

Q.1) With reference to volcanoes, consider the following statements:

1. Unlike basic lava, acidic lava contains lesser silica content.
2. Acidic lavas are highly viscous while basic lavas are highly fluid.
3. Both basic and acidic lava form steep sides.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.2) Consider the following pairs:

| Glacial Landform | Description  |
|------------------|--|
| Bergschrund      | It is a deep open crack near the head of the glacier     |
| Arete            | It is flat region formed when three or more cirques meet |
| Horn             | It is narrow ridge that separates adjacent glaciers      |

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

Q.3) With reference to Indian Plate, consider the following statements:

1. It includes Peninsular India and the Australian continental portions.
2. In the east, it extends through the Rakinyoma Mountains of Myanmar towards the Java Trench.
3. In the west, it extends along the Makrana coast and joins the spreading site from the Red Sea rift.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.4) Consider the following statements:

1. Yardangs are stream-lined hills formed through the combined processes of wind abrasion, dust and sand erosion.
2. Zeugens are tabular masses having a layer of soft rocks underlying a surface layer composed of more resistant rocks.
3. Inselbergs are characterised by the very steep slopes and rather rounded tops.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.5) Convectional currents in the mantle of the earth are initiated and maintained by:

- a) Density differences
- b) Radioactive elements
- c) Gravitational forces
- d) Magnetic field

- a) Evaporation
- b) Condensation
- c) sublimation
- d) deposition

Q.6) Which one of the following statements best describes the term 'eluviation'?

- a) A process of evaporation of dissolved nutrients from upper layers of soil
- b) A process of soil erosion caused by wind
- c) A process of transporting material between soil layers by percolating fluid
- d) A process of soil formation by decomposition of biomass and organic matter

Q.9) With reference to 'air mass', consider the following statements:

1. It occurs only at the ground level of the atmosphere.
2. It occurs only over a land mass with uniform temperature.
3. It does not occur in the Polar region.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.7) Which one of the following best describes the term 'Ubiquitous industries'?

- a) Industries generally situated close to the customers or the market place
- b) Industries where cargo is transferred from one mode of transport to another
- c) Industries which are inseparable from the immediate markets
- d) Industries located in the region which has shown very fast growth in the recent past

Q.10) With reference to the earth's atmosphere, consider the following statements:

1. The amount of water vapor decreases with increasing altitude.
2. Concentration of dust particles is higher in subtropical and temperate regions compared to equatorial and polar regions.
3. Water vapour decreases from the equator towards the poles.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.8) The formation of frost in winter is an example of:

Q.11) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** There is very low humus content in the soil of humid tropical and equatorial climates.

**Statement-II:** In tropical and equatorial climates, dead vegetation is rapidly oxidized as a result of intense bacterial growth.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect Statement-II is correct

Q.12) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** During cloudless and calm nights, there is an occurrence of temperature inversion close to the ground level.

**Statement-II:** During cloudless and calm nights, the air in contact with the ground cools through conduction.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not

the correct explanation for Statement-I

- c) Statement-I is correct Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect Statement-II is correct

Q.13) Which one of the following best describes the term 'Net Ecosystem Production'?

- a) Total amount of oxygen released in the process of photosynthesis by plants
- b) Net production of organic matter by plants in an ecosystem
- c) Net accumulation of organic matter or carbon by an ecosystem
- d) Total monetary value of all the resources of an ecosystem

Q.14) Consider the following animals:

1. Dugong
2. Hangul
3. Nilgiri tahr

How many of the above animals are herbivores?

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

Q.15) Which one of the following is an example of the perfect nutrient cycle where the nutrients are replaced as fast as they are used up?

- a) Phosphorus cycle

- b) Sulphur cycle
- c) Calcium cycle
- d) Nitrogen cycle

Q.16) Consider the following:

1. Temperature
2. pH scale
3. Dissolved oxygen
4. Turbidity

How many of the above are used to measure the quality of water?

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

Q.17) Consider the following statements with reference to Angiosperms and Gymnosperms:

1. The gymnosperms are the plants in which ovules are not enclosed by any ovary wall.
2. In the angiosperms, the pollen grains and ovules are developed in flowers.
3. The dicotyledons and the monocotyledons are parts of gymnosperms.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.18) With reference to mangroves in India, consider the following statements:

1. India accounts for more than one-third of mangrove cover in the world.
2. Sundarbans account for more than one-third of mangrove cover in India.
3. Gujarat accounts for the second highest mangrove cover after West Bengal.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.19) Homo Sapiens evolved during which one of the following epochs?

- a) Palaeocene
- b) Miocene
- c) Oligocene
- d) Pleistocene

Q.20) Consider the following statements:

1. They clear out dead organic material.
2. The ashes from the fires add nutrition to the soil.
3. They help in killing insects and invasive species.
4. They help in seed germination of trees.

How many of the above are the advantages of forest fires?

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

Q.21) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increases the Repo rate to combat inflation in the economy.

**Statement-II:** The increase in the repo rate results in the decline in the total lendable resources of the Commercial Banks.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.22) Consider the following statements with reference to the Indian economy:

**Statement-I:** In times of deflation, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lowers the marginal requirements for banks in India.

**Statement-II:** A lower marginal requirement leads to decline in total loan demand in the economy.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.23) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The capital-output ratio in the underdeveloped countries is generally lower as compared to developed economies.

**Statement-II:** The underdeveloped economies lack technological advancements to reduce the total cost of production.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.24) Which one of the following statements best describes the term "Liquidity Trap"?

- a) The phenomenon when food prices rise more rapidly than the prices of other goods and services.
- b) It is an economic cycle characterized by slow growth and a high unemployment rate accompanied by inflation.
- c) It is a situation when expansionary monetary policy does not increase the interest rate and does not stimulate economic growth.
- d) It is a situation whereby the government cannot meet its deficit without printing fresh currency.

Q.25) Consider the following instruments:

1. Banker's Acceptances
2. Certificates of Deposit (CDs)
3. Treasury Bills (T-bills)
4. Commercial Papers

How many of the above are classified as money market instruments in India?

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

Q.26) Which of the following statements is correct with reference to the Marginal Cost of funds-based Lending Rate (MCLR)?

- a) It is a benchmark interest rate set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for commercial banks.

- b) It is determined based on the bank's average cost of funds and operating expenses.
- c) It allows banks to pass on changes in the cost of funds to borrowers on a periodic basis.
- d) It is applicable only on the home loans and not to other types of loans.

Q.27) With reference to the inventory of a firm, consider the following statements:

1. It includes finished products and all assets a business own to complete the production.
2. A lower inventory turnover ratio indicates strong sales with inadequate inventory stocking.
3. It is classified as a capital asset on a company's balance sheet.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.28) Consider the following financial institutions:

1. Nidhi Companies
2. Chit Fund Companies
3. MUDRA Bank
4. National Housing Bank

How many of the above are categorised as Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India?

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

Q.29) Consider the following assets:

1. Government securities
2. Cash
3. Corporate bonds
4. Loans and advances
5. Equity shares

How many of the above are included under the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)?

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

Q.30) Consider the following:

1. Unemployment level
2. Total money supply
3. National Income
4. Capital

How many of the above are stock variables in an economy?

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

Q.31) Who among the following presides over the House in the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha?

- a) Secretary General of Rajya Sabha
- b) A person appointed by the President of India
- c) Senior Most member of the Rajya Sabha
- d) Member from the Panel of Vice Chairpersons of Rajya Sabha

Q.32) Consider the following statements with reference to Council of Ministers in India:

**Statement-I:** The Council of Ministers does not cease to hold office even after the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

**Statement-II:** Article 74 provides for a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President in the exercise of his functions.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Q.33) The Parliament of India is not considered to be a sovereign body for which one of the following reasons?

- a) The powers of the Rajya Sabha are not equal with those of the Lok Sabha.
- b) The Lok Sabha is subject to dissolution after regular intervals.
- c) There is no separation of executive and legislature organs in India.
- d) It functions within the bounds of a written Constitution.

Q.34) In India, who among the following takes oaths or affirmations to 'preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law'?

- a) Chief Justice of India
- b) President of India
- c) Prime Minister of India
- d) Members of the Parliament

Q.35) Consider the following statements with reference to the Public Accounts Committee:

- 1. It was set up based on the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1919.
- 2. It consists of members who are nominated by the concerned Presiding officers of the Parliament.
- 3. The chairman of the committee is usually selected from the opposition parties.
- 4. It is not an executive body and cannot issue orders.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.36) Consider the following statements with reference to Parliamentary privileges:

- 1. Members of Parliament (MPs) cannot be sued for defamation for something said by him/her during the session.
- 2. MPs cannot be arrested during the session of the Parliament for both civil and criminal cases.
- 3. Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have their own Committees of Privileges, whose members are nominated by their presiding officers.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.37) Consider the following statements with reference to the Departmentally-Related Standing Committees (DRSCs):

- 1. Its members are nominated by the Prime Minister.
- 2. A minister cannot be appointed as a member of any DRSC.



3. It can recommend cut motions on demand for grants raised by the executive.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.38) Consider the following statements with reference to nitrogen fixation:

1. Lightning can fix the atmospheric nitrogen in the soil.
2. Nitrogen fixation is carried out by prokaryotes and not by eukaryotes.
3. Plants require Molybdenum to aid in nitrogen fixation.
4. Pseudomonas bacteria live in the root nodules of the plants to aid in nitrogen fixation.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.39) With reference to the Prime Minister of India, consider the following statements:

1. He can recommend the dissolution of the Lok Sabha to the President at any time.
2. He allocates and reshuffles various portfolios among the Ministers.

3. He is the ex-officio Chairman of the Civil Services Board.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.40) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Constitution of India allows the Governor of a State to act in her/his discretion in certain situations.

**Statement-II:** The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976 has made the ministerial advice binding on the Governor of a State.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Q.41) "The world is full of suffering. The cause of suffering is desire. If desires are rid off, suffering can be removed. This can be done by following the Eightfold Path".

The above statement reflects one of the core beliefs of which one of the following religious sects of ancient India?

- a) Buddhism
- b) Jainism
- c) Bhagvatism
- d) Lingayatism

Q.42) With reference to the taxation system of Mahajanapadas, consider the following statements:

1. Bhaga was the tax imposed on agricultural produce.
2. Craftspersons and hunters-gatherers were allowed to pay taxes in kind.
3. The kshatriyas and brahmans were exempted from paying taxes in most of the Mahajanapadas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.43) With reference to ancient India, the term "hinajah" refers to:

- a) Royal spies
- b) Scribes
- c) Craftsmen
- d) Outcastes

Q.44) The Sun Temple at Konark, known for its intricate stone carvings, was built during the reign of which of one the following dynasties?

- a) Chola dynasty
- b) Hoysala dynasty
- c) Pallava dynasty
- d) Eastern Ganga dynasty

Q.45) Consider the following statements with reference to the Rashtrakutas:

1. The Visaya was the largest administrative unit of the empire followed by the bhuktis.
2. The practice of installing portraits and images of defeated rulers as dvarapalakas in the temples became common.
3. The position of Vaishyas degenerated to Shudras due to a decline in commerce.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.46) Consider the following pairs:

| Phrase/Doctrine       | Ancient Text             |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Doctrine of Trimurti  | Maitrayaniya Upanishad   |
| Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam | Brihadaranyaka Upanishad |
| Atithi Devo Bhava     | Taittiriya Upanishad     |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

- b) Non-Cooperation Movement
- c) Civil disobedience Movement
- d) Quit India Movement

Q.47) Which dynasty marked the end of Turkish nobility from positions of power in the Delhi Sultanate?

- a) Mamluk dynasty
- b) Khilji dynasty
- c) Tughlaq dynasty
- d) Lodi dynasty

Q.51) With reference to Har Ghar Lakhpati Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is a pre-calculated recurring deposit scheme designed to help customers to accumulate Rs 1 lakh or multiples thereof.
2. It is available only for adults above 21 years of age.
3. The minimum tenure of recurring deposits is 10 years.

Q.48) 'Ragadarpan' was translated into Persian during the reign of:

- a) Qutb-ud-din Aibak
- b) Alauddin Khilji
- c) Feroze Shah Tughlaq
- d) Ibrahim Lodi

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.49) With reference to Medieval India, which one of the following rulers introduced the 'Chehra' and 'Dagh System'?

- a) Sikandar Lodhi
- b) Alauddin Khilji
- c) Qutbuddin Aibak
- d) Muhammad bin Tughlaq

Q.52) Consider the following statements about Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY):

1. It offers a sum insured of Rs.10 lakh per family for primary and secondary care.
2. The beneficiaries of this scheme are identified as per Census 2011.
3. The central government provides 100% funding for the scheme.

Q.50) Hitabadi, Sanjibani and Bengalee were published as part of which one of the following movements?

- a) Swadeshi Movement

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
- d) None

Q.53) Consider the following statements with reference to 'Xenotransplantation':

1. It involves the transplantation of live cells into a human from a non-human animal source.
2. Xenotransplantation of the heart is not possible at current levels of technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.54) With reference to Liquid Nano Urea, consider the following statements:

1. Unlike conventional urea, it is directly applied to roots and is not sprayed on the leaves.
2. Its efficiency is greater than that of conventional urea.
3. It has been developed by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.55) With reference to thorium, consider the following statements:

1. It can mutate into uranium-233 directly.
2. It can only be used as a fuel in conjunction with a fissile material.
3. There are no known reserves of thorium-bearing minerals in India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.56) Consider the following pairs:

| Technology | Explanation   |
|------------|---|
| Probot     | Process the data by following repeatable rules            |
| Knowbot    | Search for information and store the user-specified needs |
| Chatbot    | Respond to the users or customers queries when asked      |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.57) 'Harimau Shakti' is a joint military exercise between India and?

- a) France

- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Malaysia
- d) Myanmar

d) None

Q.58) Consider the following statements:

1. Internet of Things is the collective network of connected devices that facilitates communication.
2. Edge computing is a distributed computing framework that brings enterprise applications closer to data sources.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.59) Consider the following statements regarding Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) Technology:

1. It is crucial for the indigenous development of long-range surface-to-air missiles.
2. Unlike solid-propellant rockets, the Ramjet takes up oxygen from the atmosphere.
3. Missiles based on SFDR are able to intercept aerial threats at hypersonic speeds.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three

Q.60) With reference to Indian Space Association (ISpA), consider the following statements:

1. It aims to supplement the government's efforts in commercial space-based excursions.
2. It has members from Indian as well as international corporations.
3. It comes under the Department of Space headed by the Prime Minister of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.61) Consider the following countries:

1. Uzbekistan
2. Kazakhstan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Iran
5. Azerbaijan
6. Russia

How many of the above-mentioned countries share a border with Caspian Sea?

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

Q.62) With reference to geomorphology, which one of the following statements best describes the term 'tillite'?

- a) A type of metamorphic rock formed by the accumulation of clay minerals
- b) A metamorphic rock formed from the recrystallization of limestone
- c) A type of igneous rock formed by the solidification of molten lava
- d) A sedimentary rock composed of lithified glacial till

Q.63) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The inner planets are rocky while the outer planets are mostly in gaseous form.

**Statement-II:** Most of the gases of the inner planets were vaporized from the heat of the Sun.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.64) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The gravitational force ( $g$ ) is greater near the equator and less at the poles on Earth.

**Statement II:** The distance from the earth's center to the equator is greater than that to the poles.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.65) With reference to 'Mid-Oceanic Ridges', consider the following statements:

1. It is a continuous range of underwater volcanoes in the deep ocean.
2. It occurs along the convergent plate boundaries in the ocean.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.66) Consider the following statements:

1. Block mountains are formed by the process of faulting while fold mountains are formed by the bending of rock layers.
2. Block mountains are characterized by long and linear shapes while fold mountains are characterized by sharp, rugged terrain with steep cliffs.
3. The Himalayas are examples of fold mountains while the Black Forest of the Rhineland is an example of block mountains.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.67) Which one of the following authorities is responsible for preparing the People's Biodiversity Register in India?

- a) National Biodiversity Authority
- b) Biodiversity Management Committee
- c) National Green Tribunal
- d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Q.68) Consider the following statements:

1. Metamorphic rocks are the product of transformation of igneous and sedimentary rocks.

2. Metamorphism cannot change the mineral composition and the texture of the rock.
3. Metamorphic rocks are less resistant to weathering and erosion as compared to igneous rocks.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.69) The term "Quasar", sometimes seen in the news, is a:

- a) basic unit of information in quantum computing.
- b) rare species of deep-sea fish recently discovered in the Mariana Trench
- c) rotating column of air forming a pendant from a cumulus cloud with circulation not reaching the ground.
- d) A bright core of active galaxies in a distant universe.

Q.70) It is a surface around the outside of a rotating black hole. Any object which passes through this surface is always in motion, it is pulled by the distortion of space caused by the rotating black hole. This is the most likely description of:

- a) Ergosphere
- b) Event horizon
- c) Stationary limit
- d) Singularity

Q.71) Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Open Market Operations (OMO)':

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) carries out OMO through Commercial Banks and does not directly deal with the public.
2. Purchase of government bonds by the RBI from the market results in a decline in the total money supply in the economy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.72) Consider the following statements:

1. Tax elasticity refers to changes in tax revenue in response to changes in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of an economy.
2. When a tax is buoyant, its revenue increases without increasing the tax rate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.73) The Global Financial Stability Report is released by which one of the following organisations

- a) World Bank
- b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- c) Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
- d) World Economic Forum

Q.74) With reference to Ways and Means Advances (WMA), consider the following statements:

1. It is a facility for both the Central and the State Governments to meet temporary discrepancies in their revenue and expenditure.
2. The Government cannot draw amounts more than their WMA limits under any circumstances.
3. Interest on WMA is charged at the existing repo rate.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.75) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Gini coefficient of a developing country can rise while the number of people in absolute poverty decreases.

**Statement-II:** The Gini coefficient measures relative, not absolute, wealth.



Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.76) Consider the following statements with reference to lake ecosystem:

**Statement-I:** Rooted plants are found in the littoral zone while they are generally absent in the limnetic zone.

**Statement-II:** Sunlight is present in the limnetic zone whereas it is absent in the littoral zone.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.77) Consider the following Bills:

- 1. A Bill for the alteration of boundaries of existing States
- 2. A Money Bill
- 3. A Bill involving tax matters in which States are interested

How many of the above Bills require prior recommendation of the President to be introduced in the Parliament?

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

Q.78) The 'Djibouti Code of Conduct' is related to:

- a) Prevention of the proliferation of ballistic missiles
- b) Water conservation in Horn of Africa and Sahel region
- c) Conservation of the Nile River Basin
- d) Repression of piracy in Western Indian Ocean

Q.79) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Mixed cropping is the simultaneous cultivation of two or more crops in a year without a definite row pattern.
- 2. Mixed farming involves the growing of both cereal and horticulture crops at the same time.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only

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

Q.80) With reference to the election of the Vice President of India, consider the following statements:

1. The manner of election of both the Vice President and the President is the same.
2. All disputes related to the election of the Vice-President are decided by the President in consultation with the Supreme Court.
3. The election of a person as Vice President cannot be challenged if the electoral college was incomplete at the time of his election.
4. If the election of a person as Vice President is declared void, acts done by him before the date of such declaration will continue to remain in force.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q.81) This mudra of Buddha indicates charity and compassion. The right arm is extended in a natural position all the way down, with the palm of the open hand facing outwards towards onlookers. This Mudra signifies five perfections: Generosity, Morality, Patience, Effort and Meditative Concentration.

The above statement reflects which one of the following postures of Buddha?

- a) Varada Mudra
- b) Abhaya Mudra
- c) Vitarka Mudra
- d) Bhumisparsha Mudra

Q.82) Consider the following pairs:

| Site         | Feature   |
|--------------|---|
| Tawang       | Chief Buddhist Centre during the reign of Pallava dynasty |
| Nagapattinam | Largest Buddhist monastery in India                       |
| Bharhut      | Representation of Buddha in the form of symbols           |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.83) With reference to the Kuka movement, consider the following statements:

1. Bhagat Jawahar Mal and Baba Ram Singh were prominent leaders of the movement.
2. It aimed at establishing Sikh sovereignty after the British invasion of Punjab.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.84) With reference to the Alipore conspiracy case, consider the following statements:

1. It was associated with the bomb attack on District Judge of Muzaffarpur, Kingsford.
2. Sachin Sanyal and Jogesh Chandra were associated with it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.85) With reference to Indian polity, consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The Director General of Police (DGP) of a State is appointed by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) based on the recommendation of the State Government.

**Statement-II:** 'Police' and 'public order' are among the subjects contained in the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.86) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** Sterilization by the Central Bank boosts liquidity in the economy.

**Statement-II:** The Central Bank sells Government Securities to Commercial Banks as part of its sterilization operations.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.87) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The GDP Price deflator provides a broader measure of overall price changes in the economy in comparison to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**Statement-II:** Unlike the Consumer Price Index, the GDP price deflator measures the changes in prices for all the goods and services produced in an economy.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.88) Consider the following statements:

**Statement-I:** The proportional income tax acts as an automatic stabiliser in an economy.

**Statement-II:** The proportional tax makes disposable income and consumer spending less sensitive to fluctuations in GDP.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect

- d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q.89) Consider the following statements:

1. The highest level of decision-making elements like Chief Executive Officer (CEOs) of firms are a part of the secondary sector.
2. Both the formal and informal sectors are registered and regulated directly by the government and the laws of the State apply to them equally.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q.90) With reference to Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, consider the following statements:

1. It was the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda to protect development gains from the risk of disaster.
2. It is the successor instrument to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA).
3. It recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk, but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only one

- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q.91) With reference to Thadou Tribe, seen in news recently, consider the following statements:

1. The people belonging to this tribe mainly live in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
2. They practice subsistence activities which include animal domestication, cultivation, hunting, and fishing.
3. The Hun-Thadou cultural festival is an annual celebration of this community which is celebrated at the arrival of the New Year.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.92) Consider the following pairs:

| Portal | Purpose  |
|--------|--|
| PushP  | Monitor the Child Care Institutions and their inspection mechanism |
| MASI   | Ensure greater availability of power during the demand season      |
| Daksh  | Make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.93) Consider the following pairs:

| Area of conflict mentioned in news | Country where it is located |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Transnistria                       | Kosovo                      |
| Ziguinchor                         | Bolivia                     |
| Khartoum                           | Sudan                       |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.94) Which of the following statements are correct about India Semiconductor Mission (ISM):

1. The India Semiconductor Mission aims for the development of sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystem in the country.
2. It was launched under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
3. Silicon and Germanium are the examples of semiconductors.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only

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

Q.95) Consider the following pairs:

| Port         | Country |
|--------------|---------|
| 1. Vukovar   | Croatia |
| 2. Izmail    | Ukraine |
| 3. Reni      | Turkey  |
| 4. Constanta | Georgia |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.96) Consider the following features:

1. Pre-agricultural level of technology
2. Low level of literacy
3. Economic backwardness
4. A declining or stagnant population

How many of the above is/are the criteria for identifying Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)?

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

Q.97) Consider the following pairs:

| Regions often mentioned in News | Country                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Kemer                        | Turkey                   |
| 2. Maui Islands                 | United States of America |
| 3. Canary Islands               | Japan                    |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q.98) The term 'Progeria' seen recently in news is a/an?

- a) African lake which dried up
- b) Advanced missile developed by Israel
- c) Rare genetic disorder
- d) Tool used in Artificial Intelligence technology

Q.99) Consider the following statements about BharatGen Initiative:

1. It is an initiative to make generative AI available to citizens in different Indian languages.
2. It is the world's first Government supported Multimodal Large Language Model Initiative.
3. It is implemented by IIT Bombay under the National Mission on

Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical  
Systems.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.100) With respect to Global Digital Compact (GDC), sometimes seen in news, consider the following statements:

1. The Global Digital Compact is proposed under the aegis of the United Nations to address the digital divide and foster a safe and inclusive digital environment.
2. The GDC aims to build a collaborative multi-stakeholder framework that strives to address the digital divide, advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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