

General Studies

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ध्यान दें : अनुदेशों का हिंदी रूपांतर इस पुस्तिका के अंतिम पृष्ठ पर छपा है ।

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Leprosy.

1. Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by a bacterium.
2. The disease predominantly affects the skin and peripheral nerves.
3. It is transmitted via droplets from the nose and mouth during close and frequent contact with untreated cases.
4. Leprosy is preventable but not curable.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q2. Which of the following statements is correct regarding INSAT-3DS satellite?

- (a) The satellite will provide key capabilities in missile warning, battle space and missile defence.
- (b) It is designed to monitor India's borders.
- (c) The satellite is designed for enhanced meteorological observations.
- (d) The satellite is designed to conduct comprehensive survey of the world's oceans, lakes and rivers.

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Semiconductors.

1. Semiconductors are entirely made of Silicon.
2. It consists of millions or billions of transistors that act like miniature electrical switches that flip on and off to process data.
3. It can process data such as images, radio waves, and sounds.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Uranium Enrichment:

1. Uranium enrichment process increases the proportion of U-238 through the process of isotope separation.
2. For nuclear reactors, enrichment is required upto 30-40% which is known as Low Enriched Uranium/reactor-grade uranium.
3. For nuclear weapons, enrichment is required upto 9% or more which is known as weapons-grade uranium.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q5. Consider the following statements.

1. Germanium is used in fibre-optic cables, infrared imaging devices and optical devices.
2. Germanium has the ability to withstand heat and has higher energy conversion efficiency.
3. China accounts for more than 50% of the production of germanium.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

1. Guillain-Barré Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own peripheral nerve cells.
2. It often develops shortly after a person gets an infectious disease.
3. A person with this syndrome will have difficulty speaking, walking, or performing other normal functions of the body.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q7. Scientists have made progress in understanding Huntington's disease. Huntington's disease mainly affects which part of the human body

- (a) Heart (b) Eyes
(c) Brain (d) Kidney

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Ammonia.

1. Ammonia is a colourless, pungent gas made up of hydrogen and nitrogen.
2. It is not naturally found and is produced artificially.
3. In its concentrated form, ammonia is dangerous and caustic.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q9. Consider the following statements.

1. Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) is Japan's first lunar surface mission.
2. Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) is a joint mission of ISRO and NASA.
3. The moon's polar region is characterised by rocky terrain, craters and steep slopes.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding Stem Cells.

1. Embryonic Stem cells have the potential to become almost any cell type and are found during the early stages of development.
2. Adult Stem Cells can multiply when there is a need to repair adult organs and tissues.
3. Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC's) are present in almost all organs of the human body.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q11. Consider the following statements regarding transgene.

1. A transgene is a gene that has been transferred naturally, or by any of a number of genetic engineering techniques, from one organism to another.
2. It has the potential to change the phenotype of an organism.
3. In general, the DNA is incorporated into the organism's germ line.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q12. Consider the following statements.

1. The Ergosphere is a region surrounding a rotating black hole.
2. The Event horizon is a theoretical boundary around a black hole beyond which no radiation can escape.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q13. Consider the following statements.

1. India has decided to build a gravitational wave detector to join the international LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory) network.
2. India is a full member of the ITER project, which is working to harness energy from nuclear fusion reactions.
3. India has a strong participation in the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q14. Consider the following statements regarding Square Kilometer Array.

1. Square Kilometer Array is a single large telescope.
2. Some of the SKA Square Kilometer Array facilities would be located in India.
3. The intellectual properties generated by the project would be accessible to all the member countries.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q15. Consider the following statements.

1. The Theory of General Relativity implies that under certain circumstances, space itself would be stretched and compressed resulting in the production of gravitational waves
2. Gravitational waves were first detected by LIGO (Laser Interferometry Gravitational-wave Observatory).
3. The collision of neutron stars does not produce Gravitational waves.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q16. By analyzing selected DNA sequences, a crime laboratory can develop a profile to be used in identifying a suspect. In this context DNA can be extracted from which of the following sources?

1. Blood
2. Bone
3. Saliva
4. Hair
5. Teeth

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q17. Both India and Russia are party to which of the following?

1. International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)
2. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)
3. G20 grouping
4. BRICS

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q18. The joint statement — 'Horizon 2047, marks the 25th Anniversary of the Strategic Partnership between

- (a) India and Japan
- (b) India and UAE
- (c) India and US
- (d) India and France

Q19. In the present UN's Genocide Convention, genocide means which of the following acts committed on a national, ethnic or religious group?

1. Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group
 2. Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group
 3. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group
 4. Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life to bring about its physical destruction
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q20. The 'Boao Forum for Asia (BFA)' is China's equivalent of

- (a) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- (b) International Transport Forum
- (c) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- (d) World Economic Forum

Q21. Consider the following statements regarding Deep sea mining.

- 1. Extraction of mineral resources from the ocean below 200 metres is called deep sea mining.
- 2. Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSSC) is an initiative of International Seabed Authority (ISA) that safeguard deep-sea ecosystems.
- 3. India has been granted two exploration contracts from the International Seabed Authority (ISA) so far, one for polymetallic nodules and one for polymetallic sulphides.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q22. Vaccine Safety Net (VSN), recently in news is an initiative of

- (a) Médecins Sans Frontières
- (b) Oxfam
- (c) World Health Organization
- (d) World Bank

Q23. Consider the following statements regarding the ties between India and Egypt.

- 1. The two countries have signed a Friendship Treaty.
- 2. India supported Egypt during the Suez Canal crisis.
- 3. Both the countries are the founder members of Non-Aligned Movement.
- 4. Both the countries are part of G-77 grouping and South-South Cooperation initiatives.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q24. Consider the following pairs.

- 1. Commutation: Substitution of a harsher punishment with a lighter one
- 2. Respite: Reducing the sentence period without changing its character
- 3. Remission: Awarding a lesser sentence due to special circumstances
- 4. Reprieve: Temporary stay of sentence execution to seek pardon or commutation

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q25. Consider the following statements regarding khap panchayat.

- 1. A major function of khaps today is to settle

disputes and ensure that social and religious custom is enforced in their area.

- 2. A defining feature of khaps is that, even today the succession as a khap president/leader is hereditary in all places.
- 3. They are mainly concentrated in North India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q26. Consider the following pairs.

- 1. Article 25: lays down an individual's fundamental right to religion
- 2. Article 26: It upholds the right of each religious denomination to manage its own affairs in matters of religion.
- 3. Article 29: It defines the right to conserve distinctive culture.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q27. Consider the following statements.

- 1. In India, the Constitution gives the government the right to levy taxes on individuals and organisations.
- 2. As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, Union and the States have concurrent power of taxation.
- 3. In India, any tax being charged has to be backed by a law passed by the state legislature or Parliament.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q28. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Chief Justice of India can alone designate lawyers and advocate-on-record (AoR) as senior advocates.
- 2. Advocate-on-Record (AOR) is a legal professional, who are entitled to act and plead for a party in the Supreme Court.
- 3. Senior advocates in India are allowed to advertise, solicit clients, or directly contact clients for work.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q29. Consider the following statements regarding Finance Commission of India.

- 1. Finance Commission is set up under Article 280 of the Constitution.
- 2. Union Finance Minister acts as the ex officio member of the commission.
- 3. The commission addresses the imbalances that arise between the taxation powers and expenditure responsibilities of the centre and the

states, respectively.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q30. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Preamble.

1. The Indian Preamble, based on the Objectives Resolution, was moved by M.N. Roy in the Constituent Assembly.
2. It signifies the principle of popular sovereignty, emphasizing that power resides only with the citizens.

3. The words “socialist,” “secular,” and “integrity” were added through the 44th Amendment Act.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q31. Consider the following statements regarding Article 142 of the Constitution of India.

1. Article 142 of the Constitution of India gives the High Court the power to pass any decree or make any order to ensure complete justice in any matter pending before it.

2. Any decree so passed or order so made shall be enforceable throughout the territory of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q32. Part IV of the Constitution of India covers a wide range of principles, including

1. Promotion of international peace and security
2. Organisation of agriculture and animal husbandry
3. Protection and improvement of the environment
4. Securing of equal justice and free legal aid to citizens

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q33. The first amendment to the Constitution of India contained which of the following provisions?

1. Expanded the scope of restrictions on the right to free speech.
2. Provided protection for backward classes in the Constitution.
3. Exempted land reforms from scrutiny

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q34. Consider the following statements.

1. Article 356 of the Indian Constitution states that the authoritative texts of all Acts passed by Parliament or State legislatures shall be in the English Language.
2. The legal regime in India provides that English shall remain an official language until resolutions for its discontinuance are adopted by State Legislatures and by Parliament.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q35. Consider the following statements regarding Chhatrapati Shivaji's rajmudra.

1. Shivaji's rajmudra is carved in Persian.
2. The inscriptions express Shivaji's commitment to ruling his land independently and the welfare of his subjects.
3. The Indian Navy's new epaulettes for Admirals is inspired by the Chhatrapati Shivaji's rajmudra.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q36. Consider the following statements regarding Lothal.

1. Lothal was one of the southernmost sites of the Indus Valley civilization.
2. It is declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. Lothal was one of the landlocked sites of the Indus Valley civilization.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q37. The places Kapilvastu and Lumbini are located in

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan

Q38. Consider the following statements regarding Subika paintings, recently seen in news

1. The Subika painting style is connected to the Koya community's cultural history.
2. Its illustrations incorporate visual elements like lines, shapes, forms, colours, and patterns.
3. The Subika painting style is nearly extinct due to neglect.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q39. Consider the following statements.

1. The Kamakhya Temple is a significant pilgrimage site located on the Nilachal hills in Guwahati, Assam.
2. The Kamakhya Temple is also the site of the Ambubachi Mela, an annual festival.
3. PM-DevINE is a Central Sector scheme that aims to fund infrastructure projects and support social development initiatives in the North-East Region (NER).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q40. Consider the following statements.

1. Dongria Kondh tribe is a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) in Odisha.
2. Kapdaganda shawl is woven and embroidered by the women of the Dongria Kondh tribe.
3. Kapdaganda shawl is GI tagged.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q41. Consider the following statements regarding the Ulgulan movement.

1. The Ulgulan movement was started by Birsa Munda, who encouraged the tribals to refuse following colonial laws and paying rent.
2. It involved the use of weapons and guerrilla warfare to drive out foreigners. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q42. Consider the following statements regarding Copra.

1. Copra is the dried, white flesh of the coconut from which coconut oil is extracted.
2. Copra cake obtained as a residue is used in animal feeds.
3. The Government does not provide any MSP for copra.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q43. Consider the following statements regarding Litchi cultivation.

1. The fruit is native to Southeast Asia.
2. Litchi is not a climate sensitive fruit and can be grown in any temperature and soil conditions.
3. Litchi fruit contains natural toxin, which is harmful when consumed by malnourished children.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q44. The method of irrigation which can distribute fertilizers the most evenly on a farm is

- (a) sprinkler irrigation (b) flood irrigation
(c) fertigation (d) strip irrigation

Q45. Which of the following are identified as indirect farm subsidies provided by the Government?

1. Minimum Support Price
2. Subsidy on fertilizers and seeds
3. Farm loan waivers

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q46. Consider the following statements regarding direct seeding of rice (DSR) versus conventional transplanting method.

1. In direct seeding of rice (DSR), Paddy is sown directly in the field without any nursery preparation or flooding.
2. In transplanting, the flooded fields basically deny oxygen to the weed seeds in the soil, preventing their germination.
3. In DSR, water is replaced with chemical herbicides.
4. DSR is effective against weeds and saves water compared to transplanting.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q47. Consider the following statements regarding cumin seeds, commonly known as jeera.

1. Jeera is an extremely weather-sensitive crop, which requires a moderately cool and dry climate.
2. India accounts for less than 10% of the world's production of this seed spice.
3. In India, it is mainly grown in the northern parts of Gujarat and adjoining districts of western Rajasthan.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q48. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The State Government is primarily responsible for the growth and development of agriculture sector and developing perspective plans for their respective States.

Statement-II: Agriculture is a state subject.

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.

Q49. Consider the following statements:

1. The Kharif season corresponds to the rainy season, and Rabi season with the winter.
2. The short period in between the harvest of the Rabi crops and the sowing of the Kharif crops is called the Zaid season.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q50. Consider the following statements regarding pricing policy for sugarcane.

1. The pricing of sugarcane is governed by the statutory provisions under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955.
2. The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane is fixed by State governments.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q51. Consider the following statements regarding Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).

1. The Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) was announced under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
2. It aims to incentivize investments by individual entrepreneurs, private companies, MSMEs and Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) in establishing dairy processing and value addition infrastructure.
3. It is kept outside the purview of the regular Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF).

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q52. Consider the following statements regarding Koraput Kala Jeera Rice.

1. It is the black-coloured rice variety known for its aroma, texture and nutritional value.
2. It is mainly grown in a controlled environment with monitored sunlight and moisture.
3. The rice grains resemble cumin seeds.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q53. The code name for an Indian army operation in the Golden Temple in Amritsar is known as

- (a) Operation Vijay
(b) Operation Blue Star
(c) Operation Polo
(d) Operation Black Thunder

Q54. Which of the following is the only paramilitary force with a dual control structure?

- (a) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
(b) Border Security Force (BSF)
(c) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
(d) Assam Rifles

Q55. Consider the following statements regarding bots.

1. A bot is a software application that is programmed to do certain tasks over the Internet.
2. Bots often imitate or replace a human user's behaviour.
3. Bots can be malicious as well, that can break into user accounts, scan the web for contact information for sending spam.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q56. Which of the following are the joint military exercise between India and France?

1. Varuna 2. Garuda
3. Indra 4. Shakti

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q57. Consider the following statements.

1. Global Slavery Index presents a global picture of modern slavery.
2. The Global Slavery Index is constructed by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
3. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations does not mention anything about modern slavery.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q58. Consider the following statements regarding the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI).

1. Corruption perceptions index (CPI) is released by the World Bank.
2. The index lists countries by their perceived levels of public sector and private sector corruption.
3. In the CPI for 2023, western Europe and the European Union remained the top-scoring regions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q59. Which of the following organization publishes the World Trade Report?

- (a) World Bank
(b) World Economic Forum
(c) IMF
(d) WTO

Q60. The State of the World's Forests Report is released by

- (a) Global Forest Watch
(b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
(d) Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)

Q61. Nicaragua is bordered by which of the following oceans?

- (a) Indian Ocean (b) Arctic Ocean
- (c) Southern Ocean (d) Pacific Ocean

Q62. Gaza strip, often seen in the news, shares border with which of the following countries?

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

Select the correct answer code:

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

Q63. Which of the following countries share border with Red Sea?

- 1. Djibouti 2. Iran
- 3. Eritrea 4. Oman

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q64. Jordan is bordered by

- 1. Saudi Arabia 2. Iraq
- 3. Syria 4. Yemen

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q65. Consider the following statements regarding the Mekong River.

- 1. The Mekong River is Asia's second longest river, after the Yangtze River.
- 2. It originates from the Tibetan Plateau.
- 3. It serves as a crucial river for navigation due to its favourable geographical conditions.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q66. The Mekong River flows through which of the following countries?

- 1. Myanmar
- 2. Laos
- 3. Thailand
- 4. Cambodia
- 5. Vietnam

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q67. A record must satisfy which of the following criteria to count as a Guinness World Record? 1. It should be verifiable.

- 2. It cannot be something so unique that only one person can do it.
 - 3. It should be objectively measurable.
 - 4. It should be standardized with a possibility to create a set of parameters and conditions.
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q68. The Grammy Awards, recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of

- (a) Film Making (b) Music
- (c) Journalism (d) Literature

Q69. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Article 22 of the Constitution upholds the fundamental right of any person who is in custody to be informed as to why he has been arrested.
- 2. As per the present rules, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) need to mandatorily furnish a person accused under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) with a copy of the grounds of detention at the time of his arrest.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q70. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Federalism allows for the distribution of powers between the federal and state levels.
- 2. Asymmetric Federalism is based on unequal powers and relationship in political, administrative and fiscal arrangements.
- 3. We do not see any form of Asymmetric Federalism in India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q71. Consider the following statements regarding Subordinate Legislations.

- 1. Subordinate legislations also known as delegated legislations are laws created by authorities to implement and administer the broader statutes passed by the legislature.
- 2. The concept of delegated legislation is mentioned specifically in the Indian Constitution.
- 3. Rajya Sabha does not have a Subordinate Legislation Committee.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q72. Consider the following statements regarding the Committee on Subordinate Legislation in Rajya Sabha.

- 1. It is formed as per the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States.
- 2. Its mandate involves scrutinizing and reporting to the House on the proper exercise of powers to make rules, regulations, and bylaws as conferred by the Constitution.
- 3. The parliament cannot delegate to the committee to frame rules.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q73. Right to free legal aid, Right to fair trial, Right to hearing and Right to speedy trial are provided to citizens under which of the following fundamental rights?

- (a) Right against arbitrary arrest and detention
- (b) Right against exploitation
- (c) Protection of Life and Personal Liberty
- (d) Equality before law and equal protection of laws

Q74. Consider the following statements.

- 1. All India Services are governed by Article 312 of the Constitution of India.
- 2. Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Police Service and the Indian Foreign Service are the three All India Services.
- 3. Central Civil Services are under the central government itself with no state cadre system.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q75. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The size of the State Legislative Council cannot exceed one third of the membership of the State Legislative Assembly, with a lower cap of 40 members.
- 2. The total number of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, in the Council of Ministers shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the total number of members of the House of the People.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q76. Article 2 of the constitution empowers the Parliament to

- 1. Admit into the Union of India new states
- 2. Increase of the area of any state
- 3. Alter the boundaries of any state

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q77. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The Constitution of India stipulates that a state cannot raise a loan without the consent of the Government of India if any part of a previous loan from the central government remains outstanding.
- 2. States in India have a normal net borrowing ceiling set at 5% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for the fiscal year 2024, as per the Fifteenth Finance Commission's recommendation.
- 3. States in India receive an extra 0.5% of GSDP in borrowing capacity as a performance-based incentive for power sector reforms.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q78. Consider the following statements regarding Parliamentary Committees in India.

- 1. Joint Parliamentary Committees (JPCs) and Select Committees are usually chaired by ruling party MPs, and are disbanded after they have submitted their report.
- 2. There are equal number of Departmentally Related Standing Committees for Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and are headed by members of these respective Houses.
- 3. Committee meetings are independent of Parliament's calendar.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q79. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The Chamber of Princes is the Library Hall in the Old Parliament.
- 2. The Chamber of Princes was established by a Royal Proclamation of King Emperor George V to advocate the common interests of British India and the princely states.
- 3. The Federal Court of India began functioning from the Chamber of Princes, and later the Supreme Court of India was inaugurated here.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q80. Article 299 of the Constitution provides that

- 1. All contracts made in the exercise of the executive power of the Union or of a State shall be expressed to be made by the President or by the Governor of the State.
- 2. Neither the President nor the Governor can be personally held liable for such contracts.
- 3. Contracts not adhering to the manner given in the Article cannot be enforced by any contracting party.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q81. "Nilakkanavu", envisioned as a tribute to the scientists who contributed to the success of Chandrayaan Mission, was recently adapted into which of the following classical dance forms?

- (a) Bharatanatyam
- (b) Kathak
- (c) Kathakali
- (d) Mohiniyattam

Q82. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Jallikattu, is a bull-taming sport traditionally played in Tamil Nadu as part of the Navaratri festival.
- 2. The Animal Welfare Board of India is a statutory advisory body established under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 3. Prevention of cruelty to animals is included in the List III of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q83. Consider the following statements regarding Uttaramerur inscription.

1. Uttaramerur inscription is found in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu.
2. These provide a detailed description about the village's self-governance.
3. Uttaramerur is known for its historic temples built during Pallava and Chola rule.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q84. Consider the following statements regarding prehistoric Dancing Girl sculpture.

1. The Dancing Girl figurine was discovered in Mohenjodaro after India's independence.
2. The sculpture was made in a lost-wax casting method.
3. Even though Mohenjodaro and Harappa became part of Pakistani territory after the Partition, the Dancing Girl remained in India as part of an agreement.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q85. Consider the following statements regarding Kongsachem.

1. It is an important harvest festival celebrated mainly in Kerala.
2. Both Hindus and Catholics celebrate in their unique ways.
3. The festival involves blessing the first sheaves of rice when harvested.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q86. Consider the following statements regarding Cropping pattern.

1. It can be defined as the proportion of area under various crops at a point of time.
2. It is a dynamic concept because it changes over space and time.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q87. Which of the following is/are the advantages of Indian Raw Sugar in the International Market?

1. Season advantage
 2. Indian sugar has a high amount of dextran
 3. High Sucrose content
- How many of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

Q88. Consider the following statements regarding Wheat.

1. In terms of production, Wheat is the most significant cereal crop in India.
2. Wheat is a kharif crop.
3. Ganga-Satluj plains and black soil region of Deccan is suitable for Wheat cultivation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q89. Consider the following statements regarding Mixed Cropping:

1. When two or more crops are grown on an equivalent land simultaneously, it's referred to as mixed cropping.
2. The practice of this method helps to minimize the risk of the failure of one of the crops.
3. The crops that are grown together should have a different maturation time and different water requirements.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q90. Consider the following statements regarding Agriculture Census

1. It is a decadal census.
2. The basic unit of data collection in Agriculture Census is the operational holding.
3. In India, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has been organizing Agricultural Census in collaboration with the States and Union Territories.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q91. Consider the following statements regarding Electronic soil' (eSoil).

1. eSoil is an electrically conductive growth substrate derived from cellulose and a conductive polymer (PEDOT).
2. eSoil works by electrically stimulating plant roots.
3. It is not compatible with hydroponics.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q92. Which of the following are the submarines of the Indian Navy?

1. INS Kalvari
2. INS Vikrant
3. INS Arihant
4. INS Vikramaditya

How many of the above options is/are correct?

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

Q93. 'The Forest Pathways Report' was published recently by:

- (a) UNEP
- (b) IUCN
- (c) World Wildlife Fund
- (d) UN Forum on Forests

Q94. International Debt Report (IDR), that was recently in news was released by

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) Asian Development Bank (AD(b)
- (c) World Bank
- (d) World Trade Organisation

Q95. The Strait of Bab el-Mandeb, connects

- (a) Persian Gulf and Gulf of Aden
- (b) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
- (c) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden
- (d) Suez Canal and Red Sea

Q96. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Ennore Creek is situated along the Malabar Coast.
- 2. It acts as natural shock absorbers during calamities.
- 3. The creek is part of the Pulicat water system.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q97. Mount Etna Is an active volcano located in

- (a) Congo
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Hawaii
- (d) Italy

Q98. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Yemen is located at the northern end of the Arabian Peninsula.
- 2. Yemen does not share its border with Saudi Arabia and Oman.
- 3. Yemen is a member of the United Nations and Non-Aligned Movement.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q99. Mount Marapi, that was recently in news is located in

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Italy
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Peru

Q100. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Bhutan is a landlocked country in the Eastern Himalayas.
- 2. Bhutan has a constitutional monarchy with a king as the head of state and without any prime minister.
- 3. Vajrayana Buddhism is the state religion of Bhutan.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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