1. Consider the following statements about Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or e-cigarettes:
   1. ENDS is a non-carcinogenic alternative for smoking.
   2. E-cigarette use adversely affects the cardiovascular system, impairs respiratory immune cell function and airways in a way similar to cigarette smoking.

Select the correct answer using the given below code:
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements about Jal Shakti Ministry:
   1. Ministries of Water Resources and Drinking Water and Sanitation have been merged.
   2. Jal Shakti Ministry will encompass issues ranging from international and inter-State water disputes, the Namami Gange project etc.

Select the correct code:
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN):
   1. It extend the ₹6000 per annum income support scheme to all land-owning farm families.
   2. Cash transfer scheme under PM-KISAN can be substituted for subsidies and other institutional support systems.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements about project called REPLAN (Reducing Plastic in Nature):
   1. Under this project the waste plastic from nature is collected, de-structured and degraded and then mixed with paper pulp in a ratio of 80 is to 20.
   2. It's an initiative of Ministry of Environment, forests and climate change.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements about Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
   1. It is a statutory body.
   2. It is an apex organisation under the Ministry of Rural development.

Which of the above-mentioned statements are correct:
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

6. Which of the following best describe the term “Bajada”?
   (a) A large mass of subsurface intrusive igneous rock that has its origins from mantle magma.
   (b) Zone in the Earth’s mantle that exhibits plastic properties
   (c) A roughly circular depression in the ground caused by volcanic activity
   (d) A Consecutive series of alluvial fans

7. Which of the following country has coastline with both Caspian Sea and Black Sea?
   (a) Turkey  
   (b) Russia  
   (c) Iran  
   (d) Georgia

8. Democracy Index report is released by which of the following organization
   (a) World Intellectual property organization
   (b) The Economist Intelligence Unit
   (c) UNESCO  
   (d) World Economic Forum

9. Which of the following is related to “Windhoek declaration”?
   (a) Human Rights
   (b) Freedom of Press
   (c) Status of women in society
   (d) None of these

10. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding earth quakes waves?
   1. Propagation of S waves tells us about internal structure of core.
   2. Primary (P) waves do not travel through liquid medium.
   3. Primary waves (P-waves) are faster than S-waves.

Which of the following options are correct?
(a) 1 and 3 only  
(b) 3 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only  
(d) Only

11. Consider the following statements about AWSAR scheme:
   1. The scheme has been initiated by Ministry of Human Resource Development.
   2. It aims to encourage popular science writing through newspapers, magazines, blogs, social
1. Consider the following statements about Committee on Public Accounts
1. The committee examines the appropriation accounts of Government of India and Audit reports submitted by CAG.
2. A Minister is not eligible for election to this Committee
3. Members are elected by proportional representation by means of single transferable vote.
Which of the following statements is/are true?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above

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(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

19. Consider the following statements with reference to Chief Information Commission:
1. The Central Information Commission is not a constitutional body.
2. The Chief Information Commissioner hold the office for a term of 6 years or until they attain the age of 65 years.
3. President can remove the Chief Information Commissioner on the ground of proved misbehavior or incapacity.
Which of the following statements is/are true?
(a) 2 and 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

20. Ottawa Declaration is related to?
(a) Arctic Council (b) Sustainable Development Goals
(c) Global Warming (d) Trans Pacific Partnership

21. Which of the following adaptation(s) occur in Mangroves in order to survive the harsh environment?
1. Salt filtering Roots
2. Salt secreting leaves
3. Viviparity
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

22. With reference to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), consider the following statements:
1. The ICJ is composed of fifteen judges elected to nine year terms solely by the UN General Assembly.
2. In the event of an equal division between judges of the ICJ the President’s vote becomes crucial.
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
23. World Sustainable Development Summit, conceptualized as a single platform to accelerate action towards sustainable development and especially climate change, is an initiative of:
(a) United Nations Environment Programme
(b) Sustainable Development Solutions Network
(c) The Energy and Resource Institute.
(d) Conservation International

24. In the context of land use pattern during the medieval India, which were the terms used for fallow lands?
1. Polaj
2. Paruti
3. Chachar
4. Banjar
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 and 3 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

25. Consider the following statements with regards to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
1. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) was constituted under the Companies Act, 2013.
2. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is a quasi-judicial body.
Select the correct option:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

26. The Minister – Civil servant relationship in India was emerged as a result of the
(a) Montague – Chelmsford Reforms
(b) Minto-Morley reforms
(c) Government of India Act 1858
(d) Government of India Act of 1935

27. Consider the following statements with reference to Finance Commission
1. The setting up of the Finance Commission for every 5 years is a constitutional obligation under Article 280 (1) of the Constitution.
2. Chairman holds office for a term of 5 years
3. The recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission are valid from 2015 to 2020
Which of the following statements is/are true?
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

28. Which of the following countries is/are part of Borneo Island?
1. Vietnam
2. Malaysia
3. Brunei
4. Indonesia
Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
(a) 1 2 and 3 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

29. Which river crosses the equator twice?
(a) Nile
(b) Amazon
(c) Congo
(d) Orange

30. Consider the following statements:
1. Disguised unemployment does not affect aggregate output.
2. Underemployment is one where marginal productivity of labour is zero.
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

31. Consider the following statements:
1. Parliament can appoint a commission to investigate into the conditions of SCs, STs and other backward classes.
2. President appoints the attorney general of India and Parliament determines his remuneration.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

32. Which one of the Sultans of Delhi in the 14th century, removed the Ashoka pillar which he found near Delhi?
(a) Firoz Shah Tughluq
(b) Yasuddin Tughluq
(c) Muhammad bin Tughluq
(d) Ghiyath-ud-din Tughluq

33. Consider the following statements about the District Council formed under the Sixth Schedule:
1. District Council in an autonomous district consists of 30 members with the exception of Bodoland Territorial Council having 46 members
2. All the members of the District council are elected on the basis of adult franchise.
3. The district councils have power to make laws on all the matters for their territorial jurisdiction subject to the approval of governor.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) All of the above

34. What is meant by Induced Earthquakes?
35. Which of the following regions experience Mediterranean type of climate?
1. California in USA
2. Central Chile
3. Southern part of South Africa
4. Lower Murray – Darling basin of South Australia.
Choose the correct answer using the codes below:
(a) 1 and 2 only  (b) 2 and 4 only
(c) 1 2 and 3  (d) All of the above

36. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the ocean currents?
1. They are influenced by coriolis force but not by density differences.
2. Pressure gradient, temperature and salinity differences lead to formation of Ocean currents.
3. Ocean currents help in navigation and influence the weather of the region.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 and 2 only  (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only  (d) All of the above

37. Consider the following statements regarding the Gilgit manuscripts:
1. Gilgit manuscripts are the oldest surviving manuscripts in India that throw light on the evolution of Sanskrit, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Mongolian, Manchu and Tibetan religion-philosophical literature.
2. These are written in Buddhist hybrid Sanskrit language i.e. the Gupta Brahmi and Post Gupta Brahmi script.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only  (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2  (d) None of the above

38. Which of the following statements is/are true about monsoon theory in India?
1. Thermal theory is based on basic theory of high pressure and low pressure and change in direction due to Ferrel's law.
2. Jet stream theory suggests the presence of the easterly jet stream to the north of the Himalayas and the tropical easterly jet stream over the Indian peninsula during summer.
3. El Niño theory suggests a weak low pressure in Indian subcontinent and strong low pressure in Indian Ocean.
4. Thermal theory is based on basic theory of high pressure and low pressure and change in direction due to Ferrel's law.
5. Jet stream theory suggests the presence of the easterly jet stream to the north of the Himalayas and the tropical easterly jet stream over the Indian peninsula during summer.
Select the correct answer using the codes below:
(a) 2 only  (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3  (d) 1 and 2

39. Which of the following rivers are tributaries of Mahanadi river?
1. Musi and Bhima
2. Hasdeo and Tel
3. Dhareshwari and Sonai
4. Shimsha and Bhavani

40. Consider the following statements:
1. World Conservation Monitoring Centre led by IUCN, works with scientists and policy makers to help decision-makers take full account of the values of biodiversity.
2. The Species Survival Commission is a science-based network of volunteer experts, working to reduce the loss of diversity of life on earth.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2  (d) None of the above

41. Which of the following countries is/are not part of the Horn of Africa?
1. Djibouti
2. Egypt
3. Ethiopia
4. Sudan
5. Tanzania
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1, 2 and 3 only  (b) 2, 4 and 5 only
(c) 3 and 5 only  (d) None of the above

42. With reference to the International Whaling Commission, consider the following statements:
1. The International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling provides a legally binding Schedule that sets out catch limits for commercial and aboriginal subsistence whaling.
2. India has recently become a member of the International Whaling Commission
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only  (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2  (d) None of the above

43. A sandy and light forest area is the natural habitat of an Indian animal species. Even though its population has declined from Pakistan and Afghanistan due to over-hunting, yet IUCN has accorded it the
44. Consider the following statements with reference to International Criminal Court
1. It is set up under the Rome Statute
2. It is the world's first permanent international criminal court
3. It is governed by the United Nations
Which of the following statements is/are true?
(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) All of the above
(d) 1 and 3 only

45. Which of these statements regarding the Parliament is correct:
1. Lok Sabha elects its speaker and deputy speaker while Rajya Sabha elects its chairman and Deputy chairman
2. Parliament can impeach the president for his/her misconduct
3. Defeat of the money bill in the parliament leads to the resignation of the government
4. None of these

46. Which of the following can be called "Bajada"?
1. A large mass of subsurface intrusive igneous rock that has its origins from mantle magma
2. Zone in the Earth’s mantle that exhibits plastic properties
3. A roughly circular depression in the ground caused by volcanic activity
4. A Consecutive series of alluvial fans

47. The area known as Golan Heights sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to
1. Central Asia
2. Middle East
3. South-East Asia
4. Central Africa

48. “Deep Ocean Mission” is a programme to be initiated by
1. Ministry of Defence
2. Ministry of Earth Sciences
3. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
4. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

49. Consider the following statements with respect to temperate grasslands?
1. Temperate grasslands are far more extensive in southern hemisphere than northern hemisphere.
2. Temperate grasslands in Australia are known as Downs.
3. Climate of temperate grasslands in northern hemisphere is characterized by extremes of temperature.
Select the correct code:
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 3
(c) Only 1 & 2 (d) Only 2 & 3

50. Coriolis force play a role in which of the following:
1. Formation of meanders.
2. Direction of trade winds
3. Directing jet streams
Select the correct answer using code given below
(a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 only.
(c) 1 2 & 3. (d) None of these.

51. Which department under Ministry of Finance publishes the Economic Survey?
1. Department of Economic Affairs
2. Department of Expenditure
3. Department of Financial Services
4. Department of Revenue

52. With reference to State Emblem, consider the following statements
1. The State Emblem of India is an adaptation of the Lion Capital of Asoka at Sarnath.
2. The motto—Satyameva Jayate—Truth alone triumphs—written in Devanagari script below the profile of the Lion Capital is part of the State Emblem of India.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None

53. With reference to National Song, consider the following statements
1. The song Vande Mataram was composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chatterji
2. The first political occasion when it was sung was the 1900 session of the Indian National Congress.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None

54. With reference to National Calendar, consider the following statements
1. The National Calendar is based on the Vikram Era
2. Dates of the National Calendar have a permanent correspondence with dates of the Gregorian Calendar, 1 Chaitra falling on March 22 normally and on March 21 in leap year.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both (d) None

55. Consider the following statements
1. All financial bills are not Money Bills.
2. The Rajya Sabha can detain money Bill for a maximum period of 10 days.
3. Money Bill can be returned by the President for reconsideration
(a) 1 and 2 Only (b) 2 and 3 Only
(c) 1 and 3 Only (d) All of the above

56. Consider the following statements about India's SDG Index Score
1. Kerala and Tamil Nadu are the front runners with a score of 69 amongst states.
2. Chandigarh and Puducherry are the front runners with a score of 68 and 65 respectively among the UT
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

57. Consider the following statements about trends in inflation
1. Headline inflation based on CPI-C continuing on its declining trend for fifth straight financial year remained below 4.0 per cent in the last two years.
2. Food inflation based on Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) also continuing on its declining trend for fifth financial year has remained below 2.0 per cent for the last two consecutive years.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

58. Consider the following statements about Composition of India's exports and import basket in 2018-19
1. Top export items continue to be Petroleum products, precious stones, drug formulations, gold and other precious metals.
2. Top import items continue to be Crude petroleum, pearl, precious, semi-precious stones and gold.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

59. Consider the following about services sector
1. Services sector (excluding construction) has a share of 54.3 per cent in India's GVA and contributed more than half of GVA growth in 2018-19.
2. Services share in employment is 34 per cent in 2017.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

60. As per WTO, World trade growth slowed down to 3 per cent in 2018 from 4.6 percent in 2017. Which of the following are reasons for it?
1. Introduction of new and retaliatory tariff measures.
3. Weaker global economic growth.
4. Volatility in financial markets (WTO)
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 and 2 Only (b) 1, 2 and 4 Only
(c) 1, 2 and 3 Only (d) All of the above

61. Consider the following statements about Current Account Deficit
1. Current account deficit (CAD) increased from 1.9 per cent of GDP in 2017-18 to 2.6 percent in April-December 2018
2. The widening of the CAD was largely on account of a higher trade deficit driven by rise in international crude oil prices (Indian basket).
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

62. Consider the following statements about foreign exchange reserves of India
1. The foreign exchange reserves in nominal terms (including the valuation effects) increased by US$ 11.6 billion end-March 2019 over end-March 2018.
2. Within the year, foreign exchange reserves were increasing until October 2018 due to RBI's intervention to modulate exchange rate volatility.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above

63. Consider the following statements about trend of growth of exports and imports
1. While growth of both export and import declined in US$ terms, it increased in rupee terms (at current prices) in 2018-19
2. This happened due to the appreciation of rupee vis-a-vis US dollar in 2018-19.
Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
64. Consider the following statements about share of India in world’s export
1. Share of India in world service exports has also increased from 2 per cent in 2005 to 3.5 percent in 2017.

2. This share is much higher than that of manufacturing exports which stands at 1.8 percent in 2017.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
(a) 1 only  (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  (d) None of the above

65. KIRAN scheme is related to?
1. Women Scientist 
2. Refugee 
3. Child Labor 
4. Child Education

66. With reference to the Zoological Survey of India, consider the following statements
1. It is under Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change 
2. The headquarter of Zoological Survey of India is at Mumbai 
3. It has evolved from Asiatic Society of Bengal and Zoological Section of the Indian Museum

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) All of the above  
(d) 1 and 3 only

67. Consider the following statements regarding Sargasso Sea:
1. Sargasso sea is situated in North Atlantic Ocean. 
2. It has no perceptible current. 
3. A large amount of floating sea weed is found in this area.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) All of the above

68. With reference to the Swachh Paryatan Mobile App, consider the following statements
1. Swachh Paryatan Mobile App is operated by the Ministry of Tourism 
2. It is available for Android Phones only

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both  
(d) None

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69. With reference to the National School of Drama, consider the following statements
1. National School of Drama (NSD) was set up by Lalit Kala Akademi in 1959. 
2. Later in 1975, it became an autonomous organization, totally financed by Department of Culture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both  
(d) None