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Q- 1) With reference to the **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan** (PMGDISHA), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. PMGDISHA is primarily aimed at imparting digital literacy to senior citizens aged between 60 to 80 years in rural areas.

2. The scheme will provide access to information, knowledge, education, and healthcare.

3. PMGDISHA will create avenues for livelihood generation, and financial inclusion.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (C)

**Explanation:** PMGDISHA- Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan is the project launched under "Skill India" scheme. PMGDISHA is aimed at
impacting digital literacy to citizens in rural areas, and not specifically senior citizens. It will provide access to information, knowledge, education, and healthcare. It will create avenues for livelihood generation, and financial inclusion through digital payments. PMGDISHA scheme was initiated in February 2017 by the Government to provide basic digital literacy training to six crore citizens across rural India within two years, targeting at least one person from every household. PMGDISHA envisages providing equal opportunity to rural citizens enabling them to actively participate in nation building and access livelihood through Digital Technology, Devices and Services.

Q- 2) consider the following statements about **Square Kilometer Array (SKA) project**.

1. It is a large multi radio telescope project under development in India.

2. The project will help in understanding the characteristics of early Universe as well as in the search for intelligent extra-terrestrial life.

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

Ans: (B)

**Explaination:** Square Kilometer Array (SKA) is a large multi radio telescope project under development in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. It utilizes radio astronomy and has receiving stations at a minimum distance of 3,000 kilometers (1,900 mi) from a concentrated central core, enabling it to
provide the highest resolution images compared to other sub-disciplines of astronomy. It is being developed in the Southern Hemisphere with cores in South Africa and Australia, where there is least radio interference to observe the Milky Way Galaxy.

The project will address some of the most interesting scientific questions in Astrophysics, ranging from characteristics of early Universe to search for intelligent extra-terrestrial life.

The SKA is a global project with twelve member countries. India is a member state where National Centre for Radio Astrophysics,

Q- 3) Recently, India launch of a new program on 'Grass Root Innovation'. In this context consider the following statements.

1. The program was launched in collaboration with the South Africa.
2. It aims to share open source technologies and IPR protection of traditional knowledge systems.
3. The programme will be implemented by NITI Aayog.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

A. 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1 and 3 only

Ans: (A)

**Explanation:** A hallmark of the vibrant collaboration between India and South Africa was the launch of a new program on ‘Grass Root Innovation’ aimed
towards sharing of open source technologies and IPR protection of traditional knowledge systems. This program is designed for co-development of products through value addition, validation through product deployment and market ready technology transfer with a focus on affordability.

Both India and S. Africa have a rich pool of traditional knowledge which can be leveraged by providing the scientific knowledge base required for technology development for societal benefit. This cooperation on grass root innovation will provide scientific and technological solutions for addressing the unmet needs of the common man. The novel initiative has been named as ‘Gandhi-Mandela Program on Grass Root Innovation’.

Q- 4) consider the following statements about the term ‘GeneXpert’, sometimes seen in news.

1. It is a molecular diagnostic test used to detect tuberculosis (TB).
2. It can detect the TB bacterium as well check for resistance to the standard TB drugs.

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

Ans: (C)

Explanation: Recently launched Universal Drug Sensitivity Test will be implemented using a molecular diagnostic test called GeneXpert, a US-developed technology tool being used worldwide since 2010. It can detect the
TB bacterium as well check for resistance to Rifampicin, one of the standard key TB drugs, within 90 minutes. Conventional tests take at least a day or more and require well-trained personnel for similar results.

Q- 5) what is the objective of ‘Breakthrough Listen project’, seen in news recently?

A. To explore intelligent alien life in the universe

B. To find cost effective solution for hearing impairment

C. To develop next generation space based secure communication network

D. To spread science education in the developing countries and inculcate scientific temper

Ans: (A)

**Explanation:** Breakthrough Listen is a USD 100-million global astronomical initiative launched in 2015 by Hawking and Miller. It is a mission to explore intelligent alien life in the universe. Recently it has recorded some mysterious signals coming from a galaxy three billion light years away.

Q- 6) With reference to Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC), consider the following statements.

1. It is a development and military cooperation initiative envisaged to link the two continents.

2. The idea of AAGC had emerged in a joint declaration issued by Prime Ministers of India and Japan, in November 2016.
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

Ans: (B)

Explaination: Asia-Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) is a development cooperation initiative envisaged to link the two continents. The agreement entails development and cooperation projects, quality infrastructure and institutional connectivity, enhancing capacities and skills and people-to-people partnerships. The idea of an Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) emerged in the joint declaration issued by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in November 2016.

Q- 7) if you want to see Greater adjutant storks in large numbers in India, which one of the following is the best state to visit?

A. Assam
B. Karnataka
C. Rajasthan
D. Uttarakhand

Ans: (A)

Explaination: Greater adjutant storks once strutted through marshes and nested in villages across much of India and Southeast Asia. Now, they’ve disappeared from most of these countries, and the International Union for
Conservation of Nature (IUCN) estimates that between 1,200 and 1,800 survive. The species is the world’s most endangered stork. Two-thirds of the global population lives in Assam, where they are called hargila — bone swallowers.

Q- 8) consider the following statements about **Global Alliance for Literacy (GAL)**.

1. Global Alliance for Literacy within the Framework of Lifelong Learning is an initiative of World Bank.

2. GAL aims to help Member States make accelerated progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. India is a part of the Global Alliance for Literacy initiative.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (B)

Q- 9) consider the following statements.

1. Indian mouse deer is listed as schedule-I species under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and declared as Least Concerned species by IUCN.

2. Lesser Floricans is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN Red List and as Schedule-I species under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
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

Ans: (C)

**Explaination:** Indian mouse deer belongs to an ancient group of primitive ruminants, and is listed in schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and declared as Least Concerned species by IUCN (2017).


10) Living cells in the body that are not served by blood vessels

A. Cornea
B. Nerve Cells
C. Skin
D. Bones

Ans: (A)

Q- 11) consider the following statements about ‘Pradhan Mantri YUVA scheme’.
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1. It aims at providing online entrepreneurship education to students across the country.

2. It is a five year scheme launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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  Ans: (A)

Q- 12) what is the objective of the ‘Project LaCONES’?

A. Researching the oceanographic process in the sea around the nation and translate this knowledge for the benefit of the country
B. Conservation of endangered animal through the use of biotechnological intervention
C. Detection and study of gravitational waves
D. Studying the early stages of evolution of the universe

Ans: (B)

Q- 13) Embryo transfer technology (ETT) has revolutionized the breeding strategies in Bovines. Which of the following is/are the advantages of this technology?

1. It is possible to get a 5-6 fold increase in number of offspring.
2. The calves born through ETT will be of high genetic merit.

3. The offspring born through ETT will be free from diseases.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 2 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (D)

Q- 14) The Physics Nobel the year 2017 recognizes the ‘detection of gravitational waves’. In this context, consider the following statements about these waves.

1. Gravitational waves pass through the boundaries that light cannot and hence they are able to transport information about what happens inside the black holes.

2. Gravitational waves were first predicted by Einstein in his theory of General Relativity.

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
Q- 15) which of the following statement is correct about recently launched ‘Gram Samvaad’ mobile app?

A. It facilitates a single window access to information on various rural development programs at Gram Panchayat level for rural citizens.

B. It enables the rural citizens of India, to connect directly with the prime minister on the issues related to rural development.

C. It helps in connecting all the gram panchayats for sharing information/expertise and act as knowledge repository.

D. None of the statements (A), (B) and (C) given above is correct in this context.

Ans: (A)

Q- 16 which of the following statement is/are correct about Indian star tortoises often have seen in news for their illegal trade?

1. They are found in the scrub jungles across the southern peninsula.

2. This species is used in south-east Asian delicacies and Chinese medicine.

3. The International Union for Conservation of Nature has listed it under the vulnerable category.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2 and 3 only
Q- 17) With reference to **Sickle Cell anaemia**, consider the following statements.

1. It is a genetic disorder resulting from inheritance of abnormal haemoglobin genes from both the parents.
2. Abnormal haemoglobin genes deform the Red blood cells (RBC) and cause them to die prematurely.
3. The only cure for this disorder is bone marrow transplantation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (D)

Q- 18 which of the following have got **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**?

1. Darjeeling Tea
2. Mahabaleshwar Strawberry
3. Blue Pottery of Jaipur
4. Banarasi Sarees
Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 and 4 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (D)

Q- 19) consider the following statements about ‘Trade Related Entrepreneurship Development Assistance (TREAD) Scheme’.

1. TREAD Scheme envisages economic empowerment of women.
2. The focus of the scheme is to promote self-employment and income generation activities for women in non-farm sector only.

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

Ans: (C)

Q- 20 In the context of affordable housing in India considers the following statements about ‘Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS)’.
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1. CLSS is available only to economically weaker section (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG) households.

2. It does not cover incremental addition of rooms to the existing residences.

3. CLSS is given in the name of households with female head or for a joint name between the male head and his wife.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1 and 3 only

Ans: (A)

Q- 21) 'Inclusive India Initiative’, recently seen in news, is related to,

A. Bringing positive changes for persons with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities
B. Spreading the banking service to un-banked areas of the country
C. Bridging the digital divide under digital India programme
D. Taking the benefits of development to the North eastern states of India

Ans: (A)

Q- 22) Which of the following statement correctly describes the term ‘Manganiyars’?
A. A community of folk musicians from Rajasthan
B. Traditional weavers from Gujarat
C. Forest dwelling community from Nilgiri region
D. Community of folk dancers from Manipur

Ans: (A)

Q- 23) Which of the following statements is/are correct about the term ‘living will’, seen in news recently?

1. It is a person’s advance directive to withdraw medical care to allow him to die with dignity.
2. It takes effect only when a medical board affirms that person’s medical condition is beyond cure and irreversible.
3. Parliament has recently, passed a law legalizing the living wills.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (B)

Q- 24) With reference to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), consider the following statements.
1. Chairperson of NHRC should either be a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or a retired judge of the Supreme Court.

2. The NHRC is a statutory body constituted under the Protection of Human Rights Act in 1993.

3. The chairperson and members of NHRC are appointed by the President on recommendations from a six-member committee chaired by the Prime Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (B)

Q-25) recently, researchers have discovered a whole new species of gecko in India, which is being seen for the first time in the world. The species was found in which region of India?

A. Western Ghats

B. Eastern Ghats

C. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

D. North eastern India

Ans: (B)
Q- 26) consider the following statements. Carbon Nanotube are used in planes because,

1. They are stronger than steel.
2. of their ability to conduct heat.

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

Ans: (C)

Q- 27) which of the following pair is not correctly matched?

Folk traditions States

A. Bihu: Assam
B. Macchi Dance: Daman & Diu
C. Ghoomar: Rajasthan
D. Perini: Kerala

Ans: (D)

28) The section 375 deals with,

A. Rape
B. Domestic violence

C. Dowry cases

D. Rioting

Ans: (A)

Q- 29) India's **first Ro-Ro ferry service** was in news recently. In this context consider the following statements.

1. It is a ferry service between Ghogha and Dahej in the Gulf of Khambhat.

2. The project was supported by the central government under the Sagarmala initiative.

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

Ans: (C)

Q- 30) With reference to International Campaign to **Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**, consider the following statements.

1. ICAN was founded as response to nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
2. It is the first ever anti-nuclear weapons drives to be rewarded with Nobel Peace Prize.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (D)

Q- 31) consider the following statements.

1. The Eastern Ghat is spread across four states only.
2. River Narmada flows through Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat only.
3. In India, total area under inland wetlands is more than the area under coastal wetlands.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 2 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (C)
Q- 32 What is the objective of ‘Deen Dayal Upadhayay Vigyan Gram Sankul Pariyojana’?

A. To formulate and implement appropriate Science and Technology Interventions for Sustainable Development.

B. To encourage promotion of scientific temperament in rural areas.

C. To encourage scientific research and development institutions in India to adopt villages for their holistic development.

D. To document and obtain intellectual property rights over traditional rural knowledge so as to prevent their misuse by third parties.

Ans: (A)

Q- 33 Consider the following statements about United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

1. It was established as response to the European refugee crisis following the Second World War.

2. It has won two Nobel Peace Prizes for its groundbreaking work in assisting the refugees.

3. It is the guardian of the 1951 Convention on refugees, to which India is a signatory.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3
Q- 34 Consider the following statements about the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP).

1. The GWP is a World-Bank led partnership of 19 countries in Africa and Asia, initiated in 2015.

2. The objective of GWP is to promote the conservation and sustainable development by combating trafficking in wildlife.

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

Ans: (C)

Q- 35 consider the following statements about recently launched ‘Saubhagya’ scheme.

1. The scheme aims to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural areas only.

2. It provides for free electricity connections to the eligible beneficiaries identified using Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 data.

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

Ans: (B)

Q- 36) With reference to **UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, which of the following statements are correct?

1. It is an intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly.

2. It reports to the UN General Assembly as well as to the Economic and Social Council.

3. It is part of the United Nations Development Group.

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

Ans: (D)

Q- 37 In which of the following protected areas of India, the chances of sighting clouded leopards is very high?

A. Dampa Tiger Reserve, Mizoram
B. Hemis National Park, Jammu and Kashmir
C. Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim
D. Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh

Ans: (A)

Q-38 India’s first potable water production plant designed to harvest atmospheric moisture and process it into drinking water has been set up in which of the following region?

A. Port Blair, Andaman Islands
B. Kutch, Gujarat
C. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
D. Kavaratti, Lakshadweep

Ans: (B)

Q- 39) With reference to recently launched “Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund”, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is the first fund dedicated to rehabilitating degraded land launched by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
2. The Fund is independent from the UN and is managed by a private sector investment management firm.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 only
Explaination: The Impact Investment Fund for Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN Fund) is a collaborative initiative, bringing together several institutions committed to addressing the global issue of land degradation. The Global Mechanism of UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is spearheading the establishment of the LDN Fund in collaboration with Mirova, the responsible investment subsidiary of Natixis Asset Management, and with contributions from the Governments of France, Luxembourg, Norway, and the Rockefeller Foundation. The LDN Fund will invest in bankable projects on land rehabilitation and sustainable land management worldwide, including sustainable agriculture, sustainable livestock management, agro-forestry, sustainable forestry, renewable energy, infrastructure development, and eco-tourism. The LDN Fund will be independent from the UN and will be managed by a private sector investment management firm. The Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund is the first fund dedicated to rehabilitating degraded land.

Q- 40 Consider the following statements about “Forest-Plus”.

1. It is a joint programme by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

2. It aims at strengthening the capacity for REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) implementation in India.

3. It supports development of technologies, tools and methods of forest management to meet the technical challenges of managing forests.

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Q- 41) ‘Operation Insaaniyat’, recently in news, is related to,

A. Assistance to rebuild Afghanistan

B. Confidence building process in Kashmir by Ministry of Home Affairs

C. Humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh on account of influx of refugees

D. Rehabilitation of surrendered Naxals

Ans: (C)

Q- 42 Which of the following statements is/are correct about the objective(s) of recently launched ‘Phyto-Pharma Plant Mission’?

1. Conservation and cultivation of endangered and threatened endemic medicinal plants in north eastern states.

2. Harnessing traditional ethno-botanical knowledge and biodiversity of north eastern states for the discovery of new botanical drugs for unmet medical needs.

3. Improving availability of authentic and quality botanical raw material on sustainable basis for a boom in the phyto-pharmaceutical industry.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 3 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3
Q- 43 With reference to recently launched ‘PENCIL Portal’ consider the following statements.

1. PENCIL is an electronic platform for effective implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA).

2. PENCIL portal is an initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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 Ans: (D)

**Explanation:** “PENCIL” is an electronic platform for effective enforcement for no child labour developed by Ministry of Labour and Employment. It was launched by Home Minister Shri Raj

Q- 44) With reference to ‘Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH)’ programme, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a programme launched by NITI Aayog to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors.

2. Under this programme three states - Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka - are identified to build as future ‘role model’ states for health systems.
Q-45 considers the following statements.

1. It ensures minimum wages to all employees irrespective of the sector of employment without any wage ceiling.
2. It provides for an Appellate Authority for the speedy, cheaper and efficient redressal of grievances and settlement of claims.
3. It introduced a concept of statutory National Minimum Wage for different geographical areas.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (D)

Q-46 which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

1. Buxa Tiger Reserve: West Bengal
2. Palamau Tiger Reserve: Jharkhand
3. Mukandara Hills Tiger Reserve: Maharashtra Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3 Ans: (A)

Explanation: The Palamau tiger reserve is the only home of tigers in Jharkhand. The tiger is on the brink of extinction in Jharkhand, and the reason isn’t poaching or Maoist activities but an irrigation project that threatens to submerge 3.44 lakh trees.

Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal has been identified for the tiger augmentation programme by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). It is located in Alipurduar district, parts of which border Bhutan.

Q- 47 With reference to the term ‘Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)’ consider the following statements.

1. Finance ministry in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) describes certain banks as D-SIBs that are too big to fail.

2. Banks whose assets exceed 2% of GDP are considered part of this group.

3. The D-SIB categorization imposes additional capital requirements on the banks classified as such.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
Q- 48 Which of the following statements is/are correct about **Brahmaputra Biodiversity and Biology Boat (B4) initiative?**

1. It is a well-equipped laboratory for analysis of all components of the entire ecosystem of the Brahmaputra River and surroundings.

2. It aims to promote eco-tourism along the Brahmaputra River and create awareness about the river’s ecosystem.

3. It is an initiative of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (A)

Q- 49 The term ‘**Hague Convention**’, recently seen in news, is related to

A. Global nuclear disarmament

B. Establishment of International Criminal Court

C. International child custody cases
D. Eliminating or restricting the production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

Ans: (C)

Q-50 Consider the following statements regarding the removal of chairperson of UPSC for incapacity

1. The President may refer the matter to the Supreme Court for an enquiry.

2. Under the provisions of the Constitution, the advice tendered by the Supreme Court in this regard is binding on the President.

3. During the course of enquiry by the Supreme Court, the President has to suspend the chairman or the member of UPSC.

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

Q-51 Which of the following statements correctly describes ‘SHAKTI’ an initiative of Government of India?

A. It is an initiative aimed at augmenting the renewable energy production in India.

B. It is a new policy for allocation of future coal linkages in a transparent manner for power sector.
C. It is a joint programme of Ministry of women and child development and Home ministry aimed at teaching self-defence to school girls.

D. It is an initiative of Ministry of Environment and forest for the distribution of LPG connection to forest dwellers.

Ans: (B)

Q- 52) “Jackals living in this place have managed an extreme adaptation to survive. They meet their body’s metabolic requirement for water by licking dew off leaves. Crabs make nearly 90% of their diet. They have also adapted to manage their water needs from the crab meat”. This unique adaptation by jackals can be seen in which of the following places?

A. Marine National Park in Gujarat
B. Western Ghats in Kerala
C. Gahirmatha beach in Odisha
D. Eastern Himalayas in Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: (A)

Q- 53 Which of the following Indices are used as indicators in the ‘ease of doing business’ report of the World Bank?

1. Protecting investors
2. Index of economic freedom
3. Post-filing index

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 and 2 only
Q- 54) recently the government has announced ‘**Anti-dumping duties**’ on certain items of trade. In this context, consider the following statements.

1. Anti-dumping duties are generally applicable to both import and export related goods and services.

2. Imposing anti-dumping duties will increase the trade deficit further.

3. Such steps are against the rules of W.T.O

4. Anti-dumping is a type of penalty imposed upon the questionable low price imports.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2, 3 and 4 only

C. 1, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2 and 3 only

Answer: D
Q- 55) National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP) is stated as the game-changing reform major by the government agencies. Which of the following statements about the objective of NMEP is/are correct?

1. Competitive bidding of the mineral block through e-auction on revenue sharing model.
2. The state government will be responsible for identifying mineral blocks for bidding.
3. Aero-geophysical survey of the country.
4. Quality research in a public-private partnership.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

A. 1 and 2 only  
B. 2 and 3 only  
C. 2, 3 and 4 only  
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: D

Q-56) which of the following countries is not a member of ‘Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership’?

A. India  
B. Pakistan  
C. China  
D. Japan
Q- 57) ‘Sachet’ an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India, aims at?

A. Promoting financial awareness
B. Providing financial and technical assistance to young start-up entrepreneurs
C. Promoting E-banking
D. Providing financial insurance to the lower middle class

Answer: A

Q- 58) ‘Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon’ is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of

A. African Union
B. European Union
C. NATO
D. BRICS

Answer: B

Q- 59 National Book Trust (NBT) has recently launched some schemes. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Mahila Lekhak Protsahan Yojna scheme to publish the first work of women authors in the English language only
2. Nav Lekhan Mala-Publish works of first time writers.
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

Answer: B

Q- 60) **Mother's Absolute Affection (MAA)** launched by the government of India pertains to

A. Community awareness towards benefits of breastfeeding to the child.
B. Inspire people to take care of elderly mothers and not to leave them alone.
C. Cooperation with NGOs to decrease MMR and IMR.
D. Construction of smart homes across the country.

Answer: A

Q- 61 NASA has recently launched a Mission “**OSIRIS-Rex Mission**”. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The aim of this mission is to study an asteroid and return with a sample.
2. The mission seeks answers to the questions that are central to the human experience: like where did we come from and what is our destiny.
3. It is a mission to search more moons of Jupiter.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.
A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 only
C. 3 only
D. None
Answer: A

Q- 62 Consider the following pairs: Tiger reserves: River flowing through

1. Satkosia Tiger Reserve: Mahanadi
2. Panna Tiger Reserve: Ken
3. Manas Tiger Reserve: Manas

Select the correct pair/s using the codes given below.

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
d. 1, 2 and 3

Ans. D

Q- 63) The World Economic Forum is?

A. An international organisation with 189 member countries to foster economic stability and sustainable growth.
B. A Swiss non-governmental organisation providing a platform to the world leaders, businessmen, academicians, researchers to find out solutions to the world’s pressing issues.

C. An International Confederation of NGOs working to reduce global poverty.

D. The United Nation’s organ to coordinate its economic, social and related network.

Ans. B

Q- 64 Which reference to the payment banks in India, consider the following statements:

1. They can accept deposits up to 1 lakhs.
2. They can issue debit and credit cards.
3. They will not lend loans
4. Foreign shareholding is allowed.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 1, 3, 4
C. 2 and 3
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans. B

Q- 65 Consider the following items.
1. Gholwad Chickoo
2. Uttarakhand Tej patta
3. Purandar fig
4. Sangali raisins

Which of these products has/have Geographical Indicator (GI) tag? Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

A. 1, 2, and 3
b. 2 and 3
c. 1 only
d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans. D

Q-66) “Brucellosis” is caused by

A. Bacteria
B. Virus
C. Fungi
D. Moulds

Answer- A

Q-67 “Mission XI Million” has been launched for the promotion of

A. Basketball
Q- 68 “Ayush-82” was in news recently. It is a drug used for the treatment of
A. Anaemia
B. Diabetes
C. Mental disorders
D. Malaria

Ans. B

Q- 69) "Surya Jyoti" is a
A. Micro solar dome which captures and concentrates sunlight
B. Solar stove
C. Solar powered drones
D. Solar powered fencing facility

Answer- A
Q- 70) “Thousand Pillar Temple” in Hanuma konda and “Ramappa temple” were built by

A. Kakatiyas
B. Chalukyas
C. Pandyas
D. Cheras

Answer- A

Q- 71) The Budget 2017-18 announced a programme of “human resource reforms for results”. The aim of this programme is to

1. Develop human resources for better implementation of development programmes in Panchayati Raj institutions.

2. Improve the quality of education in technical institutions.

3. Provide market relevant training to 3.5 crore youth.

4. Strengthen the apprenticeship programmes through industry cluster approach.

Ans: (A)

Q- 72 After independence, equity in agriculture called for land reforms. Which of the following is/are part of land reforms?

1. Abolition of intermediaries and making the tillers the owners of the land.

2. Use of high yielding variety (HYV) seeds.
3. Imposition of Land ceiling.

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

Ans: (C)

Q- 73) "Goa Declaration" was in news recently. It is adopted by

A. BRICS
B. SAARC
C. WTO
D. UNEP

Ans. (A)

Goa declaration was adopted by the BRICS countries during the 8th BRICS summit in Goa which was held under the theme "Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions."

Q-74 With reference to "Operation-Clean-Money", consider the following statements:

1. It is initiated by the Income-tax Department.
2. Data analytics will be used for the verification of select cases and for comparison of demonetization data with that of the department's database.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Ans. C

Q- 75) Consider the following places:

1. Bhimbetka
2. Hunsgi
3. Kurnool caves

Which of the above places is/are the palaeolithic sites?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. 1, 2 and 3
D. None of the above

Ans. C

Q- 76 Which country is a member of both ASEAN & BIMSTEC?
A. Sri Lanka
B. Thailand
C. Bangladesh
D. Bhutan
Ans. B

Q- 77 which unique characteristic property of every individual’s DNA is usually studied for the identification of a particular person by DNA- Fingerprinting technique?

A. Sequence of bases
B. Intermolecular Hydrogen Bonding
C. Number of nucleotides
D. Number of twists of helix structure

Answer- A

Q- 78 consider the following statements:

1. Hydrocarbons cause shedding of leaves, flowers, and twigs.
2. Nitrogen Dioxide causes the retardation of the rate of photosynthesis.
3. High Sulphur Dioxide level causes stiffness of flower.

Which of the above statements is/are correct? Select the answer using the codes given below.

a. 1 only
b. 2 only

c. 2 and 3 only

d. 1, 2, 3

Ans. D

Q- 79 With reference to the “Sangam Literature” consider the following statements:

1. Tamil epic Silappadikaram is composed by the poet Ilango.

2. Tamil epic Manimekalai is composed by Sattanar. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

Ans. C

Q- 80 According to which Purana, Bengali Brahmins can eat selected varieties of fish?

A. Brihaddharma Purana

B. Vishnu Purana

C. Garuda Purana
Q- 81 in which of the following region, the national epic of Tibet, "Kesar Saga" is performed?

A. Sikkim
B. Garhwal Himalaya
C. Ladakh
D. Dafla Hills

Ans. C

Q- 82 with reference to the Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) mobile application, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is developed by the National Payment Corporation of India.
2. It has two levels of authentication as compared to the normal net banking which has three levels of authentication.
3. Bank transactions and transfers through BHIM can happen 24X7.

Select the answer using the codes given below.

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. 1 and 3
D. 1, 2, 3

Ans. C
83. What is India’s ranking in the Global Hunger Index 2018?

(a) 97
(b) 103
(c) 111
(d) 117

Answer: b

84. Killing of Mithuns (State animal) was bone of contention between which of the following two states?

(a) Haryana and Punjab
(b) Odisha and West Bengal
(c) Arunachal Pradesh and Assam
(d) Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

Answer: c

85. Cyclone Titli and the resultant rains have started to degrade the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha’s Ganjam district. Why this site is famous for?

(a) Ghariyal breeding center
(b) Migratory bird feeding area
(c) Dolphin centre
(d) Olive Ridley Turtle nesting site

Answer: d

Explanation:

Cyclone Titli and the resultant rains have started to degrade the mass nesting site of olive ridley turtles at the Rushikulya river mouth in Odisha’s Ganjam district. Huge quantities of debris and waste material brought by the flooded river have been deposited on the coast.

86. Bellandur Lake often remains in the news due to pollution. Where is it located?

(a) Bangalore
(b) Chennai
(c) Hyderabad
(d) Pune

Answer: a

87. Which state won this year’s UN Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Future Policy for Gold Award?

(a) Sikkim
(b) Haryana
(c) Kerala
(d) Odisha
88. With which country did India launch the first joint programme to train Afghan diplomats?

(a) USA
(b) Japan
(c) China
(d) England

Answer: c

89. In which country 10 people died from Hurricane Michael?

(a) Canada
(b) Mexico
(c) USA
(d) Peru

Answer: c

90. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has approved the enhancement of free accident insurance cover for pilgrims visiting the shrine to:

(a) One lakh rupees
(b) Two lakh rupees
(c) Five lakh rupees
91. India was elected as a member of the UN Human Rights Council for a period of three years. When was this council established?

(a) February 15, 2004
(b) March 15, 2006
(c) October 24, 2005
(d) December 10, 2002

Answer: b

92. After the disappearance of journalist and Washington Post’s Jamal Khashoggi, tension arose between which two countries?

(a) Syria and USA
(b) Saudi Arabia and Iran
(c) Russia and USA
(d) Saudi Arabia and Turkey

Answer: d

93. What is the subject area of the novels written by Maries Coned, who has been announced as the winner of the Alternative Nobel Literature Award, ‘the New Academy prize’?

(a) Exploiting African resources by Western countries

Answer: c
(b) Colonization and post-chaos
(c) Suffering and rights of women
(d) Conflicts and grief of personal life

Answer: b

94. According to Greenpeace (Break free from Plastic), which is the world’s largest plastic waste generator?
(a) PepsiCo
(b) Amazon
(c) Coca-Cola
(d) Nestle

Answer: c

Q95- According to Greenpeace (Break Free from Plastic), which is the most common plastic form found in the world?
(a) Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE or PET)
(b) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
(c) Polypropylene (PP)
(d) Polystyrene

Answer: d
96. Where the Inland Waterway Authority of India started the ‘Roll on Roll off’ (Ro-Ro) service on October 2018?

(A) Narcondam Island, Andaman-Nicobar

(b) Diviseema, Andhra Pradesh

(c) Majuli, Assam

(d) Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat

Answer: c

97. Consider the following statements related to Human Capital Index 2018:

1. This index was released by the World Bank.

2. India is ranked at 115th in this index.

3. Singapore has topped the index.

Which of the statements are correct?

(a) Only 1 and 2

(b) Only 2 and 3

(c) Only 1 and 3

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: d

98. Who among the following launched 'India for Humanity' program?
(A) President Shri Ram Nath Kovind
Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu
(c) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
(d) External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj
Answer: d

99. Where in India was the Centre for fourth Industrial Revolution launched?
(a) New Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Bangalore
(d) Hyderabad
Answer: a

100. Which of the following is related to the fourth industrial revolution?
(a) Emission-free production
(b) Sustainable Development and production
(c) Digital revolution
(d) Organic Product Revolution
Answer: c