with air, oxygen, steam or carbon dioxide
2. Coal gasification does not leave any by-product and is eco-friendly

Select the correct statements

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

Q.27) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Incorrect |
| Gasification of coal is a process in which coal is partially oxidated by air, oxygen, steam or carbon dioxide under controlled conditions to produce a fuel gas. | The by-products coal gasification slag and fly ash are formed in the gasifier reaction vessel and differ clearly from bottom ash and fly ash from pulverized coal-fired boilers. The process emits a lot of greenhouse gases. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1803023>

Q.28) Consider the following statements regarding 'Financial Action Task Force (FATF)'

1. The Financial Action Task Force is an intergovernmental organization founded on the initiative of the G-7
2. It maintains a set of three lists – White, grey and black, to monitor jurisdictions
3. Currently, Iran and North Korea are the only two countries on the blacklist

Select the correct statements

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

Q.28) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The Financial Action Task Force (on Money Laundering) (FATF) is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1989 on the initiative of the G7 to develop policies to combat money laundering. In 2001, its | FATF maintains a set of two lists. FATF blacklist (formally called the "Call for action") and the FATF greylist (formally called the "Other monitored jurisdictions").The blacklist has lead financial institutions to shift resources | Currently, Iran and North Korea are the only two countries on the blacklist |

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| mandate was expanded to include terrorism financing | and services away from the listed | |
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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/fatf-retains-pakistan-on-its-terror-funding-grey-list/article65193389.ece#:~:text=Pakistan%20has%20been%20on%20the,complete%20it%20by%20October%202019.>

Q.29) Consider the following statements

1. Anticipatory bail is available against non-cognizable offences only
2. According to the CrPC, Anticipatory bail can be granted by Sessions Court and High Court only

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.29) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| When any person apprehends that there is a move to get him arrested on false or trumped-up charges, or due to enmity with someone, or he fears that a false case is likely to be built up against him, the person has the right to move the court of Session or the High Court under section 438(1) of the code of Criminal Procedure for grant of bail in the event of his arrest for a cognizable or non-cognizable offence | Anticipatory bail is a direction to release a person on bail, issued even before the person is arrested. It is only issued by the Sessions Court and High Court according to Section 438(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/court-refuses-anticipatory-bail-to-chitra-ramkrishna/article65193408.ece>

Q.30) Consider the following statements regarding 'Northern river terrapin'

1. It is a species of oceanic turtle native to Southeast Asia
2. It is categorized as endangered in the IUCN Red List
3. They can migrate 5000-6000 miles during breeding season to reach their sandbanks nesting sites

Choose the correct statements

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None of the above

Q.30) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The northern river terrapin (Batagur baska) is a species of riverine turtle native to Southeast Asia. The species prefers freshwater habitats and moves to brackish river mouths or estuaries in the breeding season (December–March), returning after laying their eggs. | It is classified Critically Endangered by the IUCN Red List. | They are even known to undertake long seasonal migrations of 50 to 60 miles (80.5-96.5 kilometers) to the sand banks where they were hatched |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kolkata/endangered-turtles-fitted-with-gps-transmitters-swim-across-to-bangladesh/article65193281.ece>

Q.31) Consider the following statements regarding 'International Organization of Migration'

1. International Organization of Migration was established as a United Nations agency post World War – 2
2. All the members of United Nations are members of IOM

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.31) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is a United Nations agency that provides services and advice concerning migration to governments and migrants, including internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers. The IOM was established in 1951 as the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) to help resettle people displaced by World War II. It became a United Nations agency in 2016 | As of 2021, the International Organization for Migration has 174 member states and 8 observer states. All the members of United Nations are not members of IOM. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/foreigners-who-fled-ukraine-team-up-to-help-others-escape/article65198406.ece>

Q.32) Consider the following statements

1. The BrahMos is a medium-range Ramjet Supersonic Cruise Missile
2. It is the world's fastest Anti-Ship Cruise Missile currently in operation
3. Currently, India and Russia are the only users of this missile

Select the correct statements

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

Q.32) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| The BrahMos (designated PJ-10) is a medium-range Ramjet Supersonic Cruise Missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft or land. It is notably one of the fastest supersonic cruise missiles in the world | It is the world's fastest Anti-Ship Cruise Missile currently in operation | Currently, India is the only user of this missile. Philippines has signed an agreement to acquire the missile for its Navy and Army. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1803212>

Q.33) 'Geneva Conventions' seen in news recently are related to

- a) Health
- b) World trade
- c) Human rights
- d) Refugee crisis

Q.33) Solution(c)

The Geneva Conventions are four treaties, and three additional protocols, that establish international legal standards for humanitarian treatment in war. The Geneva Conventions extensively define the basic rights of wartime prisoners (civilians and military personnel), established protections for the wounded and sick, and provided protections for the civilians in and around a war-zone; moreover, the Geneva Convention also defines the rights and protections afforded to non-combatants.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/quadrilateral-queasiness-the-hindu-editorial-on-indias-stance-in-russia-ukraine-crisis/article65198277.ece>

Q.34) Consider the following pairs

Country: Bordering sea

1. Croatia: Adriatic sea
2. Romania: Baltic sea
3. Germany: Black sea

Which of the following pairs given above have been appropriately matched

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

Q.34) Solution(a)

1. Croatia: Adriatic sea
2. Romania: Black sea
3. Germany: Baltic sea





Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-sanctions-bite-nord-stream-2-in-the-cross-hairs/article65199039.ece>

Q.35) Consider the following statements

1. Higher inflation leads to higher purchasing power leading to increase in demand
2. Stagflation is a condition when inflation is stagnant but demand is low
3. Private consumer demand is the biggest driver of growth in India

Select the correct statement/s given above

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

d) 1 and 3 only

Q.35) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| Stagflation is a portmanteau of stagnant growth and persistently high inflation. Stagflation is a condition where an economy experiences the worst of both worlds — the growth rate is largely stagnant (along with rising unemployment) and inflation is not only high but persistently so | Higher inflation would decrease the purchasing power, thus bringing down the overall demand | Private consumer demand is the biggest driver of growth in India. Such aggregate demand — the monetary sum of all the soaps, phones, cars, refrigerators, holidays etc. that we all spend on in our personal capacity — accounts for more than 55% of India's total GDP |

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/oil-prices-rise-stagflation-india-russia-ukraine-war-7804516/>

Q.36) Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding 'The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017'

1. The Act is applicable to all establishments employing 10 or more than 10 persons
2. All pregnant women are entitled to 26 weeks of paid leave
3. There is a provision for Maternity leave for adoptive and commissioning mothers

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.36) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The Act is applicable to all establishments employing 10 or more than 10 persons in Factories, Mines, Plantation, Shops & Establishments and other entities | The Maternity Benefit Amendment Act has increased the duration of paid maternity leave available for women employees from the existing 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Under the Maternity Benefit Amendment Act, this benefit could be availed by women for a period extending up to a maximum of 8 weeks before the expected delivery date and the remaining time can be availed after childbirth. For women who are having 2 or more surviving children, the duration of paid maternity leave shall be 12 weeks (i.e. 6 weeks before and 6 weeks after expected date of delivery) | Maternity leave of 12 weeks to be available to mothers adopting a child below the age of three months from the date of adoption as well as to the "commissioning mothers". The commissioning mother has been defined as biological mother who uses her egg to create an embryo planted in any other woman. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/working-women-too-with-a-dream-of-good-childcare/article65202368.ece>

Q.37) 'Doctrine of Proportionality' in India was first adopted in

- Modern Dental College vs State of Madhya Pradesh
- K.S. Puttaswamy vs Union of India
- I R Coelho vs State of Tamil Nadu
- Shreya Singhal vs Union of India

Q.37) Solution(a)

In Modern Dental College vs State of Madhya Pradesh (2016), the top court adopted the proportionality test proposed by Aharon Barak, the former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Israel. It was reiterated in K.S.Puttaswamy vs Union of India (2017).

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/sealed-cover-jurisprudence-is-appalling/article65202281.ece>

Q.38) With reference to 'Palladium', consider the following statements

1. It is a rare metal used in the manufacture of catalytic converters and fuel cells
2. Russia accounts for more than half of world production in Palladium

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.38) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| Palladium is used in catalytic converters, which convert as much as 90% of the harmful gases in automobile exhaust (hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen dioxide) into harmless substances (nitrogen, carbon dioxide and water vapor). Palladium is a key component of fuel cells, which react hydrogen with oxygen to produce electricity, heat, and water | Russia accounted for 40% of world production of Palladium. It is also found in South Africa, Canada and the U.S.A. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/oil-wheat-nickel-storm-higher-on-fears-of-supply-chaos/article65201907.ece>

Q.39) Consider the following statements

1. India's Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) rate is lowest among BRICS countries but is greater than Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
2. India's female workforce is predominantly employed in the informal sector

Select the correct statements

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

Q.39) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|---|
| Incorrect | Correct |
| India's Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) rate is lowest among BRICS countries and it is also lower than Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. | According to a 2018 study by the International Labour Organization (ILO), more than 95% of India's working women are informal workers |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/reaping-the-potential-of-the-female-workforce/article65201946.ece>

Q.40) Consider the following

1. Aravalis
2. Singhbhum basin
3. Cuddapah basin

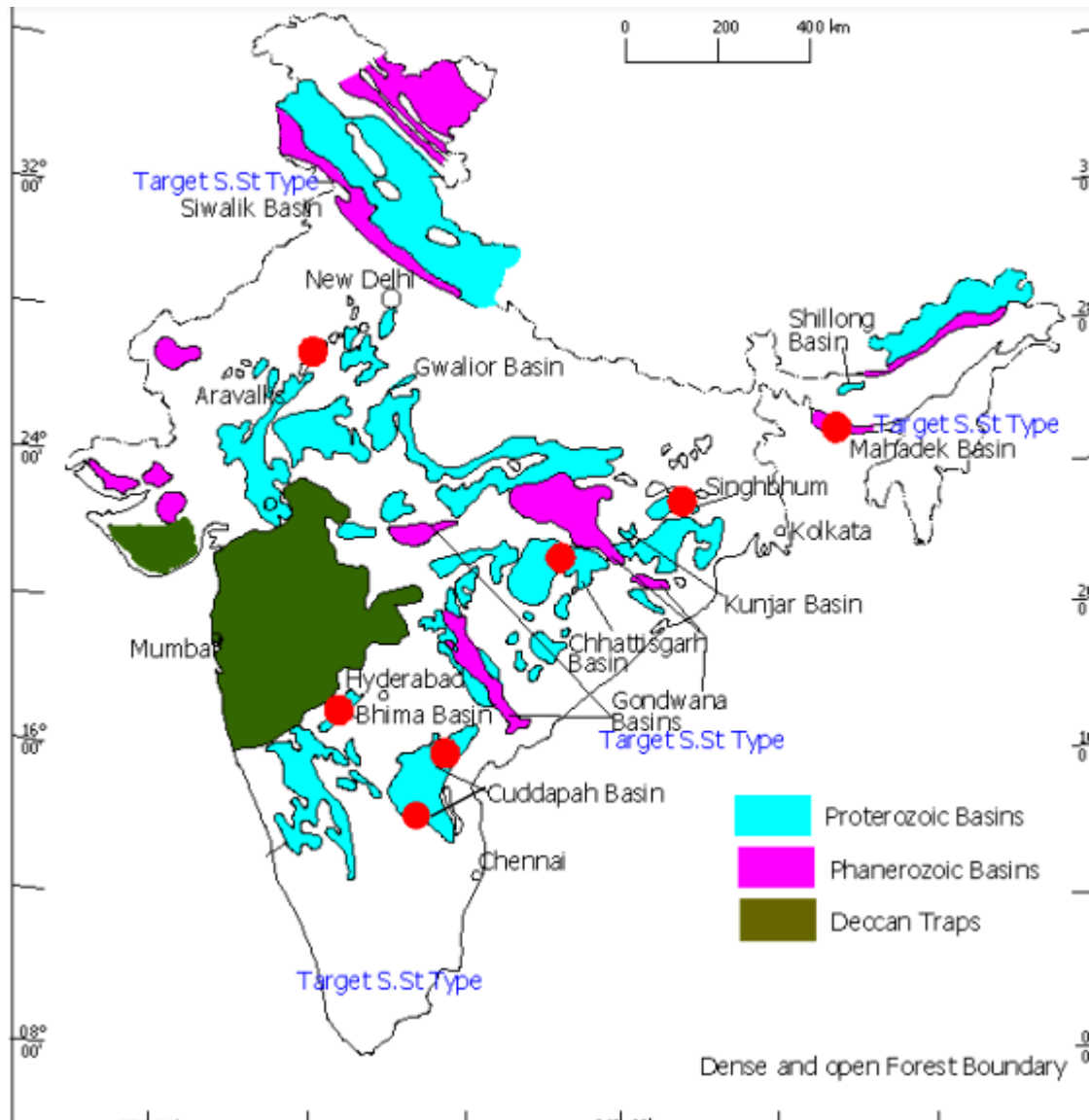
4. Mahadek basin
5. Bhima basin

Uranium deposits in India are found in which of the regions given above ?

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

Q.40) Solution(d)

Uranium deposits are found in all the regions mentioned above.



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/it-is-time-to-allay-fears-over-nuclear-projects-in-andhra-pradesh/article65202101.ece>

Q.41) Consider the following

1. Aerated drinks
2. Petroleum products
3. Luxury cars
4. Alcoholic drinks

5. Tobacco products

Which of the following mentioned above fall under the highest tax slab under Goods and Services Tax?

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

Q.41) Solution(a)

Goods and services are divided into five different tax slabs for collection of tax: 0%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. In addition a cess of 22% or other rates on top of 28% GST applies on few items like aerated drinks, luxury cars and tobacco products. However, petroleum products, alcoholic drinks, and electricity are not taxed under GST and instead are taxed separately by the individual state governments, as per the previous tax system.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/revive-tax-increases-stub-out-tobacco-product-use/article65205393.ece>

Q.42) Consider the following statements regarding 'Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) Initiative'

1. It is a subgroup within South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC)
2. The Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) signed under BBIN will permit the member states to ply their vehicles in each other's territory for transportation of cargo and passengers, including personal vehicles
3. Delhi declaration was recently signed by all the members of BBIN

Select the correct statement/s

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

Q.42) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| The Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal (BBIN) Initiative is a sub-regional architecture of countries in Eastern South Asia, a subregion of South Asia. It is not a grouping within SAARC. | The BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) was signed on 15 June 2015 at the BBIN transport ministers meeting in Thimpu, Bhutan. The agreement will permit the member states to ply their vehicles in each other's territory for transportation of cargo and passengers, including third country transport and personal vehicles. Each vehicle would require an electronic permit to enter another country's territory, and border security arrangement between nations' borders will also remain | Delhi declaration is related to Afghanistan. It does not come under BBIN. |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/bangladesh-india-nepal-move-ahead-on-motor-vehicle-agreement-project/article65205145.ece>

Q.43) 'Jharokha' a pan India programme held recently aims to promote

- Millet cultivation
- Handicrafts
- Traditional sports
- Financial literacy

Q.43) Solution(b)

As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles are organizing “Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture”. It will be a PAN India celebration which will be held at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs. Jharokha is a celebration of the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture. The first event under this celebration is being organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh starting from 8th March 2022 on the occasion of International Women’s Day. It will be organized at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station which is named after the brave and fearless Queen Kamalapati of the Gond kingdom of Madhya Pradesh.

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1803810>

Q.44) Consider the following statements

1. US Dollar inflow into the Indian market leads to a fall in the value of Rupee
2. RBI buys dollars and injects equivalent amount of Rupee when inflation is high

Choose the correct statement/s

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

Q.44) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday conducted a \$ 5 billion dollar-rupee swap auction as part of its liquidity management initiative, leading to infusion of dollars and sucking out of the rupee from the financial system. The central bank’s move will reduce the pressure on inflation and strengthen the | The central bank sells dollars, it sucks out an equivalent amount in rupees, thus reducing the rupee liquidity in the system. The RBI normally brings down liquidity in the system when inflation threatens to rise sharply. |

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Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-what-does-rbis-5-bn-dollar-rupee-swap-mean-7808158/>

Q.45) Consider the following statements

1. India is the world's fifth largest energy consuming country and the largest importer of coal
2. Recently amended rules allow lessee of captive mines to sell coal or lignite up to 50% of the total production
3. The electricity sector is the largest consumer of coking coal in India

Choose the answer using the code given below

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None of the above

Q.45) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| India is the world's third largest energy consuming country and the second largest importer of coal after China | Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 1960 under MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2021 allows lessee of captive mines to sell coal or lignite up to 50% of the total excess production after meeting the requirements of the end- use plant | Coal supplies over 40% of energy in India. Around 30% of coal is imported. Due to high demand and poor average quality, India imports coking coal to meet the requirements of its steel plants. The electricity sector is the largest consumer of raw coal in India. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1803928>

Q.46) Consider the following statements regarding 'National Land Monetisation Corporation'

1. It is set up as a public private partnership with Government retaining management control
2. NLMC will own, hold, manage and monetise surplus land and building assets of CPSEs
3. It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Select the correct statement/s given above

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

Q.46) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| NLMC was first proposed in the Union Budget 2021-22. NLMC will be set up as a wholly-owned Government of India company. | NLMC will own, hold, manage and monetise surplus land and building assets of CPSEs under closure and surplus non-core land assets of Government-owned CPSEs under strategic disinvestment. | NLMC will be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of Public Enterprise, Ministry of Finance. NLMC's initial authorized share capital will be ₹5000 crores and paid-up share capital is ₹150 crore |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cabinet-nod-for-new-firm-to-monetise-land-assets/article65208630.ece/amp/>

Q.47) 'Weddell sea' seen in news is a part of which ocean

- a) Atlantic Ocean
- b) Pacific Ocean
- c) Arctic Ocean
- d) Southern Ocean

Q.47) Solution(d)

The Weddell Sea is part of the Southern Ocean and contains the Weddell Gyre. Its land boundaries are defined by the bay formed from the coasts of Coats Land and the Antarctic Peninsula. The easternmost point is Cape Norvegia at Princess Martha Coast, Queen Maud Land.



Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/shackletons-ship-endurance-found-beneath-antarctic-ice-100-years-on/article65207452.ece>

Q.48) Consider the following statements

1. Governor's address is mentioned in statutory laws enacted by respective states
2. Amendments to the motion of thanks to the Governor's address is not allowed

Choose the correct statement/s given above

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

Q.48) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| Article 176(1) of the Constitution of India enjoins that the Governor shall Address both the Houses assembled together at the commencement of the first Session after each general election to the Assembly and at the commencement of the first session of each year and inform the Legislature of the causes of its Summons | On the first day on which the discussion on the Address of the Governor begins, a copy of the Address of the Governor is laid on the table of the House. The Speaker, in consultation with the Business Advisory Committee, allots time for discussion of the matters referred to in the Governor's Address. A motion is moved by a member and seconded by another member thanking the Governor for the Address. The occasion provided for General Discussion in respect of any aspect of administration and also the matters referred to in the address. Members may move Amendments to the Motion of Thanks in such form as may be considered appropriate by the Speaker |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/tradition-and-formality-the-hindu-editorial-on-politics-and-constitutional-reforms/article65207673.ece>

Q.49) Consider the following statements regarding 'The Global Water System Project'

1. It is a joint initiative of World Bank and United Nation Environment Programme

2. It looks at water governance, water conflict and water shortages across the world

Choose the correct statement/s given above

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

Q.49) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| The Global Water System Project, which was launched in 2003 as a joint initiative of the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) and Global Environmental Change (GEC) . | The Global Water System Project (GWSP) produces evidence on the scientific and human aspects of water use in an era of global environmental change. It looks at water governance, water conflict and water shortages, and aims towards sustainable and equitable water use |

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/water-management-needs-a-hydro-social-approach/article65208277.ece>

Q.50) Consider the following statements

- 1. Hydrogen generation by electrolysis of urea is possible
- 2. The energy requirement for production of hydrogen can be reduced by 40 % through urea electrolysis
- 3. CO_x is emitted as an intermediate during urea oxidation

Which of the following statement/s given above is/are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1 only

- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All the above

Q.50) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| Indian Scientists have designed an electro catalyst system for energy-efficient hydrogen production with the help of electrolysis of urea. The urea electrolysis is helpful towards urea-based waste treatment with low-cost hydrogen production. | The energy requirement for production of hydrogen through water electrolysis can be reduced by 70 % through urea electrolysis. The energy-intensive counterpart of water splitting, oxygen evolution, can be replaced with urea oxidation in urea electrolysis | The main challenge associated with urea oxidation is retaining the prolonged activity of the catalyst as the strong adsorption of the reactive intermediate (COx) on the active site, referred to as catalyst poisoning, causes activity loss. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804399>

Q.51) 'Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN' an annual exercise which took place recently is conducted between India and

- a) United Kingdom
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) Nepal

Q.51) Solution(b)

Ex DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022, an annual exercise between Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Force which commenced on 27 February 2022 at Foreign Training Node, Belgaum successfully culminated on 10 March 2022 after twelve days of intense joint military training.

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804800>

Q.52) Consider the following

1. Electric motors
2. LPG valves
3. Automotive tyres
4. Portland cement
5. Freezers

Which of the following given above require mandatory ISI certification

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

Q.52) Solution(d)

The ISI mark is a standards-compliance mark for industrial products in India since 1955. The mark certifies that a product conforms to an Indian standard (IS) developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the national standards body of India. The ISI mark is mandatory for certain products to be sold in India, such as many of the electrical appliances like switches, electric motors, wiring cables, heaters, freezers, kitchen appliances, etc., and other products like Portland cement, LPG valves, LPG cylinders, automotive tyres etc. In the case of most other products, ISI marks are optional.

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804818>

Q.53) Consider the following statements

1. Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) does not aim nor result in permanent geological storage of carbon dioxide
2. Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) does not result in a net carbon positive to the atmosphere

Choose the correct statement/s

- a) 1 only

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

Q.53) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Correct |
| CCU differs from carbon capture and storage (CCS) in that CCU does not aim nor result in permanent geological storage of carbon dioxide. Instead, CCU aims to convert the captured carbon dioxide into more valuable substances or products; such as plastics, concrete or biofuel; while retaining the carbon neutrality of the production processes | Although CCU does not result in a net carbon positive to the atmosphere, there are several important considerations to be taken into account. Because CO ₂ is a thermodynamically stable form of carbon manufacturing products from it is energy intensive. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804748>

Q.54) Consider the following statements regarding 'National Youth Parliament'

1. The programme envisages Kishore Sabha for the students of Class IX to Class XII and Tarun Sabha for the students of Under Graduate/ Post Graduate level
2. It is conducted by the Ministry of Education

Choose the correct statement/s

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

Q.54) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|---|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| The programme envisages Kishore Sabha for the students of Class IX to Class XII and Tarun Sabha for the students of Under Graduate/ Post Graduate level. All recognized educational institutions of the country are eligible for participation. | It is conducted by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1804717>

Q.55) Consider the following statements

1. The Collegium system came into practice in 1996 for the appointment of judges
2. Collegium comprises of five senior-most judges of the Supreme Court, including and headed by the Chief Justice of India.
3. The recommendation of the Collegium is final and there is no scope for reconsideration

Choose the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.55) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|--|
| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| In the Second Judges Case (1993), Supreme Court introduced the Collegium system, holding that | The Collegium of the Supreme Court consists of 5 senior most Judges including the Chief Justice of India. | The collegium, after carrying out its due deliberations behind closed doors, makes recommendations for |

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| <p>“consultation” really meant “concurrence”. It added that it was not the CJI’s individual opinion, but an institutional opinion formed in consultation with the two senior-most judges in the SC. In the Third Judges Case (1998), Supreme Courts on President’s reference expanded the Collegium to a five-member body, comprising the CJI and four of his senior-most colleagues</p> | | <p>appointments and transfers to the Union Law Ministry. In the event a name is sent back by the ministry for its reconsideration, the collegium may consider it again. If the collegium reiterates its recommendation, the protocol has it that the candidature is then cleared</p> |
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Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cji-rues-lack-of-women-among-hc-judges/article65211469.ece>

Q.56) With reference to the Rudreswara Temple situated near Warangal, consider the following statements:

1. It is the only temple in India to be named after its sculptor
2. The construction of the temple was completed during the reign of Rudrama Devi
3. It is a soapstone temple built using sandbox technique
4. Italian traveller Marco Polo had visited this temple during his travel in India

Which of the above given statements are correct?

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

Q.56) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 | Statement 4 |
|---|---|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| The temple is named after the sculptor Ramappa, who built it, and is perhaps the only temple in India to be named after its craftsman | An inscription in the temple says it was constructed in the year 1213 CE by Recharla Rudra—a General of Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva 1199–1262. It has been built over 40 years by sculptor Ramappa | The main structure is in a reddish sandstone, but the columns round the outside have large brackets of black basalt which is rich in iron, magnesium and silica | Marco Polo, during his visit to the Kakatiya empire, allegedly called the temple "the brightest star in the galaxy of temples" |

Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1738864>

Context: This temple is in news as it received UNESCO world heritage site status and the 39th such site in India.

Q.57) Consider the following statements

1. Phosphate rock deposits can be sedimentary but not igneous
2. Phosphorous plays a major role in energy transfer and photosynthesis in plants
3. India is entirely dependent on imports for phosphate usage

Select the correct statements

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

Q.57) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Phosphorus rocks or phosphate rocks are unprocessed ores. Phosphate rock deposits can be sedimentary (formed from sediment deposited by water or air) or igneous (having solidified from lava or magma)</p> | <p>Phosphorus cannot be substituted by any other mineral, as it is vital for a number of reasons in agriculture. It plays a major role in photosynthesis and energy transfer in plants. Further, it is essential for the production of seed and root formation. It promotes early plant maturity and stalks strength.</p> | <p>Currently, India is 90% dependent on imports for this raw material. Phosphate rocks are majorly produced only from two States in India, namely Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Currently, there exists 30 lakh MT of phosphorite deposits in the country, for which important steps are being taken by the Government to ramp up its production. These deposits are available in Rajasthan, central part of peninsular India, Hirapur (Madhya Pradesh), Lalitpur (Uttar Pradesh), Mussoorie syncline, and Cuddapah basin (Andhra Pradesh)</p> |
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Context: Phosphorous was in news as the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers told the Parliament that steps were being taken to explore Indigenous Deposits of Phosphatic rock

Q.58) 'Fazil, Khirsapatin, Zardalu' seen in news are

- GI variety of mangoes
- Mountain passes
- Tribes located in North-East
- Musical instruments

Q.58) Solution(a)

Fazil, Khirsapatin, Zardalu are GI certified varieties of mangoes. While Fazil and Khirsapatin are grown in West Bengal, Zardalu is grown in Bihar.

Context- A week long Indian mango promotion programme was organized in Bahrain

Q.59) Consider the following statements regarding 'NIPUN Bharat Mission'

1. The scheme aims to ensure Universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the time a child reaches grade 5
2. It is a central sector scheme under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.59) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The scheme aims to ensure Universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) so that by 2026-27 every child achieve the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy at the end of grade 3 and not later than grade 5. | It is launched under centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha |

Context- The Department of School Education and Literacy had launched the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy, NIPUN Bharat Mission on 5th July, 2021 with the aim to achieve the goal of universal proficiency in foundational literacy and numeracy for every child by grade 3, as envisaged by National Education Policy 2020

Q.60) Which of the following Tiger Reserves are located in the central Indian range ?

1. Satpura Tiger Reserve
2. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve
3. Panna Tiger Reserve

4. Kanha Tiger reserve

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Q.60) Solution(c)

Satpura, Panna and Kanha Tiger Reserves are located in Madhya Pradesh in Central India. Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is located in Uttar Pradesh that stretches mainly across the Lakhimpur Kheri and Bahraich districts and shares the north-eastern boundary with Nepal.

Context- 14 Tiger Reserves in India received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards (CA | TS)

Q.61) Consider the following statements

1. 'Union' and 'Centre' both find place in the original constitution and can be used interchangeably
2. The term 'Union' was first officially found in the Cabinet Mission Plan

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.61) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| The Indian Constitution constantly uses the word “Union” to describe the entire country as well as the government that administers it. For example, Article 53 reads, “the executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President”. Central government is a term not used in the original Constitution as passed by the Constituent Assembly. | The modern term “Union” was first officially used in 1946 by the Cabinet Mission Plan, a British scheme to keep India united after transfer of power. |

Context- The new Government formed in Tamil Nadu has carried the term ‘Union Government’ in place of ‘Central Government’ used earlier.

Q.62) ‘Right to be forgotten’ is an intrinsic part of

- a) Article 21
- b) Article 19
- c) Article 14
- d) Article 15

Q.62) Solution(a)

‘Right to be forgotten’ is an intrinsic part of Article 21. In 2017, the Right to Privacy was declared a fundamental right (under Article 21) by the Supreme Court in its landmark verdict (Puttuswamy case).

Context- A celebrity has approached Delhi High Court seeking removal of his videos, photographs and articles from the internet citing ‘Right to be forgotten’

Q.63) Consider the following statements regarding ‘Khadi and Village Industries Commission’

1. KVIC is a statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1966.
2. It functions under the Ministry of Textiles
3. Project BOLD was launched by KVIC to promote bamboo based green zones in arid and semi-arid regions

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.63) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|---|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| KVIC is a statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956. KVIC is charged with the planning, promotion, organisation and implementation of programmes for the development of Khadi and other village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary | It functions under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. | Project BOLD was launched by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) & BSF in Jaisalmer to Prevent Desertification and Support Rural Economy. The objective of this project is to create bamboo-based green patches in arid and semi-arid land zones, To reduce desertification and provide livelihood and multi-disciplinary rural industry support. |

Context: Recently Project BOLD was launched by KVIC & BSF.

Q.64) Consider the following statements regarding 'Black Carbon'

1. It is a short-lived pollutant that is the third-largest contributor to warming the planet behind carbon dioxide and Nitrous Oxide
2. Primary sources of Black Carbon include emissions from diesel engines, cook stoves, wood burning and forest fires

Select the correct statements

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

Q.64) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Incorrect | Correct |
| It is a short-lived pollutant that is the second-largest contributor to warming the planet behind carbon dioxide (CO ₂). | Primary sources of Black Carbon include emissions from diesel engines, cook stoves, wood burning and forest fires. |

Context- A research was conducted on black carbon and its impacts on health

Q.65) With reference to 'Retail Direct Scheme', consider the following statements

1. Retail investors will be allowed to open retail direct gilt accounts (RDG) directly with RBI.
2. All Government securities including State Development Loans are available to the users
3. A dedicated online portal will provide registered users access to Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching system (NDS-OM).

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.65) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Correct |
|---|---|---|
| Retail investors will be allowed to open retail direct gilt accounts (RDG) directly with RBI under Retail Direct Scheme | A dedicated online portal will provide registered users access to primary issuance of government securities and to Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching system (NDS-OM) | Investments available to the user under this scheme are- 1. Government of India Treasury Bills. 2. Government of India dated securities. 3. Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB). 4. State Development Loans (SDLs) |

Context- RBI Retail Direct Scheme was launched

Q.66) 'Carbon Border Tax' is being contemplated by

- G-20
- European Union
- OPEC
- UNFCCC

Q.66) Solution(b)

The European Commission adopted a proposal for a new Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism which will put a carbon price on imports (Carbon Border Tax) of a targeted selection of products so that ambitious climate action in Europe does not lead to 'carbon leakage'.

Context- European Union's recent proposal on the first of its kind carbon border tax.

Q.67) Consider the following statements regarding 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund'

- It aims to provide for long term debt financing for investments in post-harvest infrastructure
- It is a central sector schemes which provides interest-free loans to the beneficiaries
- Eligibility has been extended to State agencies and Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs), as well as federations of cooperative organisations, FPOs and SHGs

Select the correct statements

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

Q.67) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|---|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The scheme shall provide a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support | It is a Central Sector Scheme called Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (National Agriculture Infra Financing Facility). Loans will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of seven years. | Eligible Beneficiaries are Farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), Marketing Cooperative Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLG), Multipurpose Cooperative Societies, Agri-entrepreneurs, Start-ups, and Central/State agency or Local Body sponsored PPP Projects. Eligibility has been extended to State agencies and Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs), as well as federations of cooperative organisations, FPOs and SHGs |

Context: Recently, the Union Cabinet approved some modifications in the Central Sector Scheme of Financing Facility under 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund'

Q.68) Consider the following statements

1. The Constitution provides that the office of the Speaker should never be empty
2. There are no specific qualifications prescribed for being elected the Speaker
3. The term of the Speaker is co-terminus with the term of Lok Sabha

Choose the correct statements

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

Q.68) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|--|
| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| The Constitution provides that the office of the Speaker should never be empty. Article 93 for Lok Sabha and Article 178 for state Assemblies state that these Houses “shall, as soon as may be”, choose two of its members to be Speaker and Deputy Speaker. The Constitution neither sets a time limit nor specifies the process for these elections. It leaves it to the legislatures to decide how to hold these elections. | The Constitution of India requires the Speaker to be a member of the House. z Although there are no specific qualifications prescribed for being elected the Speaker, an understanding of the Constitution and the laws of the country is considered a major asset for the holder of the Office of the Speaker. | The Speaker holds Office from the date of his/her election till immediately before the first meeting of the next Lok Sabha (for 5 years). Whenever the Lok Sabha is dissolved, the Speaker does not vacate his office and continues till the newly-elected Lok Sabha meets |

Context- Maharashtra had been without a Speaker since February, 2021 while Lok Sabha and several State Assemblies are without a Deputy Speaker.

Q.69) Consider the following statements

1. Heat domes occur in the Northern Hemisphere only
2. Strong and low pressure atmospheric conditions combine with influences from La-Nina act like a dome
3. The phenomenon begins when there is a strong change (or gradient) in ocean temperatures

Select the correct statements

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

Q.69) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| Heat domes occur in both the hemispheres. | Strong and high pressure atmospheric conditions combine with influences from La-Nina act like a dome | The phenomenon begins when there is a strong change (or gradient) in ocean temperatures. In the process known as convection, the gradient causes more warm air, heated by the ocean surface, to rise over the ocean surface. |

Context- Recently, the Pacific Northwest and some parts of Canada recorded temperatures around 47 degrees, causing a “historic” heat wave.

Q.70) With reference to ‘Aurora’, consider the following statements

1. It is a display of light in the sky which occurs in the high latitude regions (Arctic and Antarctic) only.
2. The typical aurora is caused by collisions between charged particles from space with the oxygen and Hydrogen in Earth's upper atmosphere

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.70) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| An Aurora is a display of light in the sky predominantly seen in the high latitude regions (Arctic and Antarctic). It is also known as a Polar light. ☐ They commonly occur at high northern and southern latitudes, less frequent at mid-latitudes, and seldom seen near the equator | Auroras are caused when charged particles ejected from the Sun's surface - called the solar wind - enter the Earth's atmosphere. The typical aurora is caused by collisions between charged particles from space with the oxygen and nitrogen in Earth's upper atmosphere. |

Context- Recently, the UAE's Hope spacecraft has captured images of glowing atmospheric lights in the Mars night sky, known as discrete auroras

Q.71) Consider the following statements regarding 'Neo Banks'

1. It is a type of direct bank that operates exclusively online
2. It comes under payment banks under RBI rules
3. They provide most services excluding credit cards

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 only

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

Q.71) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| A neobank is a type of direct bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks. | There is no such category of banks under the RBI rules | They provide banking services use such as savings accounts, instant loans, credit cards, mutual funds, and fixed deposits. They do this via tie-ups with Reserve Bank of India (RBI)-licensed banks. |

Context- Recent surge of neo-banks in Indian market**Q.72) Consider the following statements regarding 'National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)'**

1. The scheme has a special focus on regions surrounding tropical evergreen forests
2. A Viability Price(VP) on the lines of Minimum Support Price is a feature of this scheme
3. It comes under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Select the correct statements

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

Q.72) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|---|---|
| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| The scheme will have a special focus on Northeast region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. But, there's no focus on region surrounding tropical evergreen forests per se. | The Government of India will give a price assurance to the oil palm farmers for the FFBs. This will be known as the Viability Price (VP). This VP shall be the annual average CPO price of the last 5 years adjusted with the wholesale price index to be multiplied by 14.3 %. This will be fixed yearly for the oil palm year from 1st November to 31st October | The scheme comes under the Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare |

Context- NMEO – OP was launched recently

Q.73) Consider the following statements

1. Flow of warm, salty water in the bottom layers of the ocean northwards from the Gulf of Mexico
2. Cooler denser water sinks and returns southwards towards tropics and then to the South Atlantic as a upper current

Which of the following statements are correct with respect to Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC)

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

Q.73) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|---|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| Flow of warm, salty water in the upper layers of the ocean northwards from the Gulf of Mexico .This is made up of the “Gulf Stream” to the south and the “North Atlantic Current” further north | Cooling of water in the high latitudes of the Atlantic, which makes the water denser. This denser water then sinks and returns southwards towards tropics and then to the South Atlantic as a bottom current. |

Context- It is very likely that AMOC will decline over the 21st century, according to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Q.74) Consider the following

1. Computational chemistry
2. Cryptography
3. Machine learning
4. Drug design and development
5. Weather Forecasting

Which of the following are the applications of Quantum Computing?

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

Q.74) Solution(d)

All the applications given above are possible through quantum computing.

Context- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) recently launched QSim – Quantum Computer Simulator Toolkit.

Q.75) ‘Moplah/Malabar Rebellion’ took place during

- a) Quit India Movement

- b) Non Co-operation Movement
- c) Civil Disobedience Movement
- d) Indigo Movement

Q.75) Solution(b)

Malabar rebellion, also known as the Moplah riots, was an armed uprising of Muslim tenants against British rulers and local Hindu landlords in 1921. It occurred within the broader spectrum of the Khilafat/Non-cooperation movement (1920-1922) led by Mahatma Gandhi.

Context- Malabar Rebellion leaders Variamkunnath Kunhamed Haji, Ali Musaliar and 387 other “Moplah martyrs” will be removed from the Dictionary of Martyrs of India’s Freedom Struggle.

Q.76) Consider the following statements regarding ‘e-RUPI’

1. It is a virtual currency backed by Indian Rupee
2. It has been developed by the Reserve Bank of India

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.76) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| e-RUPI is backed by existing Indian rupee as underlying asset and it’s specificity of purpose makes it different from a virtual currency and puts it closer to a voucher-based payment system | It has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India on its UPI platform, in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and National Health |

Authority

Context- e-RUPI was launched by the Prime Minister to allow cashless payment solution for covid-19 vaccine.

Q.77) Consider the following statements

1. The Asian Elephant is the largest living land animal in Asia
2. Asian Elephant is diurnal in nature and browse more in the dry season
3. Karnataka has the highest number of elephants in India

Consider the following statements

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

Q.77) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The Asian elephant is the largest living land animal in Asia. | Elephants are crepuscular. i.e, one that is active primarily during the twilight period being matutinal, vespertine, or both. They are generalist feeders, and are both grazers and browsers. They browse more in the dry season with bark constituting a major part of their diet in the cool part of that season | There are around 32 Elephant Reserves in India. Karnataka has the highest number of elephants, followed by Assam |

Context- On occasion of World Elephant Day, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has announced joint exercise for the All-India elephant and tiger population estimation in 2022

Q.78) 'SonChiraiya' seen in news is related to

- a) Promotion of research and development
- b) Conservation of bio-diversity
- c) Urban self-help groups
- d) Organic farming

Q.78) Solution(c)

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affair (MoHUA) launched 'SonChiraiya' – (A brand and logo) for marketing of urban Self-Help Group (SHG) products. It will increase visibility and global access for products made by urban SHG women.

Context- It was recently launched

Q.79) Consider the following statements regarding 'Geological Survey of India'

1. It is the oldest organization in India and was established for conducting geological surveys and studies
2. It comes under the Ministry of Mines
3. GSI alone is responsible for declaring geo-heritage sites and taking necessary measures to protect them

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.79) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|---|---|
| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| GSI is one of the oldest of such organisations in the world and the second oldest survey in India after Survey of India (founded in 1767), for conducting geological surveys and studies of India. | The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is a scientific agency of India. It was founded in 1851, is a Government of India organization under the Ministry of Mines | Geological Survey of India (GSI) declares geo heritage sites/ national geological monuments for protection and maintenance. GSI or the respective State governments take necessary measures to protect these sites. |

Context- Twelve locations in Northeast are included in 32 approved geo-tourism or geo-heritage sites in the country

Q.80) Consider the following statements

1. Governors can only pardon in the cases which are related to state's law
2. Governor doesn't have any power on matters related to court martial

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.80) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Correct |
| Governors can only pardon in the cases which are related to state's law not the central law | Governor doesn't have any power on matters related to military rules like court martial, however the president can pardon or alter them too. |

Context- Previously, the governor cannot pardon the death sentence, which only the Indian President can do. But recently the Supreme Court held that the Governor of a State can pardon prisoners, including death row ones, even before they have served a minimum of 14 years of a prison sentence.

Q.81) He was influenced by the Mughal school of painting as well as Whistler's Aestheticism. Most of his works revolved around Hindu philosophy. Some of his books like 'BudoAngla', 'KhirerPutul' and 'Rajkahini' are best examples of Bengali children's literature. He was

- a) Subhash Chandra Bose
- b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- c) Abanindranath Tagore
- d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

Q.81) Solution(c)

Abanindranath Tagore believed in the traditional Indian techniques of painting. His philosophy rejected the "materialistic" art of the West and came back to Indian traditional art forms. He was influenced by the Mughal school of painting as well as Whistler's Aestheticism. Most of his works revolved around Hindu philosophy. Bharat Mata, The Passing of Shah Jahan (1900), My Mother (1912–13), Fairyland illustration (1913), Journey's End (circa 1913) were his famous paintings. Some of his books like 'BudoAngla', 'KhirerPutul' and 'Rajkahini' are best examples of Bengali children's literature.

Context- Abanindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary was recently celebrated.

Q.82) Consider the following statements

1. Preventive detention is for a maximum period of six months in India
2. India is the only country in the world with a Constitution that provides for preventative detention
3. Only the centre and not states are empowered to enact laws on preventive detention

Select the correct statements

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

- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None of the above

Q.82) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Incorrect | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| In India, preventive detention is for a maximum period of three months, a limit which can be changed by the Parliament. According to Preventive Detention Act 1950, it can be extended beyond three months up to a total of twelve months, only on the favourable recommendation of an advisory board, made up of High Court judges or persons eligible to be appointed High Court judges | India is one of the few countries in the world whose Constitution allows for preventive detention during peacetime without safeguards that elsewhere are understood to be basic requirements for protecting fundamental human rights. | India's National Security Act of 1980 empowers the Central Government and State Governments to detain a person to prevent him/her from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of India, the relations of India with foreign countries, the maintenance of public order, or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the community it is necessary so to do |

Context – There was a Telangana High Court judgement on Preventive Detention**Q.83) With reference to 'Conjugate Vaccine', consider the following statements**

1. It is a type of subunit vaccine which combines a weak antigen with a strong antigen as a carrier
2. The vaccine can be given both in-vivo and ex-vivo methods

Select the correct statements

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.83) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|---|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| A conjugate vaccine is a type of subunit vaccine which combines a weak antigen with a strong antigen as a carrier so that the immune system has a stronger response to the weak antigen. | The method of vaccine delivery is intramuscular that is in vivo. Ex vivo is not possible in conjugate vaccines. |

Context- Recently, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has launched Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) immunisation drive for infants.

Q.84) Consider the following statements regarding 'Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana'

1. The scheme aims to encourage and promote skill development in the country by providing free short duration skill training
2. It is implemented by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Which of the given statement/s above are correct

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

Q.84) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|-------------|-------------|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |

| | |
|--|---|
| The scheme aims to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups of Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Safai Karamcharis. | It is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment |
|--|---|

Context- PM DAKSH portal and app was launched recently

Q.85) Consider the following statements regarding 'Ubharte Sitaare Alternative Investment Fund'

1. The main purpose is to encourage MSMEs and promote the growth of economy
2. The fund has been set up jointly by Exim Bank and SEBI
3. A corpus of 2500 crores has been set up under this scheme

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.85) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The main purpose is to encourage MSMEs as they are vital to the economy in terms of creating jobs, fostering innovations and reviving the economy | The fund has been set up jointly by Exim Bank and SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) which will invest in the fund by way of equity and equity-like products in export-oriented units, in both manufacturing and services sectors | It has a corpus of Rs 250 crore with a green shoe option of Rs 250 crore |

Context – The Ministry of Finance has launched 'Ubharte Sitaare' Alternative Investment Fund to facilitate debt and equity funding to export-oriented MSMEs (Micro Small and medium Enterprises

Q.86) Consider the following statements regarding 'People's Plan Campaign'

1. It is an effective strategy for ensuring the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)
2. It is co-ordinated by civil society organizations, private sector and the Government

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.86) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| The People's Plan Campaign (PPC) is an effective strategy for ensuring the preparation of GPDP in a campaign mode. During the campaign, structured Gram Sabha meetings will be held for preparing Panchayat Development Plans for the next financial year 2022–2023 | People's Plan Campaign (PPC) is co-ordinated by Department of Panchayati Raj(DoPR) at the state level. It does not involve civil society organizations and private sector. |

Context- People's Plan Campaign(PPC) was recently launched by Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Q.87) With reference to 'Deputy Speaker', consider the following statements

1. The office of Deputy Speaker is not mentioned in the constitution of India

2. The post of deputy speaker is conventionally given to the second largest party in the Parliament

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.87) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The office of Deputy Speaker is mentioned in Article 93 and Article 94 of the Constitution | The post of deputy speaker (since Morarji Desai Government) is conventionally given to the biggest opposition party in the house, with few exceptions. |

Context - Delhi High Court sought Lok Sabha Secretariat reply to a petition on the vacant post of deputy speaker for over 2 years

Q.88) 'Early Harvest Scheme' seen in news is used in the context of

- a) Agriculture
- b) Intellectual property
- c) Trade deal
- d) Demographic dividend

Q.88) Solution(c)

Early harvest scheme is a precursor to an FTA between two trading partners. This is to help the two trading countries identify certain products for tariff liberalisation pending the conclusion of FTA negotiation. It is primarily a confidence building measure.

Context - India is keen to conclude an “early harvest” trade deal with some countries

Q.89) In which one of the following groups are all the three countries members of Shanghai Co-operation Organization(SCO) ?

- a) China, Turkmenistan, Russia
- b) India, Azerbaijan, Pakistan
- c) Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, India
- d) Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, China

Q.89) Solution(d)

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental organization founded in Shanghai on 15 June 2001. The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan), four Observer States interested in acceding to full membership (Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia) and six “Dialogue Partners” (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Turkey).

Context – 21st Meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State took place

Q.90) Consider the following statements regarding ‘Antarctic Treaty’

1. One of the objective is to establish it as a zone free of nuclear tests and the disposal of radioactive waste
2. India is a member and was one of the original signatories to this treaty
3. India has established Maitri, Bharati and Himadri research stations as a result of signing this treaty

Select the correct statements

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

Q.90) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |
| <p>The Antarctic Treaty came into force on 23 June 1961 after ratification by the twelve countries then active in Antarctic science. Its objectives are simple yet unique in international relations. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To demilitarize Antarctica, 2. To establish it as a zone free of nuclear tests and the disposal of radioactive waste, and to ensure that it is used for peaceful purposes only; 3. To promote international scientific cooperation in Antarctica; to set aside disputes over territorial sovereignty | <p>India signed this agreement in 1983 and has a consulting status.</p> | <p>India has established Bharati and Maitri research stations in Antarctica. Himadri is India's first permanent research station in Arctic region.</p> |

Context - India Extended support for protecting Antarctic environment and for designating East Antarctica and Weddell Sea as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

Q.91) Consider the following statements regarding 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles'

1. It is applicable for both man-made fibres and technical textiles

2. Only manufacturing company registered in India will be eligible to participate under the scheme
3. It has a budgetary outlay of 1,00,000 crores over five years

Select the correct statement/s

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

Q.91) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| Government has recently approved the PLI Scheme for Textiles for man-made fibre (MMF) Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles | Only manufacturing company registered in India will be eligible to participate under the scheme. | The scheme has a budgetary outlay of 10,683 crores with a duration of 5 years i.e. during FY 2025- 26 to FY 2029-30. |

Context - Government has approved the PLI Scheme for Textiles

Q.92) Consider the following statements

1. Telecom sector was nationalized by Government of India under Indira Gandhi
2. Private sector participation in telecom equipment manufacturing was allowed post LPG reforms in 1991

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.92) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| All telecommunication companies were nationalized in 1947 and a body named Posts, Telegraph and Telephone was formed. | Private sector participation in telecom equipment manufacturing began in 1984. |

Context - The Union Cabinet approved structural and process reforms in the Telecom sector

Q.93) With reference to 'Card Tokenization guidelines' announced by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), consider the following statements

1. Tokenization refers to replacement of card details with an alternative code for every transaction
2. No entity in the card transaction/payment chain shall store the actual card data for more than 2 months
3. The guidelines are applicable to every device that connects with the internet including wrist watches, bands

Select the correct statements using the appropriate code given below

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

Q.93) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| Tokenization refers to | With effect from January 1, | The guidelines extend the |

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| replacement of card details with an alternative code called a 'token', which is unique for a combination of card, token requestor (the entity that accepts a request from the customer for tokenization of a card and passes it on to the card network to issue a token) and the device | 2022, no entity in the card transaction/payment chain, other than the card issuers and/or card networks, shall store the actual card data. | tokenization guidelines to every device that connects with the internet, including mobile phones, tablets, laptops, desktops, wrist watches, bands, Internet of Things devices as well as payment aggregators. |
|---|--|--|

Context – RBI recently announced new guidelines for card tokenization.

Q.94) 'Regulatory Sandbox' seen in news is used in the context of

- a) Nuclear technology
- b) Vaccine trials
- c) Free trade
- d) Product testing

Q.94) Solution(d)

Regulatory Sandbox refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may (or may not) permit certain regulatory relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.

Context – RBI announced opening of third cohort under Regulatory Sandbox.

Q.95) Consider the following statements regarding 'Dugongs'

1. It is the only existing species of herbivorous mammal that lives exclusively in the sea
2. In India, It is found in waters around Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Choose the correct statement/s

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

Q.95) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Correct | Correct |
| Dugongs, also known as Sea Cows, are the only herbivorous marine mammals and the only member of the family Dugongidae, making it one of the four surviving species in the Order Sirenia (other is Trichechidae, or the manatee family). It is classified as Vulnerable by IUCN | Dugongs are protected in India and occur in Gulf of Mannar, Palk Bay, Gulf of Kutch and Andaman and Nicobar islands. |

Context - Tamil Nadu government announced India's first conservation reserve for Dugongs in Palk Bay

Q.96) 'Overground workers' a term seen in news is used in the context of

- a) Sanitation
- b) Militancy
- c) Healthcare
- d) Diplomacy

Q.96) Solution(b)

Over ground workers (OGWs) are people who help militants, or terrorists, with logistical support, cash, shelter, and other infrastructure with which armed groups and insurgency movements such as Hizbul Mujaheddin and Jaish-e-Muhammad in Jammu and Kashmir can operate.

Context - Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) police recently arrested three overground workers (OGWs) for a grenade attack on a Central Reserve Police Forces (CRPF) camp.

Q.97) Consider the following statements regarding 'Methanol'

1. It is a low carbon, hydrogen carrier fuel produced from high ash coal
2. It can be made from any source that can be converted into synthesis gas
3. Methanol Economy Research Programme has been launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Choose the correct statement/s

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

Q.97) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| Methanol is a low carbon, hydrogen carrier fuel produced from high ash coal, agricultural residue, CO ₂ from thermal power plants and natural gas. | Methanol can be made from any source that can be converted into synthesis gas (CO and H ₂). | Methanol Economy Research Programme has been launched by the Department of Science and Technology |

Context - India's first Indigenously Designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant was inaugurated

Q.98) Consider the following

1. Influence of Gandhara, Mathura and Kushana styles

2. Use of sandstone, granite and brick
3. Dedicated to a single god rather than a large number of gods

Which of the following given above are the features of 'Gupta Temple architecture'?

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

Q.98) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| The Gupta style was influenced by Kushana, Mathura, and Gandhara and borrowed the common features of T-shaped doorways, decorated door jambs, sculpted panels with high-relief figures, and laurel-wreath and acanthus motifs | The temples were constructed using sandstone, granite, and brick. | Gupta temples were dedicated to a large number of Hindu gods rather than a single deity. |

Context - The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found remains of an ancient temple dating back to the Gupta Period, 5th Century CE in Uttar Pradesh.

Q.99) With reference to 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', consider the following statements

1. Beneficiaries will be provided with first LPG refill and Stove (hotplate) both free of cost along with their deposit free connection by the Government
2. It is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Choose the correct statement/s

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

Q.99) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| All PMUY beneficiaries will be provided with first LPG refill and Stove (hotplate) both free of cost along with their deposit free connection by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) | Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG), introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY) as a flagship scheme with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes etc. |

Context - Migrant workers can avail a free cooking gas connection on the basis of a self-declaration without any need for documents like address proof under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

Q.100) Consider the following statements regarding 'India Plastic Pact'

1. The pact is collaboration between World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
2. It aims to transform the current linear plastics system into a circular plastics economy

Which of the following statement(s) given above is/are true

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

Q.100) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Correct |
| The India Plastics Pact is a collaboration between WWF India and CII—anchored at the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD), and supported by WRAP, a global NGO based in the UK | The Pact aims to transform the current linear plastics system into a circular plastics economy |

Context – India Plastic Pact was in news**Q.101) With reference to 'Pusa Decomposer', consider the following statements**

1. It is a bio-enzyme developed by Indian Agricultural Research Institute in association with Punjab University
2. It decomposes the stubble within a span of 10 days and turns it into manure

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

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

Q.101) Solution(d)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| The Pusa decomposer, is a bio-enzyme developed by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) to decompose crop residue. | It can turn crop residue into organic manure in just 15-20 days. |

Context- Delhi Government employed this bio decomposer to discourage stubble burning.

Q.102) Consider the following statements regarding 'E-Shram'

1. It is the web portal for creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW)
2. Every worker registered under this portal will be given a 16 digit unique identification number
3. It is co-ordinated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment

Choose the correct statement/s 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

Q.102) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| It is the web portal for creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW), which will be seeded with Aadhaar | It seeks to register an estimated 398-400 million unorganised workers and to issue an EShram card containing a 12-digit unique number | The registration of workers on the portal will be coordinated by the Labour Ministry, state governments, trade unions and CSCs |

Context- E-Shram portal was launched recently

Q.103) Consider the following statements regarding 'Strengthening the Potential of India (SPIN) scheme'

1. The Scheme enables the registered potters to get a direct loan from the banks under Pradhan Mantri Shishu Mudra Yojana
2. It is launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Choose the correct statement/s given above

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

Q.103) Solution(a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| The Scheme enables the registered potters to get a direct loan from the banks under Pradhan Mantri Shishu Mudra Yojana. Under this Scheme, KVIC is acting as a facilitator for financial aid to potters through RBL bank and also providing training to the artisans, opting for this scheme | Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched the scheme called SPIN (Strengthening the Potential of India). |

Context – The scheme was launched by KVIC

Q.104) Consider the following statements regarding 'Sea Cucumbers'

1. Sea cucumbers are marine invertebrates that live in tropical regions
2. The presence of sea cucumbers is essential for the survival of the coral reefs
3. All the species of Sea cucumbers are classified as endangered and come under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act,1972

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only

- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) All the above

Q.104) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|--|---|--|
| Correct | Correct | Incorrect |
| Sea cucumbers are marine invertebrates that live on the seafloor found generally in tropical regions. They're named for their unusual oblong shape that resembles a fat cucumber | They are crucial to maintain the balance of ocean habitats. The main by-products of the sea cucumbers digestion of sand is calcium carbonate and this is essential for the survival of the coral reefs. | It comes under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. But not all sea cucumbers are endangered. IUCN Red List: Brown Sea Cucumber (Endangered), Blackspotted Sea Cucumber (Least Concern), Blue Sea Cucumber (Data Deficient), etc |

Context - The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) had seized two tonnes of sea cucumber, a banned marine species, in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay areas in Tamil Nadu.

Q.105) 'Nukhai' seen in news is a

- a) Harvest festival
- b) Sacred grove
- c) Ancient script
- d) Tribal fair

Q.105) Solution(a)

It is an agricultural festival, observed to welcome the new rice of the season. It is observed on the fifth day of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada or Bhaadra (August–September), the day after the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. It is celebrated in Western Odisha and adjoining areas of Simdega in Jharkhand.

Context – The festival was in news

Q.106) With reference to the Account Aggregator framework, seen recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. An Account Aggregator provides the service of retrieving or collecting financial information pertaining to its customer.
2. The licence for Account Aggregator is issued by the RBI.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.106) Solution (c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Correct |
| According to the Reserve Bank of India, an Account Aggregator is a non-banking financial company engaged in the business of providing, under a contract, the service of retrieving or collecting financial information pertaining to its customer. It is also engaged in consolidating, organising and presenting such information to the customer or any other financial information user as may be specified by the bank | The AA framework was created through an inter-regulatory decision by RBI and other regulators including Securities and Exchange Board of India, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) through and initiative of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) |

Context – A new framework was launched for Account Aggregators

Q.107) Manda Buffalo is an indigenous breed belonging to:

- a) Assam

- b) Gujarat
- c) Odisha
- d) Rajasthan

Q.107) Solution (c)

The Manda buffaloes are resistant to parasitic infections, less prone to diseases and can live, produce and reproduce at low or nil input systems. These are found in the Eastern Ghats and plateau of Koraput region of Odisha. The small, sturdy buffaloes are used for ploughing in their native habitat of the Koraput, Malkangiri and Nabarangpur districts. There are around 1,00,000 buffaloes of this breed in the native tract mostly contributing to the family nutrition of households and assisting in all the agricultural operations in the undulated hilly terrain for generations. The average milk yield of these buffaloes is 2 to 2.5 litres in single milking with more than 8% fat. However, a few of those yield up to 4 litres.

Context – Mando Buffalo got indigeneous tag

Q.108) Consider the following statements regarding Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme:

1. It aims at providing financial assistance for the transport and marketing of agricultural products to boost exports.
2. It is a scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare.
3. The scheme provides 100% freight and marketing assistance for export of agricultural products by air as well as by sea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.108) Solution (a)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Incorrect |

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|---|---|---|
| <p>The objective of this scheme is to provide assistance for the international component of freight, to mitigate disadvantage of higher freight costs faced by the Indian exporters of agriculture products</p> | <p>Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme was launched in 2019 by the Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.</p> | <p>Recently, the Department has notified 'Revised Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme' for exports effected on or after 01.04.2021 up to 31.03.2022. The existing scheme will remain in operation for exports effected up to 31.03.2021. Following major changes have been made in the revised scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dairy products, which were not covered under the earlier scheme, will be eligible for assistance under the revised scheme. 2. Rates of assistance have been increased, by 50% for exports by sea and by 100% for exports by air |
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Context – The provisions of the scheme were revised

Q.109) Consider the following statements regarding Shoonya Campaign

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
2. It aims to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles in all the areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.109) Solution (d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| Shoonya Campaign is launched by Niti Aayog in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI). | It aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the benefits of zero-pollution delivery. |

Context - NITI Aayog launched 'Shoonya' Campaign.

Q.110) Which of the following countries are part of the grouping called AUKUS, seen recently in news?

1. UAE
2. UK
3. South Africa
4. Australia

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Q.110) Solution (c)

AUKUS is a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. (AUKUS). The grouping is security focused. A central feature of the partnership would involve a trilateral 18-month effort to help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines which are quieter, more capable and can be deployed for longer periods, needing to surface less frequently. The partnership would also involve a new architecture of meetings

and engagements between the three countries and also cooperation across emerging technologies (applied AI, quantum technologies and undersea capabilities).

Context – The grouping was recently launched.

Q.111) Consider the following statements regarding 'Nipah Virus'

1. It is a type of RNA virus in the genus Henipavirus
2. There are currently no drugs or specific vaccine that directly target the virus
3. It is also caused by indirect contact

Choose the correct statement/s using the code given below

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

Q.111) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
|---|--|--|
| Correct | Correct | Correct |
| The Nipah virus (NiV) is a type of RNA virus in the genus Henipavirus. The virus normally circulates among some fruit bats. It can both spread between people and from other animals to people. | There are currently no drugs or vaccines that specifically target Nipah virus infection. WHO has identified Nipah as a priority disease for the WHO Research and Development Blueprint. Intensive supportive care is recommended to treat severe respiratory and neurologic complications. | Fruit bats are the main reservoir for Nipah and they can transmit the virus to humans through direct and indirect contact with their urine, feces, or saliva. Contact with fruit bats or their urine, feces or saliva should thus be strictly avoided in Nipah-affected areas. |

Context – There was an outbreak of Nipah Virus in Kerala.

Q.112) With reference to 'Eastern Economic Forum', consider the following statements

1. It was established in 2017 to encourage investments in Russia's Far East
2. It has been held every year since its inception
3. The theme of the recently held forum is 'Shaping an Equitable, Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery'

Which of the statements given above are correct

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

Q.112) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| Eastern Economic Forum is an international forum held each year in Vladivostok, Russia, for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment in the Russian Far East. It was established in 2015. | It is held each year since 2015 in September, at the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Russia. However, it was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic. | The theme of this year's Forum is "New Opportunities for the Far East in a Changed World" |

Context – The Prime Minister of India addressed the forum

Q.113) Ashok Tandon committee seen in news is related to

- a) Electoral reforms
- b) Cryptocurrency
- c) Journalist welfare
- d) Data protection

Q.113) Solution(c)

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a ten member Committee headed by Shri Ashok Kumar Tandon, renowned Journalist and Member, PrasarBharati. The committee was tasked to take a look at the existing guidelines of Journalists Welfare Scheme of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Q.114) Consider the following statements regarding 'Shankhalipi script'

1. They are found on temple pillars, columns and rock surfaces across north-central India
2. The script was discovered by William Jones

Choose the correct statement(s)

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

Q.114) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|---|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| Shankhalipi or 'shell-script' is a term used to describe ornate spiral characters assumed to be Brahmi derivatives that look like conch shells or shankhas. They are found on temple pillars, columns and rock surfaces across north-central India and they date to between the 4th and 8th centuries. | The script was discovered in 1836 on a brass trident in Uttarakhand's Barahat by James Prinsep, who was the founding editor of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal |

Context - Archeologists have found 'shankhalipi' inscriptions on the stairs on an ancient temple dating back to the Gupta period in Uttar Pradesh's Etah district

Q.115) Consider the following statements

1. Li-Fi networks can be up to 100 times faster than Wi-Fi
2. Li-Fi doesn't undergo electromagnetic interference unlike Wi-Fi

Choose the correct statement(s)

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

Q.115) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|--|--|
| Correct | Correct |
| Li-Fi technology can send data at up to 1GB per second, which is a hundred times faster than Wi-Fi technology available today. | Li-Fi has the advantage of being useful in electromagnetic sensitive areas such as in aircraft cabins, hospitals and nuclear power plants without causing electromagnetic interference unlike Wi-Fi. |

Context - India's highest altitude institute in Ladakh gets LiFi network for faster internet**Q.116) With reference to Anti-Defection Law in India, consider the following statements**

1. It was enacted as per the suggestions of the Thungon Committee
2. There is a timeframe within which the presiding officer of the house has to decide on the disqualification
3. The decision of the presiding officer is subject to judicial review

Choose the correct answer using the code given below

- a) 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only

- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Q.116) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect | Correct |
| Thungon Committee is related to Panchayat Raj Institutions. The Anti-Defection law was enacted by Rajiv Gandhi Government in the absence of recommendations by any committee regarding Anti-Defection Law. | The Anti-Defection Law does not specify a timeframe within which the presiding officer has to decide on a disqualification plea. | The decision of the presiding officer of the house is subject to Judicial Review. The law initially stated that the decision of the Presiding Officer is not subject to judicial review. This condition was struck down by the Supreme Court in Kihoto holohan Case, 1992, thereby allowing appeal against the Presiding Officer's decision in the High Court and Supreme Court |

Context - The Calcutta High Court gave West Bengal Assembly Speaker a deadline to pass an order in the defection case

Q.117) Which Central Asian Republic borders all the other Central Asian Republics given below

- a) Tajikistan
- b) Uzbekistan
- c) Turkmenistan
- d) Kyrgyzstan

Q.117) Solution(b)

Uzbekistan is bordered by Kazakhstan to the northwest and north, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the east and southeast, Afghanistan to the south, and Turkmenistan to the southwest.



Context – India's Foreign minister was in Kyrgyzstan on a bilateral visit

Q.118) Consider the following statements regarding 'United Nations Human Rights Council'

1. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is an inter-governmental organization whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world
2. Asia-Pacific states are the single largest group among the members of UNHRC

Select the correct statements

- e) 1 only
- f) 2 only

- g) Both 1 and 2
- h) Neither 1 nor 2

Q.118) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
|---|--|
| Correct | Incorrect |
| The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is an inter-governmental organization whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world. The Council has 47 members elected for staggered three-year terms on a regional group basis. | The seats are distributed along the following lines: 13 for the African Group 13 for the Asia-Pacific Group 6 for the Eastern European Group 8 for the Latin American and Caribbean Group 7 for the Western European and Others Group. So, Asia-Pacific states are the joint largest grouping within UNHRC. |

Context - India was re-elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the 2022-24 term.

Q.119) Consider the following

1. Remittances
2. Non-Resident Indian deposits
3. Invisible trade
4. Investment income
5. Banking capital

Which of the following mentioned above form a part of current account component in balance of payments?

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

Q.119) Solution(c)

Remittances, Invisible trade, Investment income are a part of current account component of BoP. Whereas, Banking capital and Non Resident Indian deposits are a part of capital account component.

Context - Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) indicated towards fundamental shifts in the capital account convertibility framework in India.

Q.120) Consider the following statements regarding 'Hypersonic Missiles'

1. Hypersonic cruise missiles travel at twice the speed of sound
2. Hypersonic cruise missiles are harder to detect compared to Inter-continental cruise missiles

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.120) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| Hypersonic speeds are those that exceed five times the speed of sound, that is, anything that can move at speeds of Mach 5 or above, which means at least at 1.6 km per second. | Hypersonic missile packs the manoeuvrability of much slower subsonic cruise missiles and the hypersonic speed greater than or equal to ICBMs, making it harder to track and defend against |

Context - China reportedly tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic glide vehicle that circled the globe before speeding towards its target

Q.121) Consider the following statements

1. Furlough is granted to the prisoner to meet a specific exigency whereas Parole may be granted without any reason.
2. Period of furlough granted to a prisoner is treated as remission of his sentence whereas parole is a system of releasing a prisoner with suspension of the sentence.
3. Prisoner does not have an absolute legal right to claim parole unlike furlough

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.121) Solution(c)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Incorrect |
| While parole is granted to the prisoner to meet a specific exigency, furlough may be granted (after a stipulated number of years have been served) without any reason. | Period of furlough granted to a prisoner is treated as remission of his sentence. Whereas parole is a system of releasing a prisoner with suspension of the sentence | Supreme Court stated that although furlough can be claimed without a reason, prisoner does not have an absolute legal right to claim furlough |

Context – Supreme Court discussed differences between 'furlough' and 'parole' and the principles relating to grant of them.

Q.122) Nord Stream 2 pipeline runs across which sea

- a) Black Sea
- b) Caspian Sea
- c) Baltic Sea
- d) Adriatic Sea

Q.122) Solution(c)

Nord Stream 2 is an export gas pipeline running from Russia to Europe across the Baltic Sea. NS2's construction began in 2018 and is being implemented by the Nord Stream 2 AG project company.

Context - The Nord Stream 2 (NS2) which is running across Russia to Germany is now completed.

Q.123) Consider the following statements regarding 'Open Network for Digital Commerce'

1. It is envisaged as a neutral platform that will set protocols for cataloguing, vendor match, and price discovery in open source on the lines of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
2. It is being built by Department of Science and Technology under Ministry of Science and Technology

Choose the correct statement(s)

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

Q.123) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| ONDC is envisaged as a neutral platform that | The Department for Promotion of Industry |

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| will set protocols for cataloguing, vendor match, and price discovery in open source on the lines of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). It will enable buyers and sellers to be digitally visible and transact through an open network no matter what platform/application they use | and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is building an Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). |
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Context- Quality Council of India set up team of experts to execute proposed ONDC project

Q.124) With reference to International Energy Agency (IEA) , consider the following statements

1. A country needs to be a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in order to become a member
2. IEA member countries are required to maintain total oil stock levels equivalent to at least 90 days of the previous year's net imports
3. India is an associate member of IEA

Select the answer using the code given below

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

Q.124) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Correct |
| In order to become a member of IEA, a country needs to be a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) | Crude oil and/or product reserves equivalent to 90 days of the previous year's net imports, to which the government has immediate | In 2017, India joined as an associate member. |

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| | access (even if it does not own them directly) and could be used to address disruptions to global oil supply | |
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Context - International Energy Agency (IEA) has invited India, the world's third-largest energy consumer, to become its full-time member.

Q.125) Consider the following statements regarding 'Green Day Ahead Market'

1. It will lead to a gradual shift from Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) based contract to market-based models.
2. It is launched by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in association with SEBI

Choose the following statement(s) which are incorrect

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

Q.125) Solution(b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Incorrect |
| It will lead to a gradual shift from Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) based contract to market-based models. It also provides competitive price signals to reduce the cost of power | Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy launched the Green Day Ahead Market |

Context – Green Day Ahead Market was launched.

Q.126) Consider the following statements

1. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) ceases all powers to investigate, prosecute and file charges after general consent is withdrawn in a particular state
2. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) does not have all India jurisdiction as per the terms of the act by which it was established

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.126) Solution(b)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| The withdrawal of consent did not make the CBI defunct in a state — it retained the power to investigate cases that had been registered before consent was withdrawn. Also, a case registered anywhere else in the country, which involved individuals stationed in these states, allowed the CBI's jurisdiction to extend to these states | The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is governed by The NIA Act, 2008, has jurisdiction across the country. But the CBI is governed by The Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946, and must mandatorily obtain the consent of the state government concerned before beginning to investigate a crime in a state |

Context - Central Government told the Supreme Court that states do not have any “absolute” power to keep the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from investigating crimes inside the State.

Q.127) Global Multi-dimensional Poverty Index is released by

- a) World Bank
- b) United Nations
- c) Amnesty International
- d) United Nations Development Programme

Q.127) Solution(d)

Global MPI 2021: Unmasking disparities by ethnicity, caste and gender was released jointly by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and United Nations Development Programme.

Context – The report was released recently

Q.128) Consider the following statements regarding 'River ranching programme'

1. It has been introduced as special activity under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme
2. NITI Aayog is the nodal agency under the central component of the PMMSY scheme

Choose the correct statements

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

Q.128) Solution(a)**Statement Analysis:**

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Correct | Incorrect |
| River ranching programme was introduced as special activity under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme to augment and enhance fish production and productivity by expanding, intensifying, | National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad is the nodal agency under central component of the PMMSY. |

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| diversifying and utilizing land & water productively. | |
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Context – The programme was launched recently

Q.129) Consider the following statements

1. The Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) is an operational network of the International Coral Reef Initiative
2. The GCRMN is a global network of scientists, managers, businessmen and organisations that monitor the condition of coral reefs throughout the world
3. India is a founding member of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

Select the correct answer using the code given below

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

Q.129) Solution(c)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| The Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) is an operational network of the International Coral Reef Initiative that aims to provide the best available scientific information on the status and trends of coral reef ecosystems for their conservation and management | The GCRMN is a global network of scientists, managers and organisations that monitor the condition of coral reefs throughout the world. There is no mention of businessmen. | India is a member of International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) but not a founding member. |

Context - 'Sixth status of the Corals of the World' by Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) was released

Q.130) With reference to 'Pradhan Mantri - Mega Investment Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM MITRA)', consider the following statements

1. Parks will be developed in Master Developer (MD) model on Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer (DBFOT) format
2. It is only available to those manufacturing companies who are not availing Textile PLI scheme benefits
3. State governments having ready availability of contiguous and dispute free land parcel of 500+ acres will be eligible for application under the Scheme
4. It comes under the Ministry of Textiles

Choose the correct answer using the code

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

Q.130) Solution(d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 | Statement 4 |
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| Correct | Correct | Incorrect | Correct |
| Parks will be developed in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) based Master Developer (MD) model on Design- | It is only available to those manufacturing companies who are not availing Textile PLI scheme benefits and will be available till | State governments having ready availability of contiguous and dispute free land parcel of 1000+ acres | It comes under the Ministry of Textiles. |

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| Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer (DBFOT) format. MD model is a model where private sector entity is responsible from first conception and planning, all the way through to the implementation of major projects | the funds provided for the scheme are not exhausted. Provision of INR 300 Crore per park is being provided for incentivizing manufacturing units to setup early on first come first serve basis | will be eligible for application under the Scheme. | |
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Q.131) With reference to the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It is an initiative of G20 group of nations.
2. The B3W efforts are in line with the standards and principles of the Blue Dot Network
3. It aims to address the infrastructure investment deficit in developing and lower-income countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) None of the above

Q.131) Solution (b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Incorrect | Correct | Correct |
| Build Back Better World or B3W is an initiative undertaken by G7 countries | The B3W efforts are in line with the standards and principles of the Blue Dot Network (BDN), relating to the environment and climate, | Led by the United States, the G7 countries will work to address the \$40 trillion worth of infrastructure needed by developing countries by 2035. |

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| | labor and social safeguards, financing, construction, anticorruption, and other areas. | The initiative aims to catalyze funding for quality infrastructure from the private sector and will encourage private-sector investments that support "climate, health and health security, digital technology, and gender equity and equality" |
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Context – US President Biden Announced the Build Back Better Framework

Q.132) Consider the following statements regarding DigiSaksham Programme, seen recently in news:

1. It is launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. It seeks to provide free of cost training in digital skills to 1 lakh youths of the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.132) Solution (d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Incorrect |
| DigiSaksham - a digital skills programme to enhance the employability of youth is launched by the Minister for Labour and Employment. | Through DigiSaksham initiative, free of cost training in digital skills including basic skills as well as advance computing, will be provided to more than 3 lakh youths in the first year. |

Context – DigiSaksham programme was launched

Q.133) Consider the following statements regarding Tax Inspectors Without Borders Programme, launched recently:

1. It is an initiative of the World Bank and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
2. It aims to support countries in building tax audit capacity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.133) Solution (b)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 |
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| Incorrect | Correct |
| Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) is a joint initiative of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) | It supports countries in building tax audit capacity. TIWB Programmes complement the broader efforts of the international community to strengthen co-operation on tax matters and contribute to the domestic resource mobilisation efforts of developing countries. |

Context - India joins Seychelles' Tax Inspectors Without Borders initiative

Q.134) SACRED Portal, launched recently, is an online employment exchange platform for:

- a) Women
- b) Rural youth
- c) Elderly

d) Tribals

Q.134) Solution (c)

SACRED stands for Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity (SACRED). The portal is developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Citizens above 60 years of age can register on the portal and find jobs and work opportunities. The Employment Portal will serve not only the senior citizens seeking employment, but also the employers, the Self Help Groups (SHGs), the senior citizens gaining skills, and other agencies or individuals.

Q.135) Consider the following statements:

1. U.N. Biodiversity Conference's "30 by 30" is a plan to conserve 30% of Earth's land and sea areas by 2030
2. It will be done through "area-based conservation measures" like protected national parks.
3. Kunming declaration was adopted at the Convention of Parties(COP) to the Convention on Biodiversity(CBD) recently

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.135) Solution (d)

Statement Analysis:

| Statement 1 | Statement 2 | Statement 3 |
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| Correct | Correct | Correct |
| "30 by 30" plan to give 30% of land and oceans protected status by 2030 through "area-based conservation measures" like protected national parks. — a measure | It will be done through "area-based conservation measures" like protected national parks | Kunming Declaration which calls for urgent and integrated action to reflect biodiversity considerations in all sectors of the global economy was adopted at the COP 15 in |

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| supported by a broad coalition of nations, as well as a goal to halve the use of chemicals in agriculture and stop creating plastic waste | | China |
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Context - 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held virtually in Kunming, China