

UPSC Prelims Practice Questions Set - 10

Q1. Arrange the following in the correct Chronological order of their arrival in India:

1. Danes
2. Portuguese
3. English
4. French

Options:

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

Q2. Consider the following statements:

1. Out of all the European colonial powers that came to India, it was the Dutch who had the shortest presence in comparison to the Portuguese and the English.
2. The first factory founded by Dutch in India was at Masulipatnam
3. The Battle of Colachel permanently ended Dutch presence in South India when the Travancore army defeated an army of the Dutch East India company

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q3. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Sun is the largest object in our solar system, comprising 99.8% of the system's mass.
2. The diameter of the Sun is 190 times that of the Earth

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

- c. Both
- d. None

Q4. With reference to the InSight mission, which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

1. It is part of NASA's Discovery Program
2. InSight is the first mission dedicated to looking deep beneath the Martian surface.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q5. Consider the following statements:

1. The Rajya Sabha has no power either to reject or to amend a Money Bill.
2. The Rajya Sabha cannot vote on the Demands for Grants.
3. The Rajya Sabha cannot discuss the Annual Financial Statement.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

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

Q6. Who among the following are entitled to Free Legal Services?

1. BPL cardholders
2. A woman is entitled to free legal aid irrespective of her income or financial status
3. An industrial workman
4. A member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 2, 3 and 4 only

d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q7. Which of the following are the advantages of Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR)?

1. It helps in saving irrigation water
2. Less labour required
3. Planting cost is saved
4. It will save energy

Options:

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

Q8. Consider the following statements:

1. Under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, disabilities have been increased from 7 to 21 and the State Governments will have the power to add more types of disabilities.
2. Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 and 18 years shall have the right to free education.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q9. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Halam Tribes are native to the state of Tripura, Assam and Sikkim.
2. Longai River is a trans-boundary river in India and Myanmar.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both

d. None

Q10. Which of the following parties were established by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar? (UPSC 2012)

1. The Peasants and Workers Party of India
2. All India Scheduled Castes Federation
3. The Independent Labour Party

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q11. Consider the following statements:

1. Under the preventive detention as enshrined under Article 22, a person cannot be detained for more than three months.
2. The grounds of detention should be communicated to the detenu.
3. Both the Parliament and the State Legislature can make a law of preventive detention for reasons connected with the security of a state, defence, maintenance of Public order.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q12. With reference to Zika virus disease, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is caused by a virus transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes.
2. Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause infants to be born with microcephaly.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both

d. None

Q13. Which one among the following statements best describes the Copenhagen Consensus?

- a. It is a project that seeks to establish priorities for advancing global welfare using methodologies based on the theory of welfare economics
- b. It aims to catalyse rapid reductions in short-lived climate pollutants to protect human health, agriculture and the environment
- c. It refers to a set of free-market economic ideas
- d. It is an intergovernmental treaty concerned with the conservation of wildlife and habitats

Q14. Which of the following are the initiatives undertaken by the Government for the welfare and upliftment of the minority communities?

- 1. USTTAD
- 2. Hamari Darohar
- 3. Nai Manzil
- 4. Sakhi Scheme
- 5. Sanskritik Sadbhav Mandap

Options:

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

Q15. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. Radhakanta Deb — First President of the British Indian Association
- 2. Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty — Founder of the Madras Mahajana Sabha
- 3. Surendranath Banerjee — Founder of the Indian Association

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched? [UPSC 2017]

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

d. 1, 2 and 3

Q16. Which of the given statements with respect to project CHAMAN is/are correct?

1. It is a pioneer project to provide strategic development to the horticulture sector in order to increase farmer's income.
2. Crops such as Rice, Wheat, Mustard and Jute are assessed under CHAMAN project using remote sensing technology and satellites.

Options

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

Q17. Which of the given statements is/are INCORRECT?

1. The Battle of Pollilur and the Battle of Porto Novo were fought as a part of the Third Anglo-Mysore war.
2. As per the Treaty of Mangalore signed after the Third Anglo-Mysore War, Tipu Sultan had to surrender two of his sons as surety to the British till he paid his due.
3. Mysore entered into a Subsidiary Alliance with the British after the Third Anglo-Mysore War.

Options:

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

Q18. Consider the following statements with respect to Saubhagya Scheme:

1. The scheme was launched to provide free electricity to all households (both APL and poor families) in rural areas and poor families in urban areas.
2. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) is the nodal agency for the scheme.
3. Beneficiary households for free electricity connections under the scheme are identified using SECC 2011 data.

Which of the given statements is/are INCORRECT?

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

Q19. Which among the following are applications of Coir geo-textiles?

- 1. Rainwater Harvesting
- 2. Promoting quick vegetation
- 3. Improvement of sub-grade soil strength in road pavements
- 4. Stabilization of side slopes to check soil erosion
- 5. Construction of roads

Options:

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

Q20. Consider the following pairs: Community sometimes mentioned in the news: In the affairs of

- 1. Kurd: Bangladesh
- 2. Madhesi: Nepal
- 3. Rohingya: Myanmar

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q21. What is 'Project Himank'?

- a. It is a high-altitude research station in Himalaya
- b. It is the country's first robotic telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle

in Ladakh

- c. It is an initiative of the Indian Government to safeguard the Himalayan Quail
- d. It is a project of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in the Ladakh region

Q22. Consider the following statements with respect to Anaimalai flying frog:

- 1. It is endemic to the southern part of the Western Ghats.
- 2. Its IUCN status is Endangered.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q23. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Sand is a minor mineral under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.
- 2. The Act empowers the State Governments to make rules for regulating the grant of minor mineral concessions.
- 3. Central Government is the owner of the minerals underlying the ocean within the territorial waters or the Exclusive Economic Zone of India.

Options:

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

Q24. With reference to Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NavIC), which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- 1. It is designed to provide accurate position information service to users in India as well as the region extending up to 1500 km from its boundary.
- 2. ISRO has built a total of eight satellites in the IRNSS series; of which seven are currently in orbit,

three of these satellites are in Geostationary Orbit (GEO) while the remaining in Geosynchronous Orbits (GSO).

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q25. In India, which of the following have the highest share in the disbursement of credit to agriculture and allied activities? (2011)

- a. Commercial Banks
- b. Cooperative Banks
- c. Regional Rural Banks
- d. Microfinance Institutions

Q26. With reference to EOS-03 satellite, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. It is the first military communication satellite developed by the ISRO for the Indian defense forces.
- 2. It provides real-time inputs to naval warships, submarines and maritime aircraft and networking capabilities to its naval assets on the high seas.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q27. Which of the following is/are correctly matched? Islands Country

- 1. Assumption Island Seychelles
- 2. Agalega Islands Maldives
- 3. Gaadhoo Island Mauritius

Options:

- a. 1 only

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

Q28. Consider the following statements about Surendranath Banerji:

1. Banerji was the founder of one of India's first political organizations, the Indian National Association.
2. Banerji published the newspaper 'The Bengalee'.
3. Banerji supported the Morley-Minto reforms (1909) but was a critic of the proposed method of civil disobedience advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None

Q29. Consider the following pairs: Festivals in News State

1. Sangai Festival Manipur
2. Behdienkhlam Festival Mizoram
3. Hornbill Festival Nagaland

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Q30. There has been a persistent deficit budget year after year. Which action/actions of the following can be taken by the Government to reduce the deficit? (UPSC-2015)

1. Reducing revenue expenditure
2. Introducing new welfare schemes
3. Rationalizing subsidies
4. Reducing import duty

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, 3 and 4

Q31. Which of the given statements with respect to the UN World Food Programme is/are correct?

- 1. It was founded at the United Nations World Humanitarian Summit (WHS).
- 2. It is headquartered in Rome, Italy.
- 3. It has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice.
- 4. Its priority is to achieve SDG-2 by 2030.

Options:

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

Q32. Consider the following statements with respect to Abanindranath Tagore:

- 1. He founded the 'Indian Society of Oriental Art'.
- 2. Victory of Buddha is among his famous paintings.
- 3. He wrote 'Amar Shonar Bangla' which helped ignite a feeling of nationalism amongst people.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

Q33. The "Tigray Region" recently in news, borders which of these countries?

- 1. Eritrea
- 2. South Sudan
- 3. Sudan

4. Djibouti

Options:

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

Q34. Which of the given statements with respect to PMGDISHA Scheme is/are correct?

- 1. Its objective is to enhance institutional mechanisms for skills development and increase access to quality and market-relevant training for the work force.
- 2. The scheme is applicable only for rural areas of the country.
- 3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- 4. All households where none of the family member is digitally literate will be considered as eligible households under the Scheme.

Options:

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

Q35. The terms 'Wanna Cry, Petya and Eternal Blue' sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to

- a. Exo-planets
- b. Crypto-currency
- c. Cyber attacks
- d. Mini satellites

Q36. Which of the given statement/s is/are correct?

- 1. Dara Shikoh translated Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads into Persian.
- 2. He is the author of Alamgirnama.
- 3. His book "Majma-ul-Bahrain" is a comparative study of Vedanta and Sufism.

4. Italian traveller Niccolao Manucci's 'Travels of Manucci' has a graphic description of Dara Shikoh's burial.

Options:

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

Q37. Which of the given statements with respect to the twin Keck Observatory telescopes is/are correct?

- 1. They are the world's most scientifically productive optical and infrared telescopes.
- 2. They are located in Atacama Desert of northern Chile.
- 3. The project is funded by scientific organisations of Canada, China, India, Japan and USA.

Options:

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

Q38. Which of the given statements with respect to PM-DAKSH Yojana is/are correct?

- 1. It is a National Action Plan for skilling of marginalized persons covering SCs, OBCs, EBCs, Sanitation workers.
- 2. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- 3. Its components include up-skilling/reskilling, short term training programme, long term training programme and entrepreneurship development program.

Options:

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

Q39. Which of the given pairs is/are correctly matched? GI Tagged product State

1. Puanchei shawl Assam
2. Ilkal Sarees Andhra Pradesh
3. Tangaliya Shawl Gujarat
4. Chakhesang Shawls Nagaland

Options:

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

Q40. In India, cluster bean (Guar) is traditionally used as a vegetable or animal feed, but recently the cultivation of this has assumed significance. Which one of the following statements is correct in this context?

- a. The oil extracted from seeds is used in the manufacture of biodegradable plastics
- b. The gum made from its seeds is used in the extraction of shale gas
- c. The leaf extract of this plant has the properties of anti-histamines
- d. It is a source of high quality biodiesel

Q41. Consider the following pairs: City in News Country

1. Kunduz Afghanistan
2. Taloqan Pakistan
3. Sar-e-Pul Iran

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Q42. Which of the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is/are correct?

1. It is a scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for providing LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.

2. The Scheme provides financial support for each LPG connection to the BPL households, interest-free loan to purchase stoves and refills by Oil Marketing Companies.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q43. With reference to 8888 Uprising, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. It was a series of protests and marches in Hong Kong.
- 2. It was against mainland China's proposal to introduce a new National Security Law.

Options:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

Q44. Island of Evia recently seen in news is part of which country?

- a. Italy
- b. Greece
- c. Turkey
- d. France

Q45. Consider the following statements: The parliamentary Committee on public accounts

- 1. Consists of not more than 25 members of the Lok Sabha.
- 2. Scrutinizes appropriation and finance accounts of the Government.
- 3. Examines the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

d. 1, 2 and 3

Q46. The grouping “extended troika” is seen in news in which of the following contexts?

- a. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations.
- b. Afghanistan peace process.
- c. The Israeli–Palestinian peace process.
- d. Abraham Accords.

Q47. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The territorial sea extends seaward up to 12 nautical miles from its baselines and includes not only the surface but also the airspace.
- 2. Only civilian foreign ships are allowed innocent passage through the territorial waters.
- 3. The U.S. has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

Q48. Marburg virus belongs to which of the following categories?

- a. Coronaviruses
- b. Togaviruses
- c. Paramyxoviruses
- d. Filoviruses

Q49. Consider the following statements with respect to ISHAAN UDAY Scheme:

- 1. It is a scheme launched for the financial turnaround of the Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) owned by the North-Eastern states.
- 2. The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only

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

Q50. Consider the following statements in respect of Trade Related Analysis of Fauna and Flora in Commerce (TRAFFIC):

1. TRAFFIC is a bureau under United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
2. The mission of TRAFFIC is to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q51. Consider the following statements with respect to International Seabed Authority (ISA):

1. It is an autonomous international organization established under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).
2. It makes binding recommendations to coastal States on matters related to the establishment of outer limits of the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines.
3. All mineral-related activities in the international seabed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction are regulated by ISA.
4. ISA is committed to contributing to the timely and effective implementation of SDG-6 in particular.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

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

Q52. Global Environment Facility functions as a financial mechanism for which of the following convention/s?

1. Minamata Convention on Mercury
2. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
3. United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
4. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
5. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Options:

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

Q53. He started a movement in the Bihar and Jharkhand belt in the 19th century under British colonial rule. As a result of his struggle, the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act was passed in 1908. He is also known as 'Dharti Abba'. The tribal leader being talked about is:

- a. Kanhu Murmu
- b. Birsa Munda
- c. Tirut Singh
- d. Bar-Manik

Q54. Which of these mountain passes is/are located in Ladakh?

1. Zoji La
2. Nathu La
3. Bomdi La
4. Muling La

Option:

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

Q55. "Momentum for Change: Climate Neutral Now" is an initiative launched by: (UPSC-2018)

- a. The Intergovernmental Panel on climate change
- b. The UNEP Secretariat
- c. The UNFCCC Secretariat
- d. The World Meteorological Organization

Q56. Which of the given statements with respect to Quality of Life for Elderly Index is/are correct?

- 1. The Index was created by NITI Aayog to shed light on problems faced by elderly citizens in India.
- 2. Its framework includes four pillars of Financial Well-being, Social Well-being, Health System and Income Security.

Options:

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

Q57. Which among the following is/are Earth Observation Satellites?

- 1. Megha-Tropiques
- 2. SARAL
- 3. OCEANSAT
- 4. IRNSS-1A
- 5. Bhaskara-I

Options:

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

Q58. Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- 1. The demographic dividend is the economic growth potential resulting out of changing population age structure in a country.

2. When the dependency ratio is minimum and the age pyramid shows a bulge in the middle portion, a country is said to be in the 'demographic dividend' phase.
3. In India, the year 2018 is known as the year of the demographic divide.

Options:

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

Q59. Which of the given pairs is/are correctly matched? Centres of the Revolt of 1857 British Generals who suppressed the Revolt

1. Jhansi Sir Colin Campbell
2. Lucknow Sir Hugh Rose
3. Delhi-John Nicholson John Nicholson

Options:

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

Q60. 'Doctors without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres)', often in the news, is [UPSC 2015]

- a. a division of World Health Organization
- b. a non-governmental international organization
- c. an inter-governmental agency sponsored by European Union
- d. a specialized agency of the United Nations

Q61. Which of the given statements with respect to Central Vigilance Commission is/are correct?

1. The CVC was established as a statutory body on the recommendations of the Santhanam Committee.
2. The Central Vigilance Commission is controlled by the Home Ministry.

3. The Central Vigilance Commissioner is appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Options:

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

Q62. “Global Stringency Index”, in news, is:

- a. A qualitative measure of the regulations in place for businesses and protections of property rights in a country.
- b. An annual assessment of the countries’ press freedom records.
- c. A measure introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic to evaluate how strict a country’s policies & curbs were, and at what stage of the pandemic spread it enforced these.
- d. A measure evaluating the level of liberalization of a country’s economy.

Q63. Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- 1. The Constitution of India gives the government the right to levy taxes on individuals and organisations.
- 2. Seventh Schedule of the Constitution puts separate heads of taxation under the Union, State and the Concurrent list.
- 3. Union and the states do not have concurrent power of taxation.
- 4. A State Legislature may by law authorise a Municipality to levy and collect taxes.

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

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

Q64. Which of the given statements best describes the “Monroe Doctrine”?

- a. A revenue rule introduced by Sir Thomas Monroe as the Governor of Madras in 1820.

- b. A U.S Foreign Policy regarding domination of the American continent in 1823.
- c. US military doctrine towards China and East Asia, crafted in 2018.
- d. Annexation policy applied by the British East India Company in India until 1859.

Q65. Which one of the following objectives is not embodied in the Preamble to the Constitution of India?

- a. Liberty of thought
- b. Economic liberty
- c. Liberty of expression
- d. Liberty of belief

Q66. Consider the following statements regarding Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- 1. It is an extra-constitutional body established via a Central Govt. notification.
- 2. It consists of a chairperson and 4 Members appointed by the Central Government.
- 3. It is the duty of the Commission to protect the interests of consumers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 1 & 2
- c. Only 2 & 3
- d. Only 3

Q67: Which of the following is/are the objectives of 'Voluntary Vehicle-Fleet Modernisation Programme'?

- 1. creation of a viable circular economy.
- 2. minimising the use of resources, generation of waste, pollution and carbon emissions.

Select the option from below:

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both
- d. None

Q68: 'Brasilia Declaration' led to the establishment of:

- a. IBSA

- b. BRICS
- c. SAARC
- d. SCO

Q69: Which of the following is/are part of India's investments in Afghanistan?

- 1. Salma Dam
- 2. Zaranj-Delaram highway
- 3. The Afghan Parliament in Kabul
- 4. Restoration of the Stor Palace project

Select the correct option from below:

- a. 1 & 2
- b. 1, 2 & 3
- c. 2, 3 & 4
- d. All of the Above

Q70: With reference to India's biodiversity, Ceylon frogmouth, Coppersmith barbet, Graychinned minivet and White- throated redstart are (UPSC 2020)

- a. Birds
- b. Primates
- c. Reptiles
- d. Amphibians

Q71: 'Khyber Pass' is a mountain pass between:

- a. Pakistan & Afghanistan
- b. Afghanistan & Uzbekistan
- c. Afghanistan & Tajikistan
- d. Afghanistan & Turkmenistan

Q72: Which of the following is/are likely reasons for judicial delays?

- 1. Ambiguity in laws
- 2. Low judges to population ratio

3. Judicial vacancies
4. Parliamentary democracy

Select the correct option from below:

- a. 1 & 2
- b. 1, 2 & 3
- c. 2 & 3
- d. All of the Above

Q73: 'Operation Meghdoot' was an:

- a. Operation to seize control of the Siachen Glacier
- b. Operation to end the rule of the Nizam of Hyderabad
- c. Indian operation to push back the infiltrators from the Kargil Sector
- d. Indian Army-led rescue and relief mission in quake-hit Nepal

Q74: Which of the following is/are correctly matched? Water Disputes States Concerned

1. Vansadhara Water Dispute A. Andhra Pradesh, Odisha
2. Ravi & Beas Water Dispute B. Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan
3. Mahadayi Water Dispute C. Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra
4. Mahanadi Water Dispute D. Chhattisgarh, Odisha

Select the correct option from below:

- a. 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- b. 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A
- c. 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- d. 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D

Q75: In the context of Indian history, the Rakhmabai case of 1884 revolved around (UPSC 2020)

1. women's right to gain education
2. age of consent
3. restitution of conjugal rights

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a. 1 and 2 only

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

Q76. Which of the given statements with respect to Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is/are INCORRECT?

1. It is an annual index designed and published by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
2. It assesses national performances based on GHG Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use and Climate Policy.
3. India is among the top 10 countries in CCPI 2021.

Options:

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

Q77. Which of the given statements with respect to Visceral Leishmaniasis is/are INCORRECT?

1. It is one of the neglected tropical diseases caused by a protozoan parasite.
2. It is transmitted by the bite of female Phlebotomine sandflies.
3. It is endemic to the Indian subcontinent.
4. In India, humans are the only known reservoirs of the infection.

Options:

- a. 2 and 4 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 3 and 4 only
- d. None of the above

Q78. Which of the given statements with respect to National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) is/are correct?

1. It had its origin as the Central Malaria Bureau.

2. It is the nodal agency in India for the surveillance, prevention and control of both communicable and non-communicable diseases.
3. World Health Organization funded Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) is a unit under the NCDC.

Options:

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

Q79. Who among the following cannot receive foreign contribution as per the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA)?

1. Political party
2. A candidate for election
3. Publisher of a registered Newspaper
4. Member of any legislature
5. Editor or correspondent of a registered Newspaper

Options:

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

Q80. Consider the following pairs :

Movement: Organization Leader

1. All India Anti-Untouchability League: Mahatma Gandhi
2. All India Kisan Sabha: Swami Sahajanand Saraswati
3. Self Respect Movement: E.V. Ramaswami Naicker

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only

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

Q81. Which of the given statements with respect to Financial Inclusion (FI) Index is/are correct?

1. It is an index launched by RBI incorporating the details of banking, investments, insurance, postal and the pension sector.
2. It comprises three broad parameters – Access, Usage and Quality with the highest weightage to Access.
3. The base year for FI-Index would be FY 2020-21.

Options:

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

Q82. Which of the given statements with respect to the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is/are correct?

1. It is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It has the dual objective of Entrepreneurship promotion and Innovation promotion.
3. ARISE-ANIC was launched under the mission to promote a creative, innovative mindset in schools by setting up dedicated innovation workspaces.

Options:

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

Q83. Shishu, Kishore, Tarun - 3 categories of intervention are linked with which of the following government schemes/programs?

- a. Mission Indradhanush
- b. PM Janani Suraksha yojana
- c. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- d. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

Q84. Which of the given statements best describes the Indian Army's 'Operation Sadbhavana'?

- a. Humanitarian assistance that supplied relief packages to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- b. Civilian outreach program in Jammu and Kashmir aimed at winning the hearts and minds of residents of the two Union Territories.
- c. Civic action programs for people in the North Eastern states of India for developing harmonious feelings and positive attitude towards the army.
- d. Evacuation operation launched to bring back diplomats and security personnel stranded in the Indian Embassy in Kabul in the wake of intense fighting between Afghan forces and the Taliban militants.

Q85. With reference to the cultural history of India, which one of the following is the correct description of the term 'paramitas'?

- a. The earliest Dharmashastra texts written in aphoristic (sutra) style.
- b. Philosophical schools that did not accept the authority of Vedas.
- c. Perfections whose attainment led to the Bodhisattva path
- d. Powerful merchant guilds of early medieval South India.

Q86. Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- 1. The main objective of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol is the protection of the ozone layer.
- 2. Under the Kigali Amendment, Parties to the Montreal Protocol will phase down the production and consumption of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons.
- 3. Hydrofluorocarbons are massively potent greenhouse gases that cause the massive destruction of stratospheric ozone.

Options:

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

Q87. Which of the given statements is/are INCORRECT w.r.t Speaker of the Lok Sabha:

1. It is mandatory for the Speaker to resign from the political party soon after he/she is elected in order to honour the constitutional obligation of independence and impartiality.
2. The Speaker is empowered to order the suspension of a member from the house and revoke such an order.
3. When the Lok Sabha is dissolved the Speaker shall vacate his/her office immediately.

Options:

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

Q88. Which of the given statements with respect to Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is/are correct?

1. It was formed by an initiative of India and South Africa.
2. All the QUAD members are among its member nations.
3. Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) is a flagship initiative of IORA.
4. It has set up the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) at Gurugram.

Options:

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

Q89. Consider the following pairs: Festivals Tribes

1. Wanchuwa Tiwa
2. Nyokum Nyishi
3. Myoko Lushai

Options:

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

Q90. 'Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of negotiations held between India and

- a. European Union
- b. Gulf Cooperation Council
- c. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- d. Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Q91. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. In India, sugarcane is grown as a Kharif Crop.
- 2. Sugarcane prices are determined by both the Centre as well as States.
- 3. The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane is approved by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- 4. India produces more sugar than it consumes.

Options:

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

Q92. Which of the following is/are the schemes launched under National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE)?

- 1. Energy Efficiency Financing Platform (EEFP)
- 2. Perform Achieve and Trade Scheme (PAT)
- 3. Ujjwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)
- 4. Market Transformation for Energy Efficiency (MTEE)
- 5. Framework for Energy Efficient Economic Development (FEEED)

Options:

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

Q93. The Indian Navy undertook bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' with

- a. Saudi Arabia
- b. United Arab Emirates
- c. Qatar
- d. Bahrain

Q94. This port is strategically located on South Eastern coastline of Oman. It straddles along critical sea lanes in Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden. In 2018, India secured access to this Port for military use and logistical support. The port being talked about is:

- a. Port of Khasab
- b. Chabahar Port
- c. Duqm Port
- d. Bandar Abbas Port

Q95. Which of the following is/are famous for Sun temples?

- 1. Arasavalli
- 2. Amarakantak
- 3. Omkareshwar

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

Q96. Which of the given statement/s with respect to Green Hydrogen is/are INCORRECT?

- 1. Hydrogen is labelled Green Hydrogen when the carbon emission generated from the production process is captured and stored.
- 2. Pyrolysis is the process followed for its production.
- 3. This is the cleanest form of hydrogen generation since the by-products are just water and water vapour.

Options:

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

Q97. Which of these UNESCO World Heritage Sites in are known for the Stone Chariots?

- 1. Mahabalipuram
- 2. Konark Sun Temple
- 3. Pattadakal
- 4. Hampi

Options:

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

Q98. Which of the following steps have been taken by the Government to promote indigenization in the defence sector?

- 1. Up to 51% FDI is allowed through the Automatic Route in the Defence Sector.
- 2. Up to 100% FDI is allowed by Government Route in the Defence Sector.
- 3. Setting up of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) framework.
- 4. Notifying positive indigenisation list.

Options:

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

Q99. Which of the given statements with respect to Majuli Island is/are correct?

- 1. It is the nerve centre of neo-Vaishnavite spiritualism.
- 2. It is the only geo-heritage site in Assam.

3. It is one of the smallest inhabited islands in the Brahmaputra and a floating wildlife habitat.

Options:

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

Q100. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- 2. It, among other things, will also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy.
- 3. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the National Skill Qualification Framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

Set 10 – Answer Key

1. b	11. a	21. d	31. c	41. a	51. c	61. b	71. a	81. c	91. a
2. d	12. c	22. a	32. c	42. c	52. d	62. c	72. b	82. a	92. d
3. a	13. a	23. d	33. c	43. d	53. b	63. a	73. a	83. c	93. b
4. d	14. c	24. b	34. b	44. b	54. c	64. b	74. a	84. b	94. c
5. b	15. b	25. a	35. c	45. b	55. c	65. b	75. b	85. c	95. a
6. c	16. a	26. d	36. d	46. b	56. b	66. d	76. a	86. a	96. c
7. d	17. c	27. a	37. b	47. c	57. c	67. c	77. d	87. c	97. a
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