

UPSC Prelims Practice Questions Set 7

Q1. Consider the following statements:

1. The 'Nodal Ministry' in the central government for the management of natural disasters is the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
2. Disaster Management Act, 2005 calls for the establishment of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with the Home Minister as chairperson.

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

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

Q2. With reference to Kalbeliya dance, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a folk dance of Madhya Pradesh.
2. This dance performance is accredited by UNESCO as an Intangible Heritage.
3. The Kalbelia is almost exclusively performed by females.

Options:

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

Q3. Which of the following has/have been accorded 'Geographical Indication' status?

1. Jardalu mango
2. Hapus mango
3. Laxmanbhog mango
4. Banaganapalle mango
5. Appemidi mango

Options:

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

Q4. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Current account deficit may cause depreciation.
2. Current account deficit may be a sign the economy is uncompetitive.

Options:

- a) 1 only

- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Q5. Consider the following Bhakti Saints: (2013)

1. Dadu Dayal
2. Guru Nanak
3. Tyagaraja

Who among the above was/were preaching when the Lodi dynasty fell and Babur took over?

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

Q6. Which of the following is/are treated as cruelty under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act?

1. The dehorning of cattle, or the castration or branding or nose-roping of any animal, in the prescribed manner.
2. If any person without reasonable cause, abandons any animal in circumstances which render it likely that it will suffer pain by reason of starvation or thirst.
3. If any person promotes or takes part in any shooting match or competition wherein animals are released from captivity for the purpose of such shooting.
4. The destruction of stray dogs in lethal chambers.

Options:

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

Q7. Which of the following is/are the right bank tributaries of Krishna?

1. Musi
2. Koyna
3. Ghataprabha
4. Tungabhadra
5. Munneru

Options:

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

d) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only

Q8. Consider the following statements with respect to Public Interest Litigation (PIL):

1. The concept of PIL originated and developed in the USA.
2. Locus standi is not a necessity for PIL.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q9. Which of the following methods can be employed to reduce the ill-effects of Non-Performing Assets (NPA)?

1. Sell the NPAs
2. Compromise Settlement
3. Pumping money into the banking system

Options:

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

Q10. How does the National Rural Livelihood Mission seek to improve livelihood options of rural poor? (2012)

1. By setting up a large number of new manufacturing industries and agribusiness centres in rural areas
2. By strengthening 'self-help groups' and providing skill development
3. By supplying seeds, fertilizers, diesel pump- sets and micro-irrigation equipment free of cost to farmers

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q11. Which of the following are the literary works of Kalidasa?

1. Abhijnanashakuntala
2. Mudrarakshasa
3. Kumarasambhava
4. Mrichchhakatika

5. Meghaduta

Options:

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

Q12. With reference to Solicitor General, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Solicitor General's office and duties are governed by Law Officers (Conditions of Service) Rules, 1987 and by Constitution.
- 2. He has the right to participate in the proceedings of Parliament but 'not to vote'.

Options:

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

Q13. Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) sometimes seen in the news refers to

- a) Simplifying and harmonizing international customs procedures globally
- b) Anti-Dumping Measures
- c) Tax planning techniques employed by companies to exploit gaps in international and domestic tax laws
- d) Criminals using crypto currency for illegal activities

Q14. Consider the following pairs:

- | Lake | State |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Vembanad Lake | Kerala |
| 2. Indira Sagar Lake | Rajasthan |
| 3. Pulicat Lake | Andhra Pradesh |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Q15. With reference to 'IFC Masala Bonds', sometimes seen in the news, which of the statements given below is/are correct?

- 1. The International Finance Corporation, which offers these bonds, is an arm of the World Bank.

2. They are the rupee-denominated bonds and are a source of debt financing for the public and private sector.

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

Q16. Consider the following statement with respect to Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG):

1. AsESG is a part of the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
2. It acts as the Red List Authority for the Asian Elephant.
3. It operates and manages Elephant Trade Information System.

Options:

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

Q17. Consumer Price Index can be used for which of the following?

1. Identifying periods of inflation or deflation
2. Inspecting price stability
3. Tool for inflation targeting
4. Understanding the real value of salaries, wages, and pensions

Options:

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

Q18. Which of the given statements with respect to Supernova is/are correct?

1. Massive stars, towards the end of their lifetimes form supernovas.
2. Supernova can happen in systems where two stars orbit one another and at least one of those stars is an Earth-sized white dwarf.
3. Study of supernova can help measure distances in space.

Options:

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

Q19. Which of the given statements with respect to Jagannath Temple in Puri is/are INCORRECT?

1. The temple famous for its annual Rath Yatra is dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
2. Located in coastal Odisha, it is also called the Black Pagoda.
3. It is one of the Char Dham.

Options:

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

Q20. With reference to 'Changpa' community of India, consider the following statement:

1. They live mainly in the State of Uttarakhand.
2. They rear the Pashmina goats that yield a fine wool.
3. They are kept in the category of Scheduled Tribes.

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

Q21. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution does not specify the strength of the State Public Service Commission (SPSC) but has left the matter to the discretion of the Governor.
2. The Chairman and members of an SPSC are appointed by the Governor, they can be removed only by the President.
3. Joint State Public Service Commission is a statutory body.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q22. With reference to the Rabha Tribe, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Rabhas are a tribe from Assam.
2. Bagurumba is a folk dance in Assam which is performed by the Rabhas.

Options:

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

d) None

Q23. The Sharda Act is one of the significant reforms initiated by the British in India. What does it deal with?

- a) Transfer of ancestral property
- b) Child marriage
- c) Remarriage of widows
- d) Prohibition of Sati & female infanticide

Q24. Arrange the following rivers from west to east:

- 1. Ramganga
- 2. Gomati
- 3. Ghaghara
- 4. Gandak

Options:

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

Q25. In India, other than ensuring that public funds are used efficiently and for intended purpose, what is the importance of the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)?

- 1. CAG exercises exchequer control on behalf of the Parliament when the President of India declares national emergency/financial emergency.
- 2. CAG reports on the execution of projects or programmes by the ministries are discussed by the Public Accounts Committee.
- 3. Information from CAG reports can be used by investigating agencies to frame charges against those who have violated the law while managing public finances.
- 4. While dealing with the audit and accounting of government companies, CAG has certain judicial powers for prosecuting those who violate the law.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct? [UPSC 2012]

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

Q26. Which of the following differences between Debt and Equity is/are correct?

- 1. In Debt the maturity is for a fixed period, whereas in Equity it is mostly undetermined.
- 2. In Debt the returns are calculated by Dividend/ increase in the price, whereas in Equity it is by Coupon Rate.

Options:

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

Q27. Consider the following statements about Sir Chettur Sankaran Nair:

- 1. He had served as a President of the Indian National Congress.
- 2. Sankaran Nair was an advocate who defended Bhagat Singh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q28. Consider the following pairs:

Portal Objective

- 1. AMAR Online public access catalogue or more than 12000 Indian medical heritage books
- 2. E-Medha Showcases inscriptions, archeo- studies botanical information and advanced archeo-genetic
- 3. SHAI Digitized information on rare and hard to find manuscripts and catalogues of Ayurveda

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Q29. With reference to Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. IOPEC has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2. Venezuela is the only country from South America which is part of OPEC.

Options:

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

Q30. Consider the following statements: (UPSC 2017)

- 1. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants is a unique

initiative of G20 group of countries.

2. The CCAC focuses on methane, black carbon and hydro fluorocarbons.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q31. Which of the given statements with respect to Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is/are correct?

1. The dam when completed will be the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa.
2. It is being constructed on River Sobat, a tributary of River Nile.
3. It has become a matter of contention between Ethiopia and Egypt

Options:

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

Q32. The term 'Safe harbour immunity' seen in news refers to:

- a) Agreement between India-Sri Lanka providing immunity to fishermen entering into each other's territorial waters.
- b) Immunity offered to social media intermediaries from criminal liability.
- c) Immunity from quarantine rules in the EU countries for the holders of Green pass.
- d) Governmental immunity from taxation by state governments in the areas of overlapping tax jurisdiction.

Q33. "Mazar-e-Sharif", often in news is located in:

- a) Israel
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Iran
- d) Syria

Q34. Which of the following Directive Principles of State Policy ensures Constitutional Privileges for women in India?

- a) Article 42
- b) Article 48
- c) Article 49
- d) Article 50

Q35. The term 'Digital Single Market Strategy' seen in the news refers to (UPSC 2017)

- a) ASEAN
- b) BRICS
- c) EU
- d) G20

Q36. With reference to Council of Ministers, which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- 1. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Parliament.
- 2. The nature of advice tendered by ministers to the President can be enquired by the courts.
- 3. President can remove a minister only on the recommendation of the Prime Minister of India.

Options:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 3 only
- d) None

Q37. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

- 1. Gunboat Diplomacy – Use of Limited Naval Force as a threat to advance foreign policy.
- 2. Shuttle Diplomacy – Diplomatic negotiations conducted by an official intermediary who travels frequently between the nations involved.
- 3. Track-one Diplomacy – Formal methods of conflict resolution involving diplomats, ministers, heads of states and representatives of international organisations.

Options:

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

Q38. Pegasus recently seen in news is a

- a) Theft tactic that allows hackers to create a fake credit card by stealing the information off an individual's actual card
- b) Malware that can initiate total surveillance on the targeted device
- c) Virus capable of slowing down internet traffic
- d) Ransomware attack which has hit hundreds of US companies

Q39. Consider the following statements:

- 1. This region is surrounded by the Gulf of Aqaba.
- 2. The Strait of Tiran connects two water bodies.

3. Its coastlines touch the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

The country in question is:

- a) Jordan
- b) Egypt
- c) Syria
- d) Israel

Q40. Which of the following has/have occurred in India after its liberalization of economic policies in 1991? (UPSC 2017)

- 1. Share of agriculture in GDP increased enormously.
- 2. Share of India's exports in world trade increased.
- 3. FDI inflows increased.
- 4. India's foreign exchange reserves increased enormously.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q41. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the principle of protection against self-incrimination?

- 1. Giving voice sample is not a violation of the fundamental right against self-incrimination.
- 2. This principle can be used even at the time of police investigation when they are extracting information.

Options:

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

Q42. Consider the following statements about Planet Saturn:

- 1. It is the second-largest planet in our solar system.
- 2. It is the only planet with Rings.
- 3. Titan is the largest moon of Saturn.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q43. Which of the following incidents had occurred when Lord Reading was the Viceroy?

1. Dandi march
2. Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre
3. Establishment of Swaraj party
4. Kakori Train Robbery
5. Malabar rebellion

Options:

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

Q44. Which Strait separates Malaysia from the Philippines?

- a) Sunda Strait
- b) Balabac Strait
- c) Strait of Malacca
- d) Strait of Makasar

Q45. 'Basel III Accord' or simply 'Basel III', often seen in the news, seeks to (UPSC 2015)

- a) Develop national strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
- b) Improve banking sector's ability to deal with financial and economic stress and improve risk management
- c) Reduce the greenhouse gas emissions but places a heavier burden on developed countries
- d) Transfer technology from developed countries to poor countries to enable them to replace the use of chlorofluorocarbons in refrigeration with harmless chemicals

Q46. Consider the following statements about Speaker of Assembly:

1. He can summon, adjourn the assembly or suspend the meeting in the absence of a quorum.
2. He decides whether a bill is a Money Bill or not and his decision on this question is final.
3. He decides on the question of disqualification of members of the state legislature in consultation with the Election Commission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q47. With reference to Lymphatic filariasis, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a neglected tropical disease.
2. It is spread from person to person by mosquitoes.

3. Global Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis was established by the WHO.

Options:

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

Q48. Consider the following statements with respect to National Green Tribunal:

- 1. It has its presence in four zones only.
- 2. The Principal Bench is situated in the North Zone, headquartered in Delhi.
- 3. Engaging an advocate is compulsory to approach the Tribunal.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q49. Which of the following statements about Chandra Shekhar Azad is/are correct?

- 1. He was involved in the Kakori Conspiracy.
- 2. Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) was formed by Ram Prasad Bismil, Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee, Sachindra Nath Sanyal and Chandra Shekhar Azad.

Options:

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

Q50. In the context of global oil prices, 'Brent crude oil' is frequently referred to in the news. What does this term imply? (2011)

- 1. It is a major classification of crude oil.
- 2. It is sourced from the North Sea.
- 3. It does not contain sulphur.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q51. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The largest component of natural gas is methane

2. Sour gas is natural gas containing Hydrogen Sulfide (H_2S)
3. Sweet gas is the natural gas that contains very little or no hydrogen sulfide.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q52. Which of the following Fundamental rights are available only to citizens and not to foreigners?

1. Article 15
2. Article 16
3. Article 19
4. Article 28
5. Article 30

Options:

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

Q53. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Article 23 protects an individual not only against the State but also against private persons
2. India has signed the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC)

Options:

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

Q54. Consider the following statements:

1. It is a country located at the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.
2. It is a part of the Caucasus region, bounded to the west by the Black Sea
3. It is bounded on the north and northeast by Russia

The above statements best describe:

- a) Turkey
- b) Azerbaijan
- c) Georgia
- d) Armenia

Q55. What was the reason for Mahatma Gandhi to organize a satyagraha on behalf of the peasants of

Kheda?

1. The administration did not suspend the land revenue collection in spite of a drought
2. The administration proposed to introduce permanent settlement in Gujarat

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q56. Consider the following statements:

1. The Chenab is the largest tributary of the Indus.
2. The Bari Doab lies between the Ravi and the Chenab rivers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q57. With reference to Kesaria Stupa, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a Buddhist stupa in the State of Sikkim.
2. It is regarded as the largest Buddhist stupa in the world.

Options:

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

Q58. Which of the following statements about Hawa Mahal is/are correct?

1. It was built by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh
2. Mr. Lal Chand Usta was the architect.

Options:

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

Q59. Consider the following statements about Lok Adalat:

1. It can deal with cases pending before a court and also with disputes at the pre-litigation stage.
2. It is one of the components of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system.
3. Lok Adalat shall have no jurisdiction in respect of matters relating to divorce or matters relating

to an offence not compoundable under any law.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q60. Which of the following best describes/describe the aim of the 'Green India Mission' of the Government of India? (2016)

- 1. Incorporating environmental benefits and costs into the Union and State Budgets thereby implementing the 'green accounting'.
- 2. Launching the second green revolution to enhance agricultural output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future.
- 3. Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q61. Consider the following statements about Contempt of Court:

- 1. There is no limit on the time period for initiating contempt.
- 2. The Supreme Court can take the cognizance of criminal contempt on its own motion or on a motion made by the Attorney-General or the Solicitor-General.
- 3. Truth can be a valid defence in any contempt proceedings if such a defence is in the public interest and the request for invoking the defence is bona fide.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q62. With reference to Red sanders, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. It is endemic to the Western Ghats.
- 2. It is put under the category of endangered species in the IUCN Red List due to overexploitation.

Options:

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

d) None

Q63. Consider the following statements:

1. Cloudburst is extreme precipitation, which lasts only for a short period of time and is extremely local in nature.
2. Cloudbursts usually occur in connection with a thunderstorm.
3. Cloudbursts happen only in the mountains and hilly areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q64. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Cool Temperate Continental (Siberian) Climate is experienced only in the northern hemisphere.
2. The Cool Temperate Western Margin (British Type) regions are under the influence of Westerlies all-round the year.

Options:

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

Q65. Kalamkari painting refers to (UPSC 2015)

- a) A hand-painted cotton textile in South India
- b) A handmade drawing on bamboo handicrafts in North-East India
- c) A block-painted woollen cloth in Western Himalayan region of India
- d) A hand-painted decorative silk cloth in North- Western India

Q66. "Cairo Consensus" deals with:

- a) Population dynamics, family planning and reproductive health
- b) Exploration and use of outer space
- c) Navigational rights and freedoms
- d) Special use airspace

Q67. Pulichintala project has been a source of interstate water dispute between which of these states?

- a) Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh and Odisha
- c) Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

d) Odisha and Chhattisgarh

Q68. Which of the given statements is/are INCORRECT?

1. India has set a target of installing 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022.
2. India's renewable energy target includes installing 100 GW of solar power.
3. India's largest floating solar project has been commissioned at Chennai.

Options:

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

Q69. Which of the given statements is/are correct?

1. Satras are monastic institutions created as part of the Neo-Vaishnavite reformist movement started by Srimanta Sankaradeva.
2. Satras propagate the 'worship through art' approach.

Options:

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

Q70. In the context of which one of the following are the terms pyrolysis and plasma gasification mentioned? [UPSC 2019]

- a) Extraction of earth element
- b) Natural gas extractions technologies
- c) Hydrogen fuel based automobiles
- d) Waste to energy technologies

Q71. Consider the following statements about Wholesale Price Index (WPI):

1. It covers both the goods and the services.
2. It does not include taxes in order to remove the impact of fiscal policy.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Q72. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Contribution of any amount directly or indirectly to any political party shall be considered as CSR

activity.

2. Expenses incurred by companies for the fulfillment of any Act/Statute of regulations would count as CSR expenditure under the Companies Act.
3. India is the first country in the world to make CSR mandatory.

Options:

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

Q73. Which of the following are Percussion Instruments?

1. Tabla
2. Mridangam
3. Ghatam
4. Kanjira

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

Q74. Consider the following statements:

1. Almost the whole of South Africa is a high plateau sloping towards the west.
2. The Orange and Vaal Rivers flow from the Drakensberg mountains eastward to the Indian Ocean.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q75. What are the significances of a practical approach to sugarcane production known as 'Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative'?

1. Seed cost is very low in this compared to the conventional method of cultivation.
2. Drip irrigation can be practised very effectively in this.
3. There is no application of chemical/inorganic fertilizers at all in this.
4. The scope for intercropping is more in this compared to the conventional method of cultivation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q76. Consider the following pairs:

Amendment Act	Provisions
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| 1. 1st Amendment Act | Ninth Schedule |
| 2. 25th Amendment Act | Abolished the Privy purses |
| 3. 42nd Amendment Act | Fundamental Duties added |
| 4. 62nd Amendment Act | Voting age was decreased from 21 to 18 |

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Q77. With reference to Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Interest is paid on PPI balances.
- 2. Semi-closed PPIs permit cash withdrawal.

Options:

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

Q78. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Adjournment Motion?

- 1. Rajya Sabha is not permitted to make use of this device.
- 2. It should not discuss a matter that has already been discussed in the same session.
- 3. It requires one-tenth of the total number of members of the house to support the motion.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) None

Q79. 'Fit for 55' recently seen in news is a/an

- a) Program by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to engage and enable citizens to improve their health and well-being by making the right food choices
- b) European Commission proposal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- c) Plan developed by developed countries to discourage multinational companies from shifting profits – and tax revenues – to low-tax countries

- d) Supply chain pact initiated by India-Japan- Australia to counter China

Q80. The annual range of temperature in the interior of the continents is high as compared to coastal areas.

What is/are the reason/reasons? PYQ (2013)

1. Thermal difference between land and water
2. Variation in altitude between continents and oceans
3. Presence of strong winds in the interior
4. Heavy rains in the interior as compared to coasts

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Q81. With reference to Dowry, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Dowry Prohibition Act applies to persons of all religions in India.
2. The Dowry Prohibition Act prohibits both the giving and receiving of a dowry.

Options:

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

Q82. Which of the following authorities/institutions fall under the definition of 'Public Authority' in the Right to Information act?

1. Office of Attorney General
2. Securities and Exchange Board of India
3. Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)
4. Office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI)

Options:

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

Q83. Consider the following statements:

1. Only elected members of the State Legislative Assemblies can vote in a Rajya Sabha election.
2. Vacancies that arise due to resignation, death or disqualification are filled up through by-polls after which those elected serve out the remainder of their predecessor's term.
3. The Rajya Sabha polls have a system of open ballot.

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

Q84. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Bio-Toilets?

- 1. Bio toilets use anaerobic bacteria for converting human waste to gas.
- 2. Bacteria can decompose plastic and cloth materials dumped into toilets.

Options:

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

Q85. Both Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) are related to investment in a country. Which one of the following statements best represents an important difference between the two? (PYQ- 2011)

- a) FII helps bring better management skills and technology, while FDI only brings in capital
- b) FII helps in increasing capital availability in general, while FDI only targets specific sectors
- c) FDI flows only into the secondary market while FII targets primary market
- d) FII is considered to be more stable than FDI

Q86. Which of the given statement/s with respect to pressure swing adsorption (PSA) is/are incorrect?

- 1. It is a process that separates single gases from a gas mixture through a cryogenic air separation process.
- 2. It takes place at very low temperatures.
- 3. It is mostly used in the chemical industry and the petrochemical industry.

Options:

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

Q87. Which of the given statements with respect to Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is/are correct?

- 1. The fund comes from the Universal Service Levy (USL) charged from all the telecom operators on their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).
- 2. The fund is deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India.
- 3. USOF is funding the Bharatmala and Sagarmala projects.

Options:

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

Q88. Which of the following dam/s is/are built/being built in Afghanistan in partnership with India?

- 1. Salma Dam
- 2. Sokhtuk Dam
- 3. Shahtoot Dam
- 4. Band-e Sardeh Dam

Options:

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

Q89. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The cores of Mercury, Venus and Earth are about one-third of their mass.
- 2. Both Mercury and Venus do not have moon or rings.
- 3. Mercury is the hottest planet in the solar system due to its proximity to the Sun.

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

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

Q90. Which one of the following is not the most likely measure the Government/RBI takes to stop the slide of Indian rupee? (UPSC 2019)

- a) Curbing imports of non-essential goods and promoting exports
- b) Encouraging Indian borrowers to issue rupee denominated Masala bonds
- c) Easing conditions relating to external commercial borrowing
- d) Following an expansionary monetary policy

Q91. Consider the following statements with respect to Lokpal:

- 1. The administrative expenses of the Lokpal shall be charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India.
- 2. The salary, allowances of the Chairperson shall be the same as those of the Chief Justice of India.
- 3. There is a limitation period of 7 years to file complaints.
- 4. It can initiate a probe suo motu into any corruption case against any Public Servant.
- 5. Anonymous complaints can be accepted.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q92. With reference to Tipu Sultan, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. He took the help of the French to set up an arms factory at Dindigul.
- 2. The Third Anglo-Mysore War fought by Tipu ended with the Treaty of Madras.

Options:

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

Q93. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system located in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- 2. Australia is the world's largest coral reef nation.

Options:

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

Q94. Which one of the following statements best describes Moon Wobble?

- a) It is an intense geological activity on the largest moon in the solar system
- b) When there are two full moons within a month, the second full moon is called a Moon Wobble
- c) It is a cyclical shift in the moon's orbit that happens every 18.6 years
- d) None of the above

Q95. The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following? (UPSC 2017)

- a) The Preamble
- b) The Fundamental Rights
- c) The Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) The Fundamental Duties '

Q96. A Living Root Bridge, a type of simple suspension bridge built by manipulating the roots of the trees, is usually seen in the state of

- a) Himachal Pradesh

- b) Kerala
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Odisha

Q97. Which of the following are the primary sources of vegetable oils in India?

- 1. Cottonseed
- 2. Groundnut
- 3. Rice Bran
- 4. Soybean
- 5. Sunflower

Options:

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

Q98. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Switzerland and Austria have a warmer climate due to the Föhn, as moist winds off the Mediterranean Sea blow over the Alps.
- 2. Föhn is responsible for rapid temperature rise, melting snowfall and the avalanche risk.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q99. Twin Deficit is a condition where a nation has both

- a) Current Account Deficit and Fiscal Deficit
- b) Current Account Deficit and Revenue Deficit
- c) Primary Deficit and Revenue Deficit
- d) Fiscal Deficit and Hyperinflation

Q100. With reference to a grouping of countries known as BRICS, consider the following statements:
(UPSC 2014)

- 1. The First Summit of BRICS was held in Rio de Janeiro in 2009.
- 2. South Africa was the last to join the BRICS grouping.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2

d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER KEY- SET 7

1. b	11. c	21. d	31. c	41. c	51. c	61. c	71. a	81. c	91. b
2. b	12. d	22. a	32. b	42. a	52. c	62. b	72. c	82. b	92. d
3. d	13. c	23. b	33. b	43. c	53. c	63. b	73. d	83. d	93. d
4. c	14. c	24. a	34. a	44. b	54. c	64. c	74. a	84. a	94. c
5. b	15. c	25. c	35. c	45. b	55. a	65. a	75. b	85. b	95. a
6. b	16. a	26. a	36. a	46. b	56. a	66. a	76. c	86. c	96. c
7. b	17. d	27. a	37. d	47. d	57. b	67. c	77. d	87. b	97. b
8. c	18. d	28. d	38. b	48. c	58. c	68. c	78. b	88. b	98. c
9. a	19. a	29. b	39. b	49. a	59. d	69. c	79. b	89. a	99. a
10. b	20. b	30. b	40. b	50. b	60. c	70. d	80. a	90. d	100. b