

General Studies Current Affair Test (June-2024)



DO NOT OPEN THIS TEST BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS TEST BOOKLET DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS, ETC. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.
- 2. Encode clearly the Test Paper Code Number in the appropriate place in the response sheet.
- 3. You have to enter your Roll Number on the Test Booklet in the box provided alongside.

DO NOT write **anything else** on the Test Booklet.

- 4. This Test Booklet contains 100 questions. Each question is printed both in Hindi and English. Each question comprises four responses (answers). You will select one response, which you want to mark on the Response Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response, which you consider the best. In any case, c hoose Only ONE response for each item. More than one response will be treated as wrong answer.
- 5. In case you find any discrepancy in this test booklet in any questions or the Responses; a written representation explaining the details of such alleged discrepancy, be submitted within three days, indicating the No.s and the Test Booklet Series, in which the discrepancy is alleged Representation not received within time shall not be entertained at all.
- 6. You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate Response Sheet provided
- 7. All questions carry equal marks.
- 8. Penalty for wrong answers:

IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.

- (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answer happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
- (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.
- 9. Before you proceed to mark in the Response Sheet, the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Response Sheet.
- 10. While writing Name and Roll No. on the top of the Response Sheet in appropriate boxes use "Only BALL POINT PEN". Use BALL POINT PEN to fill all the remaining ovals in OMR Sheet.
- 11. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the Response Sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the Invigilator question Book let and OMR Response Sheet. You are not permitted to take away the Test Booklet.

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

Q1. What is the primary objective of Project ISHAN | initiated by the Indian government?

- (a) To provide clean drinking water to rural communities.
- (b) To make air traffic operations more efficient to handle more capacity.
- (c) To promote renewable energy sources.
- (d) To improve agricultural productivity through advanced technology.

Q2. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Inheritance Tax is a tax levied on the inheritance received by beneficiaries after the death of the owner of the assets.
- 2. Inheritance Tax only applies to monetary inheritance and does not include non-monetary assets like property or investments.

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

Q3. Consider the following:

- 1. NSE NOW
- 2. ONICRA
- 3. BSE Bolt
- 4. SMERA
- 5. NCDEX

How many of the above Electronic Trading Platforms (ETPs) are operating in India?

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

Q4. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Recently, IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency), the financing agency for Renewable projects in India, was conferred with 'Navratna status'.
- 2. The 'Navratna status' is given by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- 3. IREDA is under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q5. Consider the following statements:

- 1. G-Secs are issued only by the Central Government of India.
- 2. G-Secs are primarily used as a tool for financing state government projects.
- 3. G-Secs in India are always issued in the form of equity shares.
- 4. G-Secs are considered risk-free investments because they are backed by the full faith and credit of the Indian government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q6. With reference to the key differences between Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), consider the following

- 1. FDI involves acquiring a significant ownership stake in a foreign company, while FPI typically involves buying securities such as stocks and bonds in foreign companies without obtaining ownership control.
- 2. FDI contributes to economic growth through the transfer of technology and skills, while FPI primarily serves to diversify investment portfolios.

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

Q7. Consider the following markets:

- 1. Government Bond Market
- 2. Call Money Market
- 3. Treasury Bill Market
- 4. Stock Market

How many of the above are included in money markets?

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

with Education Q8. With reference to regulation and administration of Geographical Indication (GI) in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. In India, GI registration is governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods Act of 1999.
- 2. The GI tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

Q9. What best characterizes the concept of "entrenched inflation"?

- (a) A temporary increase in prices due to seasonal fluctuations in demand.
- (b) Persistent and sustained rise in the general price level of goods and services over a prolonged
- (c) An abrupt and short-lived spike in inflation caused by external shocks to the economy.
- (d) Fluctuations in prices resulting from changes in consumer preferences and tastes.

Q10. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Core inflation is a measure of the total inflation within an economy, including commodities such as food and energy prices.
- 2. Core inflation typically rises and falls more gradually than inflation in food and fuel.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q11. Which of the following best defines the causes of demand-pull inflation?

- (a) A decrease in the money supply coupled with an increase in aggregate demand.
- (b) An increase in the money supply coupled with a decrease in aggregate demand.
- (c) An increase in aggregate demand that exceeds aggregate supply.
- (d) A decrease in aggregate demand that exceeds aggregate supply.

Q12. Which of the following is a consequence of hyperinflation?

- (a) Increased purchasing power of money.
- (b) Stable economic conditions.
- (c) Erosion of savings and wealth.
- (d) Decrease in nominal wages.

Q13. Which of the following statements about "Front Running" is true?

- (a) Front Running is an illegal practice where a broker executes orders on a security for its own account while taking advantage of advance knowledge of pending orders from its clients.
- (b) Front Running is a legitimate trading strategy where a broker prioritizes executing orders for its clients ahead of its own trades.
- (c) Front Running is a term used to describe a situation where investors rush to buy stocks at the beginning of a trading session.
- (d) Front Running is a regulatory requirement that mandates brokers to disclose all pending orders to their clients before executing any trades.

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. Which of the following statements regarding disinvestment is/are correct?

- (a) Disinvestment refers to the process of the government selling its stake in public sector enterprises.
- (b) The primary objective of disinvestment is to raise revenue for the government.
- (c) Disinvestment often leads to increased private sector participation and efficiency in the economy.
- (d) Disinvestment is primarily aimed at nationalizing private sector enterprises.

Q16. Which of the following statements about antidumping duties is correct?

- (a) Anti-dumping duties are imposed by importing countries to subsidize foreign producers.
- (b) Anti-dumping duties are taxes levied on goods that are exported below fair market value to protect domestic industries from unfair competition.
- (c) Anti-dumping duties are imposed solely to encourage free trade and open markets.
- (d) Anti-dumping duties are only applicable to goods imported from developed countries.

Q17. With reference to the Indian economy, consider the following statements:

- An increase in Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) indicates the appreciation of rupee.
 An increase in the Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) indicates an improvement in trade competitiveness.
- 3. An increasing trend in domestic inflation relative to inflation in other countries is likely to cause an increasing divergence between NEER and REFR

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q18. Which of the following statements regarding the Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) is correct?

- (a) REER is a measure of the average exchange rate of a country's currency relative to a basket of foreign currencies, adjusted for inflation.
- (b) REER reflects only nominal exchange rate fluctuations without considering inflation.
- (c) REER is calculated by taking the ratio of a country's nominal exchange rate to its GDP.
- (d) REER is primarily used to measure the stability of a country's stock market.

Q19. For FY 2023-24, India's largest trading partner is:

- (a) China
- (b) United States
- (c) United Arab Emirates
- (d) European Union

Q20. Consider the following statements about India | **International Bullion Exchange (IIBX):**

- 1. The IIBX is solely focused on trading in gold
- 2. The IIBX is headquartered in Mumbai, the financial capital 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

Q21. Consider the following statements:

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

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q22. With reference to the "Tea Board" in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Tea Board is a statutory body.
- 2. It is a regulatory body attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- The Tea Board's Head Office is situated in Bengaluru.
- 4. The Board has overseas offices at Dubai and

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q23. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Inflation occurs when there is an overall increase in the price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time.
- 2. Hyperinflation is a term used to describe extremely high and typically accelerating inflation, often exceeding 50% per month.
- 3. Deflation is the opposite of inflation and occurs when the price level of goods and services decreases over time.
- 4. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI) are two measures used to gauge inflation.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q24. The Reserve Bank of India is using which of the following inflation indices as anchor for 'Inflation Targeting'?

- (a) CPI
- (b) WPI

(c) IIP

(d) CPI(Combined)

Q25. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Co-Lending Loans involve collaboration between a bank and a non-banking financial company (NBFC) to provide loans to borrowers.
- 2. Under the Co-Lending Model, the risk and reward are shared by both the bank and the NBFC in a predetermined ratio.
- 3. Co-Lending Loans are typically used to finance large-scale infrastructure projects exclusively. 4. The primary objective of the Co-Lending Model is to increase the reach of credit to underserved sectors of the economy.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q26. Consider the following statements about the Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).

- 1. ARCs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India
- 2. The primary goal of ARCs is to manage and recover bad loans to improve the asset quality of banks.
- 3. ARCs are allowed to accept deposits from the public.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q27. In which of the following states is 'Ghughwa National Fossil Park' located?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Odisha

Q28. Which organization is responsible for the initiative known as the "Global Species Action Plan Online Knowledge Platform"?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (b) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- (c) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- (d) Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Q29. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted during the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- 2. The framework includes specific targets related to the protection of at least 30% of the planet's land and ocean areas by 2030.

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

Q30. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Eucalyptus trees have leaves that are typically fragrant and contain essential oils.
- 2. The wood of Eucalyptus trees is primarily used for making paper and not for construction.

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

Q31. Consider the following statements about Global Environment Facility (GEF):

- 1. It was established in 1991 to address global environmental issues.
- 2. The GEF operates independently of the United Nations.
- 3. The World Bank serves as the trustee of the GEF Trust Fund.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q32. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Representation of the People Act, 1951 (RP Act) provides for law relating to expenditure incurred by 'leaders of a political party'.
- 2. The RP Act provides that a recognised political party can appoint a maximum of 40 star campaigners while a registered unrecognized political party can appoint up to 20.

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

Q33. Consider the following statements:

- Article 39 of the Constitution lists certain directive principles of state policy, which are meant to be guiding principles for the enactment of laws, but are not directly enforceable in any court of law.
- 2. If a law is made to give effect to DPSPs in Article 39(b) and Article 39(c) and in the process, the law violates Article 14, Article 19 or Article 31, then the law cannot be challenged by invoking the right to equality or the rights under Article 19.
- 3. Article 31C was introduced by The Constitution (Twenty-fifth) Amendment Act, 1971.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q34. In legal terms, what does the "Eggshell Skull" refer to?

- (a) A defendant with an exceptionally fragile mental state
- (b) A petitioner with a pre-existing medical condition that makes them more susceptible to harm
- (c) A legal defense strategy used in cases of selfdefense
- (d) A doctrine that limits the liability of defendants in cases of unforeseeable consequences

Q35. Consider the following statements:

- The Supreme Court in the case of Indira Gandhi
 v Raj Narain recognised that free and fair
 elections are a part of the 'basic structure' of the
 Constitution of India, and any laws or policies
 that would violate this principle could be struck
 down.
- 2. A five-judge constitution Bench in 2006, in the case of Kuldip Nayar v. Union of India held that the right to vote is "pure and simple, a statutory right".

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

Q36. Which of the following statements regarding Article 39(b) of the Indian Constitution is correct?

- (a) It mandates the provision of adequate means of livelihood for all citizens.
- (b) It directs the state to ensure equal pay for equal work for both men and women.
- (c) It emphasizes the distribution of ownership and control of material resources to serve the common good.
- (d) It guarantees the right to education to all citizens.

Q37. Consider the following statements regarding the State Legislative Council.

- 1. The constitution leaves the choice of having a Legislative Council to the Parliament.
- 2. A Council cannot have more than a third of the number of MLAs in the state, and not less than 40 members.
- 3. The states having Legislative Council are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q38. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Supreme Court of India has recognized the right to die with dignity as a fundamental aspect of the right to life under Article 21.
- 2. The Right to Peaceful Death is not explicitly mentioned in the Indian Constitution.

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

Q39. Which of the following statements about 'Article 350A' of the Indian Constitution is correct?

- (a) It guarantees the right to constitutional remedies.
- (b) It mandates the provision of free and compulsory education to children.
- (c) It provides for the instruction of primary education in mother tongue.
- (d) It establishes the right to freedom of speech and expression.

Q40. Which of the following methods, through the use of Directive principles, does the Constitution guarantee worker welfare and protect labor rights?

- 1. It makes provision for just and humane conditions for work and maternity relief.
- 2. It exhorts the government to take steps to secure the participation of workers in the management of industries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q41. Consider the following statements about the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission:

- 1. The NCDRC is a statutory body constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
- 2. The NCDRC has jurisdiction to entertain consumer complaints where the value of goods or services and compensation is claimed up to one crore rupees.
- 3. The NCDRC is headquartered in Mumbai.
- 4. Appeals against the orders of the NCDRC can be made directly to the Supreme Court of India.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q42. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Right to Property was originally a fundamental right under the Indian Constitution.
- 2. The 44th Amendment of the Indian Constitution removed the Right to Property from the list of Fundamental Rights.
- 3. The Right to Property is now a legal right under Article 300A of the Indian Constitution.
- 4. The Right to Property cannot be restricted or regulated by the government.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q43. Article 21 in the Constitution of India is related to:

- (a) Right to Equality
- (b) Right to Freedom of Religion
- (c) Protection of Life and Personal Liberty
- (d) Right against Exploitation

Q44. Consider the following statements about the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC):

- 1. The NCBC was given constitutional status by the 102nd Amendment Act, 2018.
- 2. The NCBC has the power to include or exclude communities from the Central List of OBCs.
- 3. The NCBC's recommendations are binding on the government.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q45. Which of the following statements accurately reflect the concept of the "Right to Dissent" in a democracy?

- (a) The right to dissent allows citizens to peacefully oppose government policies without fear of retribution.
- (b) The right to dissent is an essential component of free speech and a functioning democracy.
- (c) Government authorities in a democracy have the right to suppress dissent to prevent disruptions to public order.
- (d) Both Statements (a) and (b) are correct.

Q46. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Constitution of India does not define the term 'tribe'.
- 2. The Constitution of India empowers the President to specify Scheduled Tribes.
- 3. The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India establishes Tribes' Advisory Councils.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q47. Which of the following statements about 'Form 17C' is correct?

- (a) Form 17C is used for the registration of a new political party with the Election Commission of India.
- (b) Form 17C is a statutory form used for recording the counting of votes in elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.
- (c) Form 17C is the form used by candidates to declare their assets and liabilities before contesting in elections.
- (d) Form 17C is used to report election campaign expenses by political parties to the Election Commission.

Q48. Consider the following statements about 'Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System' (ETPBS):

- 1. ETPBS is designed for use only by overseas citizens of the country.
- 2. ETPBS allows eligible voters to receive their postal ballots electronically and return them via postal mail.

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

Q49. The power to decide an election petition is vested in the

- (a) Supreme Court of India
- (b) Election Tribunals
- (c) Election Commission of India
- (d) High Courts

Q50. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Second Thomas Shoal is located near the Spratly Islands.
- 2. The Spratly Islands are a disputed archipelago in the East China Sea.

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

Q51. What is the "nine-dash line"?

- (a) A maritime boundary line drawn by China to claim sovereignty over a vast portion of the South China Sea.
- (b) A historical demarcation line indicating traditional fishing grounds in Southeast Asia.
- (c) A boundary marker established by international consensus to delineate territorial waters in the Pacific Ocean.
- (d) An imaginary line used by navigators to indicate safe shipping lanes in the Indian Ocean.

Q52. Arrange the following locations in the direction of North to South:

- 1. Paracel Island
- 2. Spratly Island
- 3. Natuna Island

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Q53. Consider the following pairs [River: Origin]:

- 1. Narmada River: Amarkantak Hill
- 2. Tapi River: Satpura Range
- 3. Cauvery River: Brahmagiri Range

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

Q54. With reference to the criterion for declaring heat waves in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Heat wave is considered if the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 400C or more for Plains and at least 300 C or more for Hilly regions.
- 2. The peak month of the heat wave over India is May.

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

Q55. Consider the following statements:

- Indonesia is the world's largest island country by total area.
- 2. The capital city of Indonesia is Manila.
- 3. Mount Fuji, an iconic volcano, is located in Indonesia.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q56. The Atacama Desert is renowned for being:

- (a) The wettest desert on Earth
- (b) The coldest desert on Earth
- (c) The hottest desert on Earth
- (d) The driest desert on Earth

Q57. What geological feature is characteristic of the Atacama Desert?

- (a) Sand dunes
- (b) Volcanoes
- (c) Salt flats
- (d) Mountain ranges

Q58. Shaksgam Valley is situated to the

- (a) East of Aksai Chin
- (b) North of the Karakoram watershed
- (c) South of Gilgit
- (d) South of Nubra Valley

Q59. Consider the following statements about Mount Ruang:

- 1. It is located in the Andes mountain range.
- 2. It is an active volcano situated in Indonesia.
- 3. It is the highest peak in Africa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 Only
- (d) None

Q60. Consider the following volcanoes:

- 1. Krakatau
- 2. Merapi
- 3. Semeru

How many of the above volcanoes are situated in Indonesia?

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

Q61. Which of the following statements about meteor showers is correct?

- (a) Meteor showers occur when comets pass close to Earth's orbit.
- (b) Meteor showers are caused by the collision of asteroids with Earth's atmosphere.
- (c) Meteor showers happen when Earth passes through the debris left behind by a comet or asteroid.
- (d) Meteor showers only occur during daytime.

Q62. The Bhadra river originates from the

- (a) Eastern Ghats
- (b) Western Ghats
- (c) Amarkantak Range
- (d) Eastern Himalaya

Q63. 'Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura, and Kalapani' are in news related to:

- (a) Border disputes between India and Pakistan
- (b) Territorial disputes between Israel and Syria
- (c) Conflict between India and Nepal
- (d) Maritime disputes in the South China Sea

Q64. Arrange the following territories in the direction of West to East:

- 1. Lipulekh
- 2. Limpiyadhura
- 3. Kalapani

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Q65. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Mullaperiyar Dam is built at the confluence of the Mullayar and Periyar rivers.
- 2. The Perivar National Park is located around the dam's reservoir.

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

Q66. Consider the following statements about Hopen Island:

- 1. It is located in the Caribbean Sea.
- 2. It is known for its tropical climate and lush rainforests.

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

Q67. Consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a country in Northeast Africa.
- 2. It was the largest country by area in Africa and the Arab League until the secession of one of its territories.
- 3. It has been plagued by violent conflict and humanitarian crises recently.

Above statements refer to which one of the following nations?

- (a) Chad
- (b) Eritrea
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Ethiopia

Q68. Consider the following statements about Urban Heat Island:

- 1. UHI is caused by the absorption of solar radiation by buildings and pavement, which is then re-radiated as heat.
- 2. The UHI effect is more pronounced during the night than during the day.
- 3. Planting more trees in urban areas can exacerbate the UHI effect.
- 4. UHI contributes to increased energy consumption for cooling purposes in urban areas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q69. What is the Batagay crater?

- (a) A volcanic crater located in Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula.
- (b) A meteorite impact crater found in northern Canada.
- (c) A thermokarst depression in the Siberian tundra.
- (d) An artificial excavation site in South America.

Q70. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Permafrost is only found in polar regions.
- 2. Permafrost is a type of rock formation.
- Permafrost is not affected by climate change.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q71. Consider the following statements about the Aravalli Range:

- 1. It is the oldest mountain range in India.
- 2. It stretches from Gujarat to West Bengal.
- 3. Mount Abu, the only hill station in the state of Rajasthan, is located in the Aravalli Range.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q72. Which of the following statements about the Cook Islands is correct?

- (a) The Cook Islands is an independent country in free association with New Zealand.
- (b) The Cook Islands is a territory of Australia.
- (c) The Cook Islands is a part of French Polynesia.
- (d) The Cook Islands is a sovereign state within the United Nations.

Q73. Which of the following statements about auroras is true?

- (a) Auroras occur only in the Northern Hemisphere.
- (b) Auroras are caused by the reflection of sunlight off polar ice caps.
- (c) The colors of auroras are determined by the types of gasses in the Earth's atmosphere.
- (d) Auroras are only visible during daytime.

Q74. During a geomagnetic storm:

- (a) The Earth's magnetic field weakens, allowing more solar radiation to penetrate the atmosphere.
- (b) The Earth's magnetic field strengthens, shielding the planet from solar radiation.
- (c) The Earth's magnetic field remains unchanged, having no effect on solar radiation.
- (d) The Earth's magnetic field fluctuates, causing disturbances in the magnetosphere and ionosphere.

Q75. With reference to Coronal mass ejections (CMEs), consider the following statements:

- 1. CMEs are bursts of solar wind expelled from the Sun's corona.
- 2. CMEs primarily consist of charged particles, such as protons and electrons.
- 3. CMEs have little to no impact on Earth's magnetic field and ionosphere.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q76. Consider the following statements about Chabahar Port:

- 1. Chabahar Port is located in Oman.
- 2. It serves as a crucial hub for trade between India, Afghanistan, and Iran.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q77. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Chabahar port is located in Iraq.
- 2. Chabahar port is solely operated by India.
- 3. Chabahar port is primarily used for military purposes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q78. Which of the following statements about Sahul is correct?

- (a) Sahul is an ancient civilization located in South America.
- (b) Sahul is the largest island in the world, situated in the Pacific Ocean.
- (c) Sahul is a landmass that once connected Australia, New Guinea, and Tasmania.
- (d) Sahul is a term used to describe a traditional dance form in Africa.

Q79. With reference to Soil nailing, consider the following statements:

- 1. Soil nailing is a technique used to stabilize slopes and excavations.
- 2. Soil nails are typically installed vertically to provide maximum stability.
- 3. The technique involves the insertion of reinforcing elements into the soil to enhance its strength.
- 4. Soil nailing is primarily used in soft soils with high moisture content.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Q80. Which of the following conditions are most likely to lead to the development of thunderstorms?

- (a) High-pressure systems with descending air
- (b) Warm, moist air rising into cooler air
- (c) Cold, dry air descending into warmer air
- (d) Stable air masses with minimal vertical movement

Q81. Consider the following statements regarding Nor'westers:

- 1. Nor'westers are most commonly observed during the pre-monsoon months, particularly from March to May.
- 2. These thunderstorms predominantly affect the coastal regions of India, especially the western coast.
- 3. Nor'westers play a crucial role in the agriculture of eastern India by providing much-needed rain for crops such as jute and rice.
 - 4. The primary cause of Nor'westers is the interaction between hot and humid air from the Bay of Bengal and cold, dry air from the northwest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q82. 'Amplifying the Global Value of Earth Observation' report is published by the

- (a) World Trade Organization
- (b) United Nations Environment Programme
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) Indian Space Research Organisation

Q83. Consider the following statements about the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR):

- 1. It is the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research.
- 2. It has established the Clinical Trials Registry India (CTRI).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q84. What is the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)?

- (a) A maritime zone where coastal states have exclusive rights to exploit and manage natural
- (b) A region designated for military exercises by coastal states.
- (c) An area where international fishing vessels have unrestricted access.
- (d) A zone where foreign vessels have priority access to marine resources.

Q85. Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024 is released by the

- (a) WEF
- (b) UNPF
- (c) OECD
- (d) None

Q86. A report, titled 'Land Squeeze' is released by the

- (a) IPCC
- (b) UNCCD
- (c) UNEP
- (d) None

Q87. World Wildlife Crime Report 2024 is released by the

- (a) WWF
- (b) FATF
- (c) UNODC
- (d) None

Q88. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Project BHISHM is an initiative by the Indian Army.
- 2. The project aims to enhance the combat capabilities of T-90 and Arjun tanks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q89. With reference to Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)', consider the following statements.

- 1. CAATSA was enacted in response to Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. elections.
- 2. The primary goal of CAATSA is to enhance the U.S. military presence in Eastern Europe.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q90. India's 'No First Use' policy is related to:

- (a) Environmental conservation
- (b) Trade regulations
- (c) Nuclear weapons
- (d) Space exploration

Q91. Consider the following statements:

- The Muria Tribe is predominantly found in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh.
- 2. The Muria people are known for their unique Ghotul system, which is a traditional youth dormitory.

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

Q92. The "Father of the White Revolution in India" significantly contributed to which of the following projects?

- (a) Green Revolution
- (b) Operation Flood
- (c) Blue Revolution
- (d) Golden Revolution

Q93. Consider the following statements about Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI):

- 1. DCGI is a constitutional body established by the Government of India.
- 2. DCGI ensures the safety, efficacy, and quality of drugs and cosmetics in India.
- 3. DCGI operates independently of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q94. Consider the following statements about the Whitley Gold Award:

- 1. The award is given annually to an individual or organization for outstanding contributions to wildlife conservation.
- 2. It includes a significant cash prize intended to support the awardee's ongoing conservation efforts.
- 3. Recipients are selected solely based on their academic achievements in environmental science.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q95. Which of the following is the primary objective of the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI)?

- (a) To monitor the use of drugs in India
- (b) To ensure the safety of medical devices in India
- (c) To track the distribution of vaccines in India
- (d) To promote the development of new medical technologies in India

Q96. Who coordinates the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI)?

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- (b) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- (c) Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC)
- (d) Quality Council of India (QCI)

Q97. 'Travel and Tourism Development Index' (TTDI) 2024 is released by

- (a) International Civil Aviation Organization
- (b) World Travel and Tourism Council
- (c) UN Tourism
- (d) World Economic Forum

Q98. Global Land Outlook is released by

- (a) UNFCCC
- (b) IPCC
- (c) UNEP
- (d) UNCCD

Q99. 'Water For Shared Prosperity' is released by

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) World Bank
- (c) UN Water
- (d) UNEP

Q100. Consider the following statements about the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- 1. CCI operates under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- 2. The primary legislation governing CCI is the Competition Act, 2002.
- 3. CCI has the authority to impose penalties on enterprises that violate competition laws.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

