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1. Which of the following statements are true:

1. Swayam Platform is an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development.
2. It provides one integrated platform and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) portal for online courses, using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

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

2. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) is developed through SWAYAM.

2. Untrained teachers are getting trained under DEEd programme of NIOS delivered through SWAYAM

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

3. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. Asteroids are composed primarily frozen volatiles, most Kuiper belt objects are composed largely of rocks and metal

2. The Asteroid belt is home to three officially recognized dwarf planets: Pluto, Haumea and Makemake.

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

4. Ultima Thule is located at?

- (a) Asteroid belt
(b) Kuiper belt
(c) Oort Cloud
(d) None of the above

5. Chief Information Commissioner and members are appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a committee. The committee include

- (a) Prime Minister
(b) The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
(c) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister
(d) All of the above

6. Which of the following is related to Kasturirangan report?

- (a) North East
(b) Rann of Kutch
(c) Western Ghats
(d) Eastern Ghats

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) has been established to develop the data in digital form, to identify the number of bridges and other structures on National Highways.

2. The bridges /structure condition data will be collected twice a year during 'Pre-Monsoon' and 'Post-Monsoon' period.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

8. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Ministry of finance has launched a 'Survey on Retail Payment Habits of Individuals (SRPHi)'

2. The findings may provide some idea about awareness and usage habits of digital payment products.

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

9. It is one of the rarest and most threatened primates and are endemic to western ghats. Which of the following animals do the statement describe of ?

- (a) Lion tailed macaque
- (b) Grey Langur
- (c) Golden Langur
- (d) Capped Langur

10. Which of the following statements are true?

1. National Legal Service Authority is a statutory body.

2. Its purpose is to provide free legal services to eligible candidates

3. It organizes Lok Adalat for speedy resolution of cases.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

11. Which of the following is not an invasive species in India?

- (a) Common water Hyacinth
- (b) Pine
- (c) Acacia
- (d) None of the above

12. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Climate Change Performance Index annually published by Germanwatch, the NewClimate Institute and the Climate Action Network.

2. No country performed well enough to reach the ranking very good in this year's index.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

13. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Juno is an ESA space probe orbiting the planet Jupiter.

2. Juno is the first spacecraft to orbit Jupiter

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

14. Which of the following strait separates Alaska and Russia ?

- (a) Bering Strait
- (b) Strait of Hormuz
- (c) Strait of Gibraltar
- (d) Strait of Malacca

15. Which of the following is/are tributary/tributaries of Brahmaputra?

- 1. Dibang
- 2. Kameng
- 3. Lohit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

16. Which of the following is the vector of Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD)?

- (a) *Drosophila melanogaster*
- (b) *Phlebotominae*
- (c) *Anopheles Mosquito*
- (d) *Haemaphysalis spinigera*

17. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. A geographical indication (GI) is a name or sign used on certain products which corresponds to a specific geographical location

2. GIs have been defined under WEF Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

18. Consider the statements regarding Kaladan Multimodal project:

1. The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is a project connecting the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Rakhine State, Myanmar by sea.

2. KMTT is essentially a multi-modal transport project having three different stretches involving shipping, Inland Water and road transport stretches.

Choose the correct answer:

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

19. It is a local breed of chicken which is completely black in colour: feathers, flesh and even bones. The chicken, traditionally reared by Jhabua's adivasi communities, was granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Which of the following chicken do the statement describe about?

- (a) Kadaknath Chicken
- (b) Brahma Chicken
- (c) Asil Chicken
- (d) Polish Chicken

20. Which of the following is/are tributary/tributaries of Cauvery?

- 1. Noyyal
- 2. Son
- 3. Lohit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

21. Which of the following member is not a part of Lokpal selection Committee?

- (a) Prime Minister
- (b) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- (c) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
- (d) Leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha

22. The body that decides which constituency is to be reserved is

- (a) Delimitation Commission
- (b) Election Commission
- (c) Law Commission
- (d) Panchayat/ Municipal body

23. Which of the following statements are true?

1. BT cotton was the first crop to be approved for commercial cultivation in India.

2. In the case of BT Cotton, the genome of the bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, codes for a protein which eliminates the bollworm insect.

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

24. The Constitution (108th Amendment) Bill, is related to?

- (a) Women reservation
- (b) Anti defection law
- (c) Right to Information
- (d) Cooperative societies

25. Which of the following state/states do Gollas and Kurubas dwell?

- 1. Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Manipur
- 3. Meghalaya

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

26. High money supply in the economy can be controlled by?

- (a) Open market operation
- (b) CRR Variation
- (c) SLR Variation
- (d) All Of the Above

27. Staff Selection Commission is a

- (a) Autonomous body
- (b) Constitutional body
- (c) Statutory body
- (d) None of the above

28. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Mercury is a type of toxic non-metal that comes in different forms within the environment.

2. It mixes with the environment due to both natural and anthropogenic causes

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

29. International space station is located at?

- (a) Lower earth orbit
- (b) Medium Earth orbit
- (c) High Earth Orbit
- (d) None of the above

30. Which of the following moons are Galilean satellites?

- 1. Europa
- 2. Ganymede
- 3. Callisto
- 4. Io

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

31. Kesavananda Bharati case is related to?

- (a) Basic Structure of the constitution
- (b) Fundamental Duties
- (c) Anti Defection
- (d) Women reservation in parliament

32. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture
- (c) Ministry of Rural Development
- (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

33. Which of the following statements are true?

1. The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) is a space telescope for NASA's Explorers program.

2. TESS looks for new planets by examining the light from stars and detecting any noticeable changes in brightness.

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

34. FASTag is a device for making toll payments directly from the prepaid account linked to it. Which technology is used in it?

- (a) Radio Frequency Identification technology
- (b) Micro wave identification technology
- (c) Infra red identification technology
- (d) None of the above

35. Which of the following countries share land border with Syria?

- 1. Turkey
- 2. Iraq
- 3. Iran
- 4. Saudi

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

36. Raisina dialogue is related to?

- (a) Geo politics and Geo-economics
- (b) Environmental conservation and biodiversity
- (c) Blood diamonds
- (d) Nuclear disarmament

37. The recent SC judgment mandates that the high-power committee set up under Section 4A (1) of the 1946 Act, should first approve any move by the government to transfer or even divest a CBI Director before the end of his tenure. Who are all constitutes the high power committee.

- 1. Prime minister
- 2. CJI
- 3. Opposition leader

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

38. Which of the following statements are true?

- 1. Tokenisation involves a process in which a unique token masks sensitive card details.
- 2. The token is then used to perform card transactions in contact-less mode at Point Of Sale (POS) terminals and Quick Response (QR) code payments

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

39. Global Report on Trafficking in Persons launched by

- (a) The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) Interpol
- (d) Amnesty International

40. Which of the following states share land border with Assam?

- 1. Nagaland
- 2. Tripura
- 3. Arunachal Pradesh
- 4. Sikkim

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

41. Panj Thiranth is located at?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Nepal

42. Global peace index is published by

- 1. United nations sustainable development solution network
 - 2. Institute of economics and peace
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 1 and 2
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

43. Which of the following statements are true?

- 1. National Agriculture Market or eNAM is an online trading platform for agricultural commodities in India.
 - 2. Only intra state trade takes place at eNAM
- (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) Both 1 and 2
 - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

44. Periyar Tiger reserve is located at

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Karnataka

45. Which of the following states share border with East China Sea?

- 1. South Korea
- 2. Japan
- 3. Taiwan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

46. Lalitgiri Buddhist settlement is located at?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Assam
- (d) Rajasthan

47. which of the following statements is/are true?

1. National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to reduce particulate matter (PM) pollution by 20-30% in at least 102 cities by 2024

2. The NCAP will be a mid-term, five-year action plan with 2019 as the first year. This is not a pan-India, but a city-specific programme.

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

48. Which of the following statements are true?

1. According to Global Economic Prospects Report the domestic demand in India is improving owing to structural reforms.

2. Global Economic Prospects Report is published by World bank.

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

49. Future of Consumption in Fast-Growth Consumer Market Report is published by

- (a) World Bank
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) New Development Bank

50. Which of the following states share land border with Russia?

- 1. South Korea
- 2. Mongolia
- 3. Finland

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

51. Democracy Index is published by?

- (a) BBC
- (b) Economist
- (c) Amnesty International
- (d) Human rights Watch

52. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency is an agency of the Government of India

2. It is under the administrative control of Ministry of Power

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

53. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Swap agreements are illegal in India

2. Swap agreements will lead to speculative attacks on the domestic currency

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

54. India's largest inland salt lake, The lake receives water from five rivers Medtha, Samaod, Mantha, Rupangarh, Khari and Khandela. The lake is an extensive saline wetland. The statements are about?

- (a) Sambhar Lake
- (b) Dal Lake
- (c) Chilika Lake
- (d) Loktak Lake

55. Which of the following states share land border with Rajasthan?

1. Gujarat
2. Punjab
3. Haryana

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

56. Global Youth Development Index is published by?

- (a) Common Wealth secretariat
- (b) UNDP
- (c) Amnesty International
- (d) UNESCO

57. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. Bihu is celebrated at Assam
2. Hareli is celebrated at Kerala

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

58. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Mudra scheme enables small borrowers to borrow from all Public Sector Banks
2. Non-Banking Finance companies are not included in this scheme.

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

59. This is a brackish water lagoon at Odisha state on the east coast of India, at the mouth of the Daya River, flowing into the Bay of Bengal, It was designated the first Indian wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. The statements are about?

- (a) Sambhar Lake
- (b) Dal Lake
- (c) Chilika Lake
- (d) Loktak Lake

60. Which of the following countries share land border with Red sea?

1. Saudi Arabia
2. Sudan
3. Yemen

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

61. Trishna Wildlife sanctuary is located at?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Assam
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tripura

62. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. UDAN ('Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik') is a first-of-its-kind scheme globally to stimulate regional connectivity through a market-based mechanism.
2. Viability Gap funding is an important feature of the scheme

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

63. Which of the following statements are true?

1. USTTAD scheme envisages boosting the skill of craftsmen, weavers and artisans who are already engaged in the traditional ancestral work.

2. Under the scheme, assistance will be provided to traditional artisans to sell their products in order to make them more compatible with modern markets.

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

64. Global Peace Index is published by?

- (a) Institute of economics and peace
- (b) Human Rights watch
- (c) Amnesty International
- (d) United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network

65. Which of the following countries share land border with Red sea?

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Eritrea
- 3. Ethiopia

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

66. Bhitarkanika national park is located at?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Assam
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tripura

67. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. The National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction is drafted by ministry of health

2. It aims to employ a multi-pronged strategy involving education, de-addiction and rehabilitation.

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

68. Which of the following statements are true?

1. The population of saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarkanika has decreased.

2. Poaching and trapping in the fish net are the major reason behind the reduction of numbers.

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



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69. District mineral foundations (DMF) is established for?

- (a) To increase the productivity of Mines
- (b) To implement national hydrocarbon policy
- (c) To formalising profit sharing with gram sabha
- (d) To help the persons and areas affected mining

70. Which of the following countries share land border with both Caspian sea and Black sea?

- 1. Russia
- 2. Georgia
- 3. Azerbaijan

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

71. Consider the following statements about United Nations Climate Change Conference 2018

- 1. The 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference is the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24), also known as the Katowice Climate Change Conference
- 2. The conference agreed on rules to implement the Paris Agreement, which will come into force in 2020, that is to say the rulebook on how governments will measure, and report on their emissions-cutting efforts

Select the correct answer

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

72. Which of the following states celebrate the traditional festival of "lac doll marriage".

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Assam
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

73. Consider the following statements about the traditional "lac doll marriage" recently seen in news.

1. The aim of this unique marriage ceremony was to promote traditional folk and tribal art forms and create awareness against social evils like dowry and child marriage.

2. The marriage ceremony flagged off the annual celebrations of Purbasa Lok-kala o Adivasi-kala Sangrahalaya.

Select the correct answer from the code given below

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

74. Which of the given National Parks does not belong to Madhya Pradesh.

- (a) Madhav National Park
- (b) Panna National Park
- (c) Satpura National Park
- (d) Sariska National Park

75. Consider the following about the new GDP back series data:

1. The new gross domestic product (GDP) back series was released by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of finance.
2. The basic change made in the data calculations was changing the base year.
3. The new method is statistically robust as it tries to relate the estimates to more indicators such as consumption, employment and the performance of enterprises.

Select the correct answer from code given below

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

76. Which of the following statements are true

1. The 'Lokpal' is the central governing body that has jurisdiction over all members of parliament and central government employees in case of corruption
2. The 'Lokayukta' is similar to the Lokpal, but functions on a state level.

Select the correct answer

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

77. Kambala is the annual buffalo race held in.

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Assam
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

78. Consider the following statements about the IIP recently seen in news.

1. IIP is the only measure on the physical volume of production.
2. It is used by government agencies including the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India etc, for policy purposes.

Select the correct answer from the code given below

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

79. World development index is published by

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) World Bank
- (c) UNDP
- (d) None of the above

80. Which of the following statements are true:

1. Poorna and Pranhita are tributaries of Godavari
2. Bhima and Palleru are tributaries of Krishna
3. Ib and Ong are tributaries of Mahanadi

Select the correct answer from code given below

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

81. The valley of flower national park is located at?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Assam
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tripura

82. Which of the following statements is/are true?

1. The Group of 77 (G77) is a coalition at the United Nations
 2. G77 was formed on 15 June 1964 by the "Joint Declaration of the Seventy-Seven Countries"
- (a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2
(c) 2 only
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

83. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Border Roads Organization is a leader in the arena of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country.
 2. It is an organization under the Ministry of Defense.
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

84. Which of the following statements are true?

1. IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system
 2. It is designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 5000 km around the Indian mainland.
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

85. Which of the following are cold currents?

1. Canary current
2. North Atlantic current
3. Benguela Current

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

86. Which of the following statements are true

1. SANJHI –MUJH MEIN KALAKAR is an initiative by Ministry of Women and Child development
2. It is an initiative to document and promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)

Select the correct answer

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

87. Lake Urima is located at

- (a) Iran
(b) Iraq
(c) Oman
(d) Syria

88. Consider the following statements about the IIP recently seen in news.

1. The Cassini–Huygens mission was a collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Italian Space Agency (ASI)
2. The mission is to send a probe to study the planet Saturn and its system, including its rings and natural satellites.

Select the correct answer from the code given below

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

89. Diffo bridge is located at

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Sikkim

90. Which of the following schemes are under Ministry of Rural development

1. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
2. Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
3. Inspire programme

Select the correct answer from code given below

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

91. Which of the following statements are true

1. Around 40% of amphibian species are threatened with extinction.
2. Amphibians help in pest control

Select the correct answer

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

92. Loktak lake is located at

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Assam

93. Consider the following statements.

1. Groundwater is the largest useable source of freshwater on the planet
2. In India largest portion of ground water is used for irrigation

Select the correct answer from the code given below

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

94. Economic growth outlook is published by

- (a) IMF
- (b) World Bank
- (c) ADB
- (d) SCO

95. Arrange the following mountain ranges from north to south

1. Karakoram
2. Ladakh
3. Zaskar

Select the correct answer from code given below

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

96. Which of the following statements are true

1. Twelfth Schedule was added by the 74th Amendment Act of 1992.
2. Twelfth Schedule of the Indian constitution contains the powers, authority and responsibilities of Municipalities.

Select the correct answer

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

97. Deendayal Hastkala Sankul is related to

- (a) Handi-crafts
- (b) Artefacts
- (c) Philately
- (d) Numismatics

98. Objectives Resolution (the resolution that defined the aims of the Constituent Assembly) moved by Nehru in 1946 encapsulated the following fundamental commitments:

1. Equality
2. Liberty
3. Democracy
4. Sovereignty
5. Cosmopolitan identity

Choose the correct answer

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

99. Which of the following country participates Lamitye Joint military exercise with India

- (a) Germany
- (b) Seychelles
- (c) Japan
- (d) Myanmar

100. Consider the following statements regarding Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

1. It operates under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and is headed by the Director.

2. The Bureau of Investigation traces its origins to the Special Police Establishment, a Central Government Police force, which was set up in 1941 by the Government of India.

3. The CBI can investigate only with notification by the central government.

Choose the correct statements

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

101. Which of the following statements are true

1. Indian Institute of Technology at Ropar in Punjab has developed an Android App "Roshni"

2. It is intended to assist visually impaired people to easily determine denomination of currency notes.

Select the correct answer

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

102. The Red Fort Declaration, is related to

- a) India Africa Strategic Partnership
- b) India's NSG entry
- (c) Indo Pakistan boarder issues
- (d) India's UN entry

103. Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) is published by

1. INSEAD business school
2. Tata Communications
3. Adecco Group

Choose the correct answer

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

104. Kurumba tribes are from

- (a) Naga hills
- (b) Nilgiri hills
- (c) Jaintiya hills
- (d) Khasi hills

105. Consider the following statements

1. Nitrogen is the dominant gas in the atmosphere
2. It is inert and doesn't react
3. When it is released as part of compounds from agriculture, sewage and biological waste, nitrogen is considered reactive

Choose the correct statements

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

106. Which of the following statements are true

1. The insolvency and bankruptcy code is the bankruptcy law of India
2. It seeks to consolidate the existing framework by creating a single law for insolvency and bankruptcy.

Select the correct answer

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

107. What do you understand by the term 'Digital detox'?

(a) A period of time during which a person refrains from using electronic connecting devices such as smartphones and computers.

(b) Technology which helps the patient track the miles they walked, blood pressure, heart rates, etc.

(c) The therapeutic method through which electronic devices can help a person escape drug addictions and other obsessions.

(d) None of the above

108. Consider the following statements about GAFA tax:

1. GAFA tax is a tax charged on large technology and internet companies as existing tax norms are not suitable to regulate online services.

2. The idea of a "tax gafa" emanates from the European Commission which proposed to impose the large companies to the tune of 3% of the turnover generated by their digital services.

Select the correct answer:

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

109. Identify which of the following pairs are constitutional bodies in India.

- (a) Planning Commission & Central Information commission
- (b) Lokpal and Lokayuktas
- (c) State public service commission and National commission for STs
- (d) National development council and National human rights commission

110. Consider the following statements

1. Indian government is the fourth largest funder for research and development into neglected tropical diseases.
2. India also records the strongest global growth in public funding for R&D on neglected diseases since 2009.

Choose the correct statements

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

111. Which of the following statements are true

1. Sickle cell anemia is an inherited form of anemia
2. Sickle cell anemia is caused by a mutation in the gene

Select the correct answer

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

112. Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti is associated with?

- (a) Sufism
- (b) Bhakti movement
- (c) Sikhism
- (d) Zoroastrianism

113. Satkosia Tiger Reserve is located at?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Chattisgarh

114. ASER report is published by

- (a) Pratham
- (b) Ministry of human resource development
- (c) NITI Ayog
- (d) Lancet

115. Consider the following statements

1. World Malaria Report is published by World Health Organisation
2. India is pledged to eliminate Malaria by 2030

Choose the correct statements

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

116. Which of the following statements are true

1. New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1 is an enzyme that makes bacteria resistant to a broad range of beta-lactam antibiotics.
2. The gene for NDM-1 can spread from one strain of bacteria to another by horizontal gene transfer.

Select the correct answer

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

117. National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) is launched by

- (a) ICAR
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- (c) Niti Ayog
- (d) MHRD

118. Which of the following missiles is not a part of Integrated missile development programme?

- (a) Prithvi
- (b) Agni
- (c) Akhash
- (d) Astra

119. Which of the following statements regarding Nibhay missile are true

- (a) It is a subsonic cruise missile
- (b) It designed and developed in India by the Defence Research and Development Organisation
- (c) It can carry nuclear warheads
- (d) All of the above

120. Consider the following statements

1. Sarus is India's only resident breeding crane
2. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has marked it as 'vulnerable' in its list of threatened species.

Choose the correct statements

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

121. Which of the following statements are true

1. Golden langur, is an Old World monkey found in a small region of western Ghats
2. It is one of the most endangered primate species of India.

Select the correct answer

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

122. PRASAD Scheme is launched by

- (a) Ministry of Tourism
- (b) Ministry of environment forest and climate change
- (c) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development

123. Chabahar Port is located at?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Oman

124. Which of the following statements regarding New Agenda Coalition (NAC) are true?

1. Collaboration of countries seeking to build an international consensus to make progress on nuclear disarmament, as legally called for in the nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT).
2. It is composed of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, India, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
3. The first NAC Ministerial Meeting was held on 9 June 1998 in Dublin, Ireland.

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

125. Consider the following statements

1. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 36 member countries, founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade.

2. India is a member of OECD
Choose the correct statements

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

126. Which of the following statements are true

1. Khonds/Kuis are a Dravidian-speaking tribal people of India.
2. Khonds speak the Kui and Kuvi languages.

Select the correct answer

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

127. In which of the following session of congress the demand for purna Swaraj was passed

- (a) Lahore
- (b) Avadi
- (c) Surat
- (d) Lucknow

128. Which of the following countries don't have a Satellite navigation positioning system?

- (a) Russia
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Singapore

129. Which of the following statements are true

- (a) Rice, Cotton and Bajra are Rabi Crops
- (b) Wheat and Rape seed are Kharif Crops
- (c) Cucumber and Pumpkin are Zaid Crops
- (d) All of the above

130. Consider the following statements

1. Tehri dam is located at Uttarakhand
2. Sardar Sarovar dam is located at Odisha

Choose the correct statements

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

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Answers:

1. Ans: C

Justification:

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has embarked on a major and new initiative called 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM), which provides one integrated platform and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) portal for online courses, using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and covering all higher education subjects and skill sector courses.
- All the courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost. More than 1,000 specially chosen faculty and teachers from across the Country have participated in preparing these courses.

2. Ans: c

Justification:

- The Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) is also being developed through SWAYAM. Fifteen lakh untrained teachers are getting trained under DEEd programme of NIOS delivered through SWAYAM.
- The Government has launched Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), a major and unique initiative of online professional development of 15 lakh higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform of SWAYAM.

3. Ans: d

Justification:

- While many asteroids are composed primarily of rock and metal, most Kuiper belt objects are composed largely of frozen volatiles (termed "ices"), such as methane, ammonia and water.
- The Kuiper belt is home to three officially recognized dwarf planets: Pluto, Haumea and Makemake. Some of the Solar System's moons, such as Neptune's Triton and Saturn's Phoebe, may have originated in the region.

4. Ans: b

Justification:

- Ultima Thule, is a trans-Neptunian object located in the Kuiper belt. It is elongated in shape, possibly a contact binary or close binary system, with an estimated diameter of 30 km (20 mi). With an orbital period of 295 years and a low inclination and eccentricity, it is classified as a classical Kuiper belt object and suspected to have not undergone significant perturbations and to be only moderately cratered. It seems to have a binary-like shape as seen during a stellar occultation, yet has a very flat light curve more consistent with a spherical body.

5. Ans: d

Justification:

- CIC and members are appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a committee consisting of—Prime Minister as Chairperson, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; a Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

6. Ans: c

Justification:

- The Kasturirangan committee report has sought to balance the two concerns of development and environment protection, by watering down the environmental regulation regime proposed by the Western Ghats Ecology Experts Panel's Gadgil report in 2012. The Kasturirangan report seeks to bring just 37% of the Western Ghats under the Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) zones — down from the 64% suggested by the Gadgil report.

7. Ans: c

Justification:

- The IBM System has been established to develop the data in digital form, to identify the number of bridges and other structures on National Highways, to carry out the condition survey and inventorization of bridges/structures and to identify the distressed bridges which need immediate attention and to sensitize the concerned implementation agency for taking corrective measures such as repair, rehabilitation reconstruction/ new construction etc.
- The bridges /structure condition data will be collected twice a year during 'Pre-Monsoon' and 'Post-Monsoon' period for 3 years by using Mobile Bridge Inspection Units (MBIU).

8. Ans: b

Justification:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will capture payment habits of individuals in six cities, including four metropolitan towns. For the purpose, the central bank has launched a 'Survey on Retail Payment Habits of Individuals (SRPHi)'.
- The findings may provide some idea about awareness and usage habits of digital payment products.

9. Ans: a

Justification:

- Others are not endemic to western Ghats

10. Ans: a

Justification:

- National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA) was formed on 5 December 1995 under the authority of the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.
- Its purpose is to provide free legal services to eligible candidates, and to organize Lok Adalats for speedy resolution of cases.

- The Chief Justice of India is patron-in-chief of NALSA while second seniormost judge of Supreme Court of India is the Executive-Chairman.

11.Ans: d

Justification:

- An invasive species can be any kind of living organism—an amphibian (like the cane toad), plant, insect, fish, fungus, bacteria, or even an organism's seeds or eggs—that is not native to an ecosystem and causes harm. They can harm the environment, the economy, or even human health.

12.Ans:c

Justification:

- The CCPI is annually published by Germanwatch, the NewClimate Institute and the Climate Action Network.
- The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is an instrument designed to enhance transparency in international climate politics.
- No country performed well enough to reach the ranking very good in this year's index, meaning that no country has yet made it to one of the top three places in the rankings.

13.Ans: d

Justification:

- Juno is a NASA space probe orbiting the planet Jupiter.
- Juno's mission is to measure Jupiter's composition, gravity field, magnetic field, and polar magnetosphere.
- Juno is the second spacecraft to orbit Jupiter, after the nuclear powered Galileo orbiter, which orbited from 1995 to 2003. Unlike all earlier spacecraft sent to the outer planets, Juno is powered by solar arrays.

14.Ans: a

Justification:

- Map based question

15.Ans: d

Justification:

- The Brahmaputra is one of the major rivers of Asia with its origin in the Angsi glacier, located on the northern side of the Himalayas, a trans-boundary river which flows through China, India and Bangladesh.
- The principal tributaries of the river joining from right are the Lohit, the Dibang, the Subansiri, the Jiabharali, the Dhansiri, the Manas, the Torsa, the Sankosh and the Teesta whereas the Burhidihing, the Desang, the Dikhow, the Dhansiri and the Kopili joins it from left.
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16.Ans: d

Justification:

- Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD) is a tick-borne viral hemorrhagic fever endemic to South Asia. The disease is caused by a virus belonging to the family Flaviviridae, which also includes yellow fever and dengue fever.
- The vector for disease transmission is *Haemaphysalis spinigera*, a forest tick. Humans contract infection from the bite of nymphs of the tick.

17.Ans: a

Justification:

- GIs have been defined under Article 22(1) of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement as: "Indications which identify a good as originating in the territory of a member, or a region or a locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographic origin."

18.Ans: c

Justification:

- The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is a US\$484 million project connecting the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Rakhine State, Myanmar by sea.
- In Myanmar, it will then link Sittwe seaport to Paletwa in Chin State via the Kaladan river boat route, and then from Paletwa by road to Mizoram state in Northeast India.

19.Ans: a

Justification:

- The "Kali Masi" (Kadakhnath chicken) is a local breed of chicken which is completely black in colour: feathers, flesh and even bones. The chicken, traditionally reared by Jhabua's adivasi communities, was granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the government registry.
- Breeders claim that its cholesterol content is just 0.73-1.05%, in comparison with the 13-25% level in regular white chickens

20.Ans: a

Justification:

- Some of the tributaries are Harangi, Hemavati, Kabini, Bhavani, Arkavathy, Lakshmana Tirtha, Noyyal and Arkavati.

21.Ans: d

Justification:

- The selection of Chairperson and Members of Lokpal shall be through a Selection Committee consisting of:
 - a) Prime Minister;
 - b) Speaker of Lok Sabha;

- c) Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha;
d) Chief Justice of India or a sitting Supreme Court Judge nominated by CJI;
e) An eminent jurist to be nominated by the President of India
- A Search Committee will assist the Selection Committee in the process of selection. Fifty per cent of members of the Search Committee shall also be from amongst SC, ST, OBCs, Minorities and Women.

22.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Delimitation commission or Boundary commission of India is a commission established by the Government of India under the provisions of the Delimitation Commission Act. The main task of the commission is redrawing the boundaries of the various assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies based on a recent census.
- The representation from each State is not changed during this exercise. However, the number of SC and ST seats in a state are changed in accordance with the census. The present delimitation of constituencies has been done on the basis of 2001 census under the provisions of Delimitation Act, 2002.
- The Commission is a powerful and independent body whose orders cannot be challenged in a court of law. The orders are laid before the Lok Sabha and the respective State Legislative Assemblies. However, modifications are not permitted.

23.Ans:c

Justification:

- Bt cotton is a genetically modified organism (GMO) or genetically modified pest resistant plant cotton variety, which produces an insecticide to bollworm.
- In 2002, a joint venture between Monsanto and Mahyco introduced Bt cotton to India.
- In 2011, India grew the largest GM cotton crop at 10.6 million hectares.

24.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Constitution (108th Amendment) Bill, commonly known as the women's reservation Bill, needs to be approved by the Lok Sabha in order to become law.

25.Ans: a

Justification:

- Neolithic people were the early pastoral community. The present day Gollas and Kurubas (grazing communities), who are predominant in Kurnool of A.P, are the living examples of the first pastoralists.

26.Ans: d

Justification:

- Open Market Operations. Open market operations are when central banks buy or sell securities.

- Reserve Requirement. The reserve requirement refers to the money banks must keep on hand overnight.
- Discount Rate.
- Variation in above mentioned rates will result in increase/decrease in money supply.

27. Ans: d

Justification:

- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and all State Public Service Commissions either have constitutional or legal status. The SSC is the only such organisation that performs similar functions on a much larger scale, but does not enjoy statutory status.
- While the workload and responsibilities of the SSC have increased exponentially over the years, it has remained an “attached body” under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), and has to depend entirely on the government for all its needs, with no autonomy.

28. Ans: c

Justification:

- Mercury is a heavy metal that is predominant in the environment. It mixes with the environment due to both natural (e.g. volcanic activity) and anthropogenic (e.g. electrical appliances such as mercury lamps) activity.
- Studies have shown that industrial effluents can have higher mercury levels than that allowed by the WHO and Indian guidelines.

29. Ans: a

Justification:

- The International Space Station (ISS) is a space station, or a habitable artificial satellite, in low Earth orbit. Its first component launched into orbit in 1998, with the first long-term residents arriving in November 2000. It has been inhabited continuously since that date.
- It circles the Earth in roughly 92 minutes and completes 15.5 orbits per day.

30. Ans: d

Justification:

- The Galilean moons are the four largest moons of Jupiter—Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. They were first seen by Galileo Galilei in January 1610, and recognized by him as satellites of Jupiter in March 1610. They were the first objects found to orbit another planet. Their names derive from the lovers of Zeus.

31. Ans: a

Justification:

- Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (case citation: (1973) 4 SCC 225) is a landmark decision of the Supreme Court of India that outlined the basic structure doctrine of the Constitution.

32. Ans: a

Justification:

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) established under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India is mandated with the responsibility of export promotion and development of the processed food.

33.Ans:c

Justification:

- TESS looks for new planets by examining the light from about 200,000 stars and detecting any noticeable changes in brightness. If the light "dips", momentarily decreasing in brightness, it suggests that a planet may be orbiting the star.
- TESS has a suite of instruments that can seek out a number of other cosmic phenomena, including asteroids, comets and exploding stars or "supernovae".
- TESS has already identified six supernovae -a remarkable finding.

34.Ans: a

Justification:

- FASTag essentially is a device that uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid account linked to it. It is affixed on the vehicle windscreen and enables a smooth drive through toll plazas.

35.Ans: b

Justification:

- Map based question

36.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi. Since its inception in 2016, the conference has emerged as India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics. The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation, an independent think tank, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

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37.Ans: d

Justification:

- The judgment mandates that the high-power committee of the Prime Minister, the CJI and the Opposition leader, set up under Section 4A (1) of the 1946 Act, should first approve any move by the government to transfer or even divest a CBI Director before the end of his tenure.

38.Ans:c

Justification:

- The Reserve of India (RBI) has allowed all card payment networks to offer tokenisation service. However, the central bank has made it clear that no charges should be recovered from the customer for availing this service.

- Tokenisation involves a process in which a unique token masks sensitive card details. The token is then used to perform card transactions in contact-less mode at Point Of Sale (POS) terminals, Quick Response (QR) code payments, etc.

39.Ans: a

Justification:

- A Global Report on Trafficking in Persons launched by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) provides new information on the crime. According to the Report, the most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation

40.Ans: c

Justification:

- Map based question

41.Ans: a

Justification:

- Pakistan declares Panj Tirath Hindu religious site as national heritage. Panj Tirath, which got its name from the five pools of water present there, also contains a temple and a lawn with date palm trees.
- The site was damaged during the reign of the Afghan Durrani dynasty in 1747, however it was restored by local Hindus during the period of Sikh rule in 1834 and worship started again.

42.Ans: a

Justification:

- Global Peace Index (GPI) measures the relative position of nations' and regions' peacefulness. The GPI ranks 163 independent states and territories according to their levels of peacefulness
- The GPI is a report produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and developed in consultation with an international panel of peace experts from peace institutes and think tanks with data collected and collated by the Economist Intelligence Unit.

43.Ans: a

Justification:

- With the start of New Year 2019, the Prime Minister's flagship program e-NAM has achieved another milestone by commencing inter-State trade between mandis of two different States.

44.Ans: a

Justification:

- Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary (PNP) is a protected area in Idukki, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta in Kerala, India.
- It is notable as an elephant reserve and a tiger reserve.

45.Ans: c

Justification:

- Map based question

46.Ans: a

Justification:

- Lalitagiri is a major Buddhist complex in the Indian state of Odisha comprising major stupas, 'esoteric' Buddha images, and monasteries, one of the oldest sites in the region. Together with the Ratnagiri and Udayagiri sites, Lalitagiri is part of Puspagiri University located on top of hills of the same names.

47.Ans: b

Justification:

- The Centre has launched a programme to reduce particulate matter (PM) pollution by 20-30% in at least 102 cities by 2024
- The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), which was formally unveiled is envisaged as a scheme to provide the States and the Centre with a framework to combat air pollution.
- The NCAP will be a mid-term, five-year action plan with 2019 as the first year. This is not a pan-India, but a city-specific programme.

48.Ans:c

Justification:

- The World Bank, in its recently released Global Economic Prospects Report - January 2019, has sketched a gloomy outlook for the global economic growth in the coming years, reiterating the fears of global slowdown, however, it expects India to remain the fastest growing emerging market economy.
- As per the report, the domestic demand in India is improving owing to structural reforms undertaken by the country recently and a revival in credit growth.
- India's growth is expected to be at 7.3 per cent in FY19, making it the fastest growing emerging economy, as economic activity has showed sustained recovery with strong domestic demand.

49.Ans: b

Justification:

- Future of Consumption in Fast-Growth Consumer Market, report by World Economic Forum said that India is set to become the world's third largest consumer market behind only USA and China by 2030.

50.Ans: d

Justification:

- Map based question

51.Ans: b

Justification:

- The Economist's Democracy Index has a positive outlook on global democracy, with significant improvement in women's participation, people willing to engage in lawful

demonstrations and voters getting more proactive than ever despite being disillusioned with democracy.

52.Ans: b

Justification:

- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency is an agency of the Government of India, under the Ministry of Power created in March 2002 under the provisions of the nation's 2001 Energy Conservation Act.

53.Ans: d

Justification:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for entering into an Agreement for Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) between India and Japan.
- Availability of such swap line to tide over difficulties arising out of Balance of Payment (BOP) would deter speculative attacks on the domestic currency and greatly enhance the RBI's ability to manage exchange rate volatility.

54. Ans:a

Justification:

- The Sambhar Salt Lake, India's largest inland salt lake, is located in Rajasthan.

55.Ans: c

Justification:

- Map based question

56.Ans: b

Justification:

- Commonwealth Secretariat Youth Division prepared The Global Youth Development Index and Report, which aimed to provide an evidence-based overview of the condition of youth across the world, focusing on opportunities for their development. The index measures progress on youth development in 183 countries.

57.Ans: a

Justification:

- Both festivals are related to Agriculture.
- Bihu is the chief festival in the Assam state of India. It refers to a set of three different festivals: Rongali or Bohag Bihu observed in April, Kongali or Kati Bihu observed in October, and Bhogali or Magh Bihu observed in January.
- The Hareli festival is one of the popular festivals of Chhattisgarh. It is mainly a festival celebrated by the various communities of farmer in the month of Shravan.

58.Ans: a

Justification:

- Mudra Scheme enables a small borrower to borrow from all Public Sector Banks such as PSU Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks, Private Sector Banks, Foreign Banks, Micro Finance Institutions (MFI) and Non Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) for loans upto Rs 10 lakhs for non-farm income generating activities.

59.Ans:c

Justification:

- It is the largest wintering ground for migratory birds on the Indian sub-continent. The lake is home to a number of threatened species of plants and animals.

60.Ans: c

Justification:

- Map based question

61.Ans: d

Justification:

- Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary is a Wildlife Sanctuary in Tripura, India

62.Ans: b

Justification:

- UDAN ('Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik') is a first-of-its-kind scheme globally to stimulate regional connectivity through a market-based mechanism.
- The scheme aims to develop unserved and under served airports.
- The mechanism of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) will be provided to interested airlines to kick-off operations from such airports so that the passenger fares are kept affordable

63.Ans:c

Justification:

- Hunar Haats are organised by Ministry of Minority Affairs under USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) scheme.
- It envisages boosting the skill of craftsmen, weavers and artisans who are already engaged in the traditional ancestral work.
- Under the scheme, assistance will be provided to traditional artisans to sell their products in order to make them more compatible with modern markets.
- It is fully funded by Union Government

64.Ans: a

Justification:

- Global Peace Index (GPI) is released by Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).

65.Ans: b

Justification:

- Map based question
- Eastern shore: Saudi Arabia. Yemen.
- Western shore: Egypt. Sudan. Eritrea. Djibouti.

66.Ans: a

Justification:

- Bhitarkanika National Park is the core area of Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary located in the north-east region of Kendrapara district in the state of Odisha

67.Ans: b

Justification:

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has drafted a five-year action plan for addressing the problem of drug and substance abuse in the country, dumping a long-pending draft policy on the matter.
- The National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (2018-2023) aims to employ a multi-pronged strategy involving education, de-addiction and rehabilitation of affected individuals and their families to address the issue.

68.Ans: d

Justification:

- The population of saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarkanika has increased with the annual census, putting the head-count at 1,742.
- The increase in population was primarily due to the far-sighted measures of the Government. "In 1975, the Union Ministry of Forest and Environment in collaboration with the UNDP had started a crocodile breeding and rearing project in Dangamala within the park.

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69.Ans: d

Justification:

- The objective of District Mineral Foundation is to work for the interest of the benefit of the persons and areas affected mining related operations in such manner as may be prescribed by the State Government.
- Jurisdiction: Its manner of operation comes under the jurisdiction of the relevant State Government.

70.Ans: a

Justification: Map based question

71. Ans: c

Justification:

- The 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference that took place between 2 and 15 December 2018 in Katowice, Poland, is the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24).

72. Ans: a

Justification:

- It was in a way Odisha's own celebrity wedding with just one exception — the bride and the groom were beautiful dolls made of lac.

73. Ans: C

Justification:

- The aim of this unique marriage ceremony was to promote traditional folk and tribal art forms and create awareness against social evils like dowry and child marriage.
- The marriage was organised in conformity with the Odia tradition of 'jau kandhei bahaghara (lac doll marriage)' by 'Purbasa Lok-kala o Adivasi-kala Sangrahalaya', an institution and museum at Barkul. 'Forum for Ganjam' of Berhampur is also involved in the development of this museum

74. Ans: d

Justification:

Map based question

75. Ans: c

Justification:

- Nearly four years after moving to a new GDP series, the Union Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) on November 28, 2018 released the revised Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for the years 2004-2005 to 2010-2011.
- Other statements are correct

76. Ans: c

Justification:

- The 'Lokpal' is the central governing body that has jurisdiction over all members of parliament and central government employees in case of corruption. Whereas, the 'Lokayukta' is similar to the Lokpal, but functions on a state level. Scope of the 'Lokpal' is based on a national government level basis and the scope of the 'Lokayukta' relied on a state level.

77. Ans: a

Justification:

- A kambala is an annual buffalo race held in the southwestern Indian state of Karnataka. Traditionally, it is sponsored by local Tuluva landlords and households in the coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, a region collectively known as Tulu Nadu.

78.Ans: C

Justification:

- IIP is the only measure on the physical volume of production. The all-India IIP provides a single representative figure to measure the general level of industrial activity in the economy.
- It is used by government agencies including the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India etc, for policy purposes.

79.Ans: b

Justification:

- The World Development Indicators (WDI) is the World Bank's premier compilation of international statistics on global development. Drawing from officially recognized sources and including national, regional, and global estimates, the WDI provides access to approximately 1,600 indicators for 217 economies, with some time series extending back more than 50 years.

80.Ans: d

Justification:

- Godavari: Poorna, Pranhitha, Indravati, Manjra, Pravara
- Mahanadi: Seonath, Ib, Jong, Hasdeo, Tel, Jonk
- Krishna: Bhima, Palleru, Munneru, Kangra, Gatprabha, Malprabha, Tungabhadra

81.Ans: a

Justification:

- Valley of Flowers National Park is an Indian national park, located in North Chamoli, in the state of Uttarakhand and is known for its meadows of endemic alpine flowers and the variety of flora.


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82.Ans: b

Justification:

- The Group of 77 (G77) at the United Nations is a coalition of 134 developing nations, designed to promote its members' collective economic interests and create an enhanced joint negotiating capacity in the United Nations.
- G77 was formed on 15 June 1964 by the "Joint Declaration of the Seventy-Seven Countries" issued at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

83.Ans:c

Justification:

- It is a leader in the arena of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country.
- It is an organization under the Ministry of Defense.
- The BRO consists of Border Roads Wing in the Ministry of Defense and the General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF).
- The BRO undertakes projects in India and friendly countries.

84.Ans: a

Justification:

- IRNSS is an independent regional navigation satellite system designed to provide position information in the Indian region and 1500 km around the Indian mainland. Simply put, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) is similar to the GPS (global positioning system) of the US, Glonass of Russia and Galileo of Europe as well as China's Beidou. It consists of a constellation of seven satellites.

85.Ans: c

Justification:

- Cold currents flow toward the equator on the eastern side of ocean basins. Examples of cold ocean currents include the Canary Current in the North Atlantic, the California Current in the North Pacific, and the Benguela Current in the South Atlantic. Cold currents can also flow out of far northern regions.

86. Ans: b

Justification:

- Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama will launch the second phase of the Web Campaign 'SANJHI –MUJH MEIN KALAKAR'.
- It is an initiative to document and promote the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and diverse cultural traditions of the country by direct public-participation.

87.Ans: a

Justification:

- Iran is witnessing revival of Lake Urmia which is one of the worst ecological disasters of recent decade.
- A coordinated effort to save the lake in 2013—with a joint program between Iran and the UN Development Program funded by the Japanese government was in force.

88.Ans: C

Justification:

- The Cassini–Huygens mission was a collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Italian Space Agency (ASI) to send a probe to study the planet Saturn and its system, including its rings and natural satellites.
- The Flagship-class robotic spacecraft comprised both NASA's Cassini probe, and ESA's Huygens lander which landed on Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

89.Ans: a

Justification:

- Raksha Mantri inaugurated the 426.60 metre long bridge over Diffo River on Roing-Koron-Paya road in Arunachal Pradesh

90.Ans: b

Justification:

- INSPIRE scheme is Scholarships for top Science students, Fellowships for pursuing PhD, Research Grants to researchers. It is under ministry of science and technology

91.Ans: c

Justification:

- Around 40% of amphibian species are threatened with extinction. Amphibians play an important role in nature – both as predators and prey. They eat pest insects, which benefits agriculture around the world and helps minimise the spread of disease, including malaria

92.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Manipur government's plan to set up a bird sanctuary at the Loktak lake in Bishnupur district has met with stiff opposition from the villagers in nearby areas.
- Thousands of migratory birds flock to the Loktak lake, the largest freshwater lake in north-eastern India, every year. However, in the past few years there has been a sharp decline in the number of migratory birds coming to the lake.

93.Ans: C

Justification:

- Groundwater is the largest useable source of freshwater on the planet and more than two billion people rely on it to drink or irrigate crops

94.Ans: a

Justification:

- The International Monetary Fund cut its world economic growth forecasts for 2019 and 2020 owing to weakness in Europe and some emerging markets, and said failure to resolve trade tensions could further destabilize a slowing global economy.

95.Ans: a

Justification:

- Map based question

96.Ans: c

Justification:

- The act aims at the revitalizing and strengthening the urban governments so that they can function effectively as units of local government. Twelfth Schedule was added by the 74th Amendment Act of 1992. Twelfth Schedule of the Indian constitution contains the powers, authority and responsibilities of Municipalities.

97.Ans: a

Justification:

- It is a trade facilitation centre for handicrafts.
- It aims to facilitate weavers, artisans and exporters in promoting handlooms and handicrafts.

98.Ans: d

Justification:

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99.Ans: b

Justification:

- Joint military exercise 'Lamitye' was held between India and Seychelles.
- The joint military exercise is named 'Lamitye' which in the local dialect 'Creole' means friendship.

100.Ans: d

Justification:

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is the premier investigating agency of India. Operating under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the CBI is headed by the Director. The agency has been known to investigate several economic crimes, special crimes, cases of corruption and other high-profile cases.
- The CBI headquarters are located at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

101.Ans: c

Justification:

- In a bid to assist visually impaired people to easily determine denomination of currency notes, the Indian Institute of Technology at Ropar in Punjab has developed an Android App "Roshni", using image processing and analytics.

102.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Strategic Partnership between India and South Africa, called the Red Fort Declaration, was signed in March 1997 by the then South African President Nelson Mandela and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda.

103. Ans: d

Justification:

- It is a report released by INSEAD business school in partnership with Tata Communications and Adecco Group
- It is an annual benchmark measuring how countries and cities grow, attract and retain talent, providing a unique resource for decision makers to understand the global talent competitiveness picture and develop strategies for boosting their competitiveness.

104.Ans: b

Justification:

- Kurumbas are the tribe who live in the mid-ranges of the Nilgiris or “blue-mountains”.

105.Ans: d

Justification:

- While nitrogen is the dominant gas in the atmosphere, it is inert and doesn't react. However, when it is released as part of compounds from agriculture, sewage and biological waste, nitrogen is considered “reactive”, and it may be polluting and even exert a potent greenhouse gas (heat trapping) effect.

106.Ans: c

Justification:

- The insolvency and bankruptcy code is the bankruptcy law of India which seeks to consolidate the existing framework by creating a single law for insolvency and bankruptcy.

107.Ans: a

Justification:

- Digital detox means a period of time during which a person refrains from using electronic devices such as smartphones or computers, regarded as an opportunity to reduce stress or focus on social interaction in the physical world.

108.Ans: c

Justification:

France will introduce its own tax on large internet and technology companies from January 1, finance minister Bruno Le Maire said Monday amid difficulties in finalising a new EU-wide levy.

France has been pushing hard for a new so-called “GAFA tax” -- named after Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon -- to ensure the global giants pay a fair share of taxes on their massive business operations in Europe. India is discussing this issue.

109.Ans: c

Justification:

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110.Ans: c

Justification:

- A new report has found that the Indian government is the fourth largest funder for research and development into neglected tropical diseases.
- Among other low and middle income countries (LMICs), India is credited with being responsible for the “lion's share” of public funding.
- India also records the strongest global growth in public funding for R&D on neglected diseases since 2009.

111. Ans: c

Justification:

- Sickle cell anemia is an inherited form of anemia — a condition in which there aren't enough healthy red blood cells to carry adequate oxygen throughout your body.
- Sickle cell anemia is caused by a mutation in the gene that tells your body to make the red, iron-rich compound that gives blood its red color (hemoglobin). Hemoglobin allows red blood cells to carry oxygen from your lungs to all parts of your body. In sickle cell anemia, the abnormal hemoglobin causes red blood cells to become rigid, sticky and misshapen.

112. Ans: a

Justification:

- The Sufi movement is believed to have begun in Persian countries against the highly puritan Islamic culture.
- Later, it spread into India and adopted various things like yogic postures, dance and music into it, and turned itself into a pantheistic movement.
- The saints organized themselves into twelve silsilas or orders. The important among them were the Chisti and Suhrawardi silsilas, both of which belonged to the ba-shara order.
- The Chisti Silsila was begun by Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti who came to India around 1192.

113. Ans: a

Justification:

- Satkosia Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve located in the Angul district of Odisha.
- It is located where the Mahanadi River passes through a 22 km long gorge in the Eastern Ghats mountains.

114. Ans: a

Justification:

- The ASER report is being published by a NGO called Pratham.
- ASER report is a household-based survey that collects information on children's schooling status and basic learning outcomes in almost every rural district in the country.

115. Ans: c

Justification:

- The World Health Organisation's World Malaria Report of 2018 turned the spotlight on India's recent strides against malaria. India is the only country among the 11 highest-burden countries that saw substantial progress in reducing disease burden.
- The turning point in India's fight against malaria came at the East Asia Summit in 2015, when it pledged to eliminate the disease by 2030.
- Following this public declaration, India launched the five-year National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination.

116. Ans: c

Justification:

- New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1 is an enzyme that makes bacteria resistant to a broad range of beta-lactam antibiotics. These include the antibiotics of the carbapenem family, which are a mainstay for the treatment of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.
- The most common bacteria that make this enzyme are gram-negative such as Escherichia coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae, but the gene for NDM-1 can spread from one strain of bacteria to another by horizontal gene transfer.

117.Ans: a

Justification:

- ICAR has recently launched Rs 1100 crore ambitious National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)

118.Ans: d

Justification:

Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme Includes,

- Short range surface-to-surface missile (code-named Prithvi)
- Short range low-level surface-to-air missile (code-named Trishul)
- Medium range surface-to-air missile (code-named Akash) and
- Third-generation anti-tank missile (code-named Nag).
- The Agni missile was initially conceived in the IGMDP as a technology demonstrator project in the form of a re-entry vehicle, and was later upgraded to a ballistic missile with different ranges.[2] As part of this program, the Interim Test Range at Balasore in Orissa was also developed for missile testing

119.Ans: d

Justification:

- Nirbhay is a long range, all-weather, subsonic cruise missile designed and developed in India by the Defence Research and Development Organisation. The missile can be launched from multiple platforms and is capable of carrying conventional and nuclear warheads

120.Ans: c

Justification:

- Towering at 152-156 cm, over 5 feet on average, the Sarus (Grus antigone) is not only the tallest flying bird in the world, it is also India's only resident breeding crane, as per the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), a leading nature conservation organisation that works with the State wildlife department.
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has marked it as 'vulnerable' in its list of threatened species.

121.Ans: b

Justification:

- The golden langur conservation project was undertaken at the Assam State Zoo in Guwahati during the 2011-12 fiscal.

- Funded by the Central Zoo Authority, an isolated and undisturbed site within the zoo was chosen to provide a natural habitat for the primates with a golden coat endemic to Assam.
- Gee's golden langur or simply the golden langur, is an Old World monkey found in a small region of western Assam, India[and in the neighboring foothills of the Black Mountains of Bhutan. It is one of the most endangered primate species of India.

122.Ans: a

Justification:

- Under it, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments for promoting tourism at identified destinations.
- For components within public funding under this scheme, Central Government will provide 100% fund. For improved sustainability of project, it also seeks to involve Public Private Partnership (PPP) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as well.

123.Ans: a

Justification:

- Iran's Chabahar port is located on the Gulf of Oman and is the only oceanic port of the country. The port gives access to the energy-rich Persian Gulf nations' southern coast.
- The Chabahar Agreement was signed in June 2015 and approved by Iran's Guardian Council in November 2016. Chabahar is being seen as a gateway for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with Central Asian countries.
- The first and foremost significance of the Chabahar port is the fact that India can bypass Pakistan in transporting goods to Afghanistan. Chabahar port will boost India's access to Iran, the key gateway to the International North-South Transport Corridor that has sea, rail and road routes between India, Russia, Iran, Europe and Central Asia.

124.Ans: c

Justification:

- The New Agenda Coalition (NAC), composed of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa, is a geographically dispersed group of middle power countries seeking to build an international consensus to make progress on nuclear disarmament, as legally called for in the nuclear NPT.

125.Ans: a

Justification:

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 36 member countries, founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade.
- It is a forum of countries describing themselves as committed to democracy and the market economy, providing a platform to compare policy experiences, seeking answers to common problems, identify good practices and coordinate domestic and international policies of its members.

• India is one of the many non-member economies with which the OECD has working relationships in addition to its member countries. The OECD has been co-operating with India since 1995.

126. Ans: c

Justification:

• Khonds/Kuis are a Dravidian-speaking tribal people of India. Traditionally hunter-gatherers, they are divided into the hill-dwelling Khonds and plain-dwelling Khonds for census purposes; all the Khonds identify by their clan and usually hold large tracts of fertile land but still practice hunting, gathering and slash-and-burn agriculture in the forests as a symbol of their connection to and ownership of the forest. Khonds speak the Kui and Kuvi languages.

127. Ans: a

Justification:

• The Indian National Congress, on 19 December 1929, passed the historic 'Purna Swaraj' – (total independence) resolution – at its Lahore session.

128. Ans: d

Justification:

• A satellite navigation system with global coverage may be termed a global navigation satellite system (GNSS). As of October 2018, the United States' Global Positioning System (GPS) and Russia's GLONASS are fully operational GNSSs, with China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) and the European Union's Galileo scheduled to be fully operational by 2020. India, France and Japan are in the process of developing regional navigation and augmentation systems in to global navigation system.

129. Ans: c

Justification:

• The kharif crops include rice, maize, sorghum, pearl millet/bajra, finger millet/ragi (cereals), arhar (pulses), soyabean, groundnut (oilseeds), cotton etc. The rabi crops include wheat, barley, oats (cereals), chickpea/gram (pulses), linseed, mustard (oilseeds) etc.

• Zaid Crops. There is a short season between Kharif and Rabi season in the months of March to July. ... These crops are grown on irrigated lands and do not have to wait for monsoons. Some examples of Zaid types of crops are pumpkin, cucumber, bitter gourd.

130. Ans: a

Justification:

- Tehri Dam – Uttarakhand.
- Bhakra Nangal Dam – Himachal Pradesh.
- Sardar Sarovar Dam – Gujarat.
- Hirakud Dam – Odisha.
- NagarjunaSagar Dam – Telangana



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