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Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Food Fortification:

1. It is an addition of one or more micronutrients to food and aims to replace the current balanced diet to address malnutrition.

2. Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) Regulations, 2018 has prescribed standards for fortification of food products in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution:-B

Q2. Which of the following is not correct regarding the concept of ‘Place of Effective Management (POEM)’?

(a) It aims to determine a foreign company’s residential status.

(b) It helps to assess if companies are setting up shell subsidiaries abroad to evade taxes.
(c) The shift to POEM signifies a shift from an objective criterion for tax residence to subjective criteria.

(d) POEM guidelines are not applicable in India.

Solution:-D

Q3. The central government has recently reconstituted the Cabinet Committees. In this regard consider the following statements regarding Cabinet Committees:

1. They are constitutional bodies set up by the Prime Minister according to the exigencies of the time and requirements of the situation.

2. Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth is a newly constituted committee to identify and implement key projects involving investments of Rs 1,000 crore or more.

3. Prime Minister presides over all the Cabinet Committees.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 2 and 3 only

Solution:-B

Q4. Which of the following statements regarding DNA Technology (Uses and Application) Regulation Bill, 2019 is/are correct?

1. The bill aims at strengthening the justice delivery system of the country.

2. The bill provides for the establishment of a DNA Regulatory Board chaired by the Union Minister of Science & Technology.
3. The bill provides for consent-based collection of DNA for DNA Profiling in all categories of cases.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Solution:-A

Q5. The Archeological Survey of India has been restoring the Markandeshwar group of temples for the past 2 years. In this regard, consider the following statements regarding Markandeshwar group of temples:

1. The Markandeshwar temple group is also called Khajuraho of Vidarbha.
2. The temples belong to Nagara style of architecture of North India.
3. Gopuram is an essential feature of these temples.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:-D

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Sheath Blight disease:
1. It is a bacterial disease affecting the yield of rice crop.

2. Plants are more vulnerable to sheath blight during the summer season.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution: - C

Q7. Proton therapy, as seen recently in news, is used in the treatment of:

(a) Cancer
(b) Tuberculosis
(c) AIDS
(d) Zika virus

Solution: - A

Q8. Consider the following pairs:

1. Dragon fly mission - NASA’s mission to Saturn
2. Cassini Mission - First spacecraft to orbit Saturn
3. Raavana-1 - Sri Lanka’s first satellite

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

(a) 2 only
Q9. Consider the following statements regarding Varunastra:

1. It is an indigenously-built heavyweight anti-submarine nuclear torpedo.
2. It has been developed by the Naval Science and Technology Laboratory (NTSL).

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution: - A

Q10. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has set up an Expert Committee to review the current framework for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Who is the chairman of the committee?

(a) C. Rangrajan
(b) Bimal Jalan
(c) V. K. Shunglu
(d) U. K. Sinha

Solution: - D
Q11. Consider the following statements regarding Composite Water Management Index:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

2. The majority of Indian states are demonstrating progress on the water index.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q12. The Government of India has adopted the strategy of “Detect – Treat – Prevent – Build” (DTPB) for the elimination of:

(a) Tuberculosis
(b) AIDS
(c) Cancer
(d) None of the above

Solution:-A

Q13. With reference to E-2020 initiative, seen in news recently, consider the following statements:
1. It is a World Health Organization (WHO) supported initiative to eliminate malaria in 21 countries by 2022.

2. India is not a part of E-2020 initiative.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: - C

Q14. Which of the following is not a cultural festival of Jammu and Kashmir?

(a) Mela Kheer bhawani
(b) Gang- Ngai
(c) Singhey Khababs Sindhu Festival
(d) Chamliyal Mela

Solution: - B

Q15. Consider the following pairs:

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Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

Solution:-D

Q16. ISRO plans to send humans to space as part of Gaganyaan Mission by 2022. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. India will become the 3rd country after Russia and USA to launch human spaceflight mission.

2. ISRO has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NASA for a short visit to International Space Station as a training mission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-D

Q17. With reference to 4th cycle of All India Tiger Estimation, consider the following statements:

1. All India Tiger Estimation is done every
4 years by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

2. Karnataka has the maximum number of tigers in India.

3. M-STRIPES Application for digital estimation of tiger population is developed by Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 3 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution:-A

Q18. Consider the following statements about the Chandipur Virus:

1. The virus spreads mainly through the bite of sand flies, and sometimes through mosquitoes.

2. The virus is discovered in 2019 for the first time.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Solution:-A

Q19. Which of the following statements regarding Great Indian Bustard is/are correct?
1. It is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List.

2. It is a flagship species of grassland ecosystem.

3. Project Godawan was launched by Gujarat to conserve the Great Indian Bustard.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Solution: B

Q20. Which of the following is/are correct regarding One Nation, One Ration Card Scheme?

1. Ration card - Aadhar linkage is not mandatory to access the scheme.

2. It aims to remove fake ration cardholders.

3. It will control the rising food subsidy bill.

4. It will allow the poor migrant workers to buy subsidized rice and wheat from any ration shop in the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Solution: C
Q21. Strum Ataka, seen recently in news, is a:

(a) Zika virus vaccine
(b) Military exercise between India and Mongolia
(c) Anti-Submarine electric torpedo
(d) Anti-tank missile

Solution:-D

Q22. With reference to the 10th Ministerial Meeting of Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC). Consider the following statements:

1. The new MGC Plan of Action envisages project-based cooperation in areas like science & technology, skill development, and capacity building.
2. It was held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-C

Q23. Recently, Ocean Energy has been declared as Renewable Energy by Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Currently, there is no installed ocean energy capacity in India.
2. The potential location for tidal energy in India is Khambat and Kutch region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: -C

Q24. What is Jeevamrutha?

(a) A new anti-malarial drug.
(b) A mixture used in Zero Budget Natural Farming.
(c) New Government scheme for livestock.
(d) None of the above

Solution: -B

Q25. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

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Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only
Q26. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evem Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme has been launched with the objective(s) of:

(a) Installation of the grid-connected solar power plant.
(b) Solarisation of existing grid-connected agriculture water pumps.
(c) Enable the farmers to sell the surplus solar power generated to DISCOM and earn extra income.
(d) All of the above

Solution:-D

Q27. Which of the following statements regarding the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is/are correct?

1. It will be world’s largest multi-stage, multipurpose lift irrigation.
2. It is being built across the Godavari River in Nasik district of Maharashtra.
3. The advantage of lift irrigation is the minimal land acquisition and low-water losses.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
Q28. Consider the following statements regarding Zero Budget Natural Farming:

1. It is a method of chemical-free agriculture based on traditional Indian practices.
2. It encourages intensive irrigation and deep ploughing of the fields.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:- A

Q29. Consider the following statements regarding Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in India:

1. Under the bill, parties are free to appoint their own arbitrators.
2. It provides for a time limit of 12 months to dispose international commercial arbitration matters.
3. B.N. Srikrishna Committee was set up to review institutionalization of Arbitration mechanism in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
Q30. With reference to Motihari-Amlekhganj Oil Pipeline seen recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. It is a joint project between India and Bangladesh.

2. It is the first cross-border petroleum pipeline in South Asia.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q31. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):

1. SCO is a Eurasian political, economic and security organization founded in 2001.

2. Recently, the 19th SCO Summit was held in Qingdao, China.

3. Bishkek Declaration of SCO calls on the international community to promote global cooperation in combating terrorism with the central role played by the UN.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 3 only
Q32. Which among the following organizations develops SDG Gender Index?

(a) World Economic Forum
(b) UNDP
(c) Equal Measures 2030
(d) International Labour Organization

Solution: - C

Q33. Which of the following are the impacts of Circular Economy?

1. Fewer Greenhouse Gas Emissions
2. Healthy and Resilient Soils
3. Employment growth
4. Increased potential for economic growth
5. Increased volatility in the prices of raw materials

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1, 3 and 5 only
(b) 2, 4 and 5 only
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
Q34. Ministry of Human Resource Development launched Paramarsh Scheme recently. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme promotes quality assurance in primary education as well as higher education.
2. It recommends the establishment of National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) as an independent and autonomous body.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q35. Consider the following statements regarding Antimicrobial Resistance:

1. According to WHO, it is a global public health threat.
2. Madhya Pradesh and Kerala are the only states in India that have developed an action plan to manage antimicrobial resistance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
Q36. Consider the following statements regarding the Leverage Ratio:

1. The leverage ratio is Tier-I capital as a percentage of the bank’s exposures.
2. It is one of the indicators under the RBI’s Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework.
3. A cut in leverage ratio implies that banks can lend less on the same capital base.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Solution:-A

Q37. Which of the following organisations releases World Investment Report?

(a) World Bank
(b) World Economic Forum
(c) International Monetary Fund
(d) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Q38. Consider the following statements regarding Ozone pollution:

1. Ozone is a secondary pollutant which gets directly emitted from vehicles, industry or power plants.
2. Ozone can reduce photosynthesis and slow the plant growth.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:-D

Q39. Consider the following statements about Anti- Satellite (ASAT) missile:

1. It is a part of Mission Shakti which is a joint program of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
2. For a country to have such a capability, it must be a member of Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
Q40. With reference to Earth Overshoot Day, consider the following statements:

1. It is the date when humanity’s demand for ecological resources in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.

2. It is calculated by Global Footprint Network.

3. A country’s overshoot day is the date on which Earth Overshoot Day would fall if all of humanity consumed like the people in this country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-D

Q41. Jaipur recently got inducted into the UNESCO’s World Heritage Site list. What are the possible benefits of World Heritage Site Status?

1. UNESCO can provide funds for restoration, preservation and training if required.

2. Sites become protected under the Geneva Convention against destruction or misuse during wartime.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:
Q42. With reference to events which occurred during the reign of Shahjahan, which of the following statements is not correct?

(a) The capital of the mughal empire was shifted from Agra to Delhi.
(b) Monthly scale was introduced in Mansabdari system.
(c) Foreign traveler Bernier visited the Mughal court.
(d) Jats and Satnamis raised the banner of rebellion.

Solution:-D

Q43. Which of the following statements regarding Study in India Programme is/are correct?

1. It focusses on attracting foreign students from countries across South-East Asia, Middle East and Africa.
2. The programme offers fee waivers to meritorious foreign students.
3. Education Consultants India Limited (EDCIL) is the implementing agency of the programme.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only
Q44. With reference to Surrogacy Regulation Bill, 2019, consider the following statements:

1. The bill aims to regulate commercial and altruistic surrogacy.
2. The surrogate mother must be a close relative of the couple intending for surrogacy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q45. Arrange the following states in increasing order of the number of orchid species recorded:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. West Bengal
3. Sikkim
4. Kerala

Select the correct answer using the code given below:
(a) 2-4-1-3
(b) 4-2-1-3
(c) 4-2-3-1
(d) 2-4-3-1

Solution: - C

Q46. Washington Convention is related to:
(a) Climate Change
(b) Wildlife Protection
(c) Nuclear Disarmament
(d) Global Financial System

Solution: - B

Q47. Which of the following statements regarding Stand-Up India Scheme is/are correct?

1. Loans under the scheme are available for Greenfield projects only.
2. It is operated by all the branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks only.

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
Q48. Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY):

1. Under the scheme, the employer is incentivized by the government for increasing the employee base in the establishment through payment of EPF (Employees’ Provident Fund) contribution.

2. It is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

3. Employees with salary greater than 15,000 per month are eligible under the scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:-B

Q49. IndSpaceEx, seen in news recently refers to:

(a) India’s first space warfare exercise.

(b) Exercise to intercept a satellite in outer space based on indigenous technology.

(c) DRDO’s exercise to clean space debris created by Anti-Satellite Missile Test.

(d) First UN-crewed experimental flight for Indian Human Spaceflight Programme.

Solution:-A
Q50. The Union Environment Ministry has selected 12 beaches in India for a *Blue Flag* certification. In this context consider the following statements regarding Blue Flag Certification:

1. It is run by international, nongovernmental, non-profit organization Foundation for Environmental Education.
2. If approved, beaches are given the qualification for a year and must apply annually to continue meriting the right to fly the flag at their locations.
3. Greece has the highest number of beaches under Blue Flag certification.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: -A

Q51. Recently, there has been a controversy over India’s new GDP series and its estimation methodology. Which of the following changes have been made in Indian GDP estimation in recent years?

1. Change in base year from 2004-05 to 2010-11
2. Valuation of GVA at basic prices for GDP estimation.
3. Considering GDP at market prices as headline GDP instead of GDP at factor cost

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 only
Q52. Which of the following was/were architectural features of Vijayanagara empire?

1. Fortification of agricultural hinterland and forests without the use of mortar or cementing agent.

2. Presence of chariot streets that extended from the temple gopuram in a straight line.

3. Presence of impressive platforms such as the mahanavami dibba.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Solution:-C

Q53. Recently RBI finalized the regulatory sandbox framework for innovation in FinTech firms. In this context consider the following statements about regulatory sandbox:

1. It allows live testing of new products or services in a controlled or test regulatory environment.

2. Crypto currency or crypto assets services are included in the regulatory sandbox.

Solution:-D
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-A

Q54. Which of the following are the issues with Credit Rating Framework in India?

1. Credit Rating Agencies follow the ‘issuer pays model’.
2. Credit-rating market in India is monopolistic, with high barriers to entry.
3. Limited information.
4. Single regulator

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Solution:-A

Q55. The 26th round of negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) have concluded recently. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. RCEP is billed as the world’s biggest trade agreement.
2. It would cover every aspect of economic trade such as goods, services, investment, economic and technical cooperation, intellectual property rights (IPR), rules of origin, competition and dispute settlement.

3. India is not a member of China-proposed ASEAN+3.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Solution:-D

Q56. Which of the following countries are not the members of Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG)?

1. USA
2. Russia
3. India
4. Afghanistan
5. Pakistan
6. China

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 6 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 5 only
Q57. An Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) recommended considering 15 Public institutions and 15 Private institutions for giving status of Institutions of Eminence.

Who was the Chairperson of this Committee?

(a) T.S.R. Subramanian
(b) N.K. Singh
(c) Dr. K Kasturirangan
(d) N Gopalaswami

Solution:-D

Q58. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding CITES?

1. It is an international agreement between the governments to ensure that international trade in the specimen of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.
2. CITES is legally binding but not self executing.

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

Solution:-C
Q59. Consider the following statements regarding Common Service Centres (CSCs):

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.

2. These centers act as the access points for the delivery of various digital services to villages in India.

3. Common Service Centres Scheme promotes rural entrepreneurship and the building of sustainable rural livelihoods.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q60. Constitution confers executive power of a subject in the Concurrent list to

a) Union Government  

b) State Governments

c) President

d) All of the above

Solution:-B

Q61. Recently, 45th G-7 Summit was held at:

(a) Italy
(b) Japan
(c) Germany
(d) France
Solution:-D

Q62. “Global Stocktake” sometimes seen in news, is related to which of the following agreements?

a) Copenhagen Accord
b) Paris Agreement
c) Basel Accord
d) Stockholm Convention

Solution:-B

Q63. Consider the following statements regarding The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill:

1. The Bill fixes the maximum number of judges in the Supreme Court at 30 judges, including the Chief Justice of India.
2. Originally, the strength of the Supreme Court was fixed at eight including Chief Justice of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
Q64. Consider the following statements regarding Legal Rights for Nature:

1. Giving nature legal rights means the law can see nature as a legal person.
2. Legal rights for nature enable nature to go to court to protect its rights.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

Solution: - C

Q65. Recently, Gogabeel, an ox-bow lake in Bihar, has been declared as the state’s first ‘Community Reserve’. This lake is formed due to the meandering of which of the following rivers?

1. Mahananda
2. Kankhar
3. Ganga

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
Q66. “Utkarsh 2022”, seen in news recently refers to:

(a) A roadmap to double farmers’ income by 2022

(b) A medium-term strategy framework of RBI for evolving macro-economic environment in the country.

(c) A Railways project to develop rakes as part of upgradation of its mail/express trains

(d) NITI Aayog’s Strategy to build a New India by 2022

Solution:-B

Q67. Chandrayaan-2 is India’s mission to explore the lunar surface. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. It is a completely indigenous mission.

2. It will be the first mission to the far side of the moon.

3. If successful, India will become the second country to soft-land on moon.

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
Q68. India was recently granted a NATO ally-like status. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. The status would result in increased Indo-US defense cooperation in the Indian Ocean.

2. Major non-NATO allies (MNNA) are only involved in strategic working partnerships with NATO countries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-C

Q69. Which of the following countries became the first country to grant all of its rivers the same legal status as humans?

(a) Bangladesh
(b) India
(c) Russia
(d) New Zealand

Solution:-A

Q70. With reference to Banning of Unregulated Deposits Scheme Act, 2019, consider the following statements:
1. It provides for a single regulator to oversee various deposit-taking schemes in India.

2. Fraudulent default in a regulated deposit scheme is an offense as per the act.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-B

Q71. Consider the following statements regarding the recently announced National Manufacturing Policy:

1. It aims to enhance the technological depth and environmental sustainability of growth in the manufacturing sector.

2. At least 30% of the total land area proposed for the National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) will be utilized for location of manufacturing units.

3. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade is the nodal agency for NIMZ.

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 only

Solution:-D
Q72. CAFE Regulations, seen recently in news, is related with:

(a) Climate mitigation strategies
(b) Automobile sector
(c) Food processing sector
(d) Export promotion policy

Solution:-B

Q73. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Koshi-Mechi River Linking Project?

1. It is the country’s first river interlinking project.
2. Mechi is an important tributary of Mahanadi River

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

Solution:-D

Q74. Lok Sabha recently passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. It provides for a National Council for Transgender to be chaired by Union Minister of Social Justice.
2. It guarantees a right of self-identification to transgender on lines of NALSA judgment.

3. It provides for reservation in educational institutions and public employment for transgender.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:- C

Q75. Consider the following statements about the term “Eugenics”:

1. It is the science of improving the human species.

2. It encourages healthy, superior people to reproduce and discouraged the reproduction of the mentally challenged or anyone who fell outside the social norm.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:- C

Q76. Recently, Beekeeping Development Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of:
Q77. Which among the following states has launched world’s first emissions trading scheme for particulate pollution?

(a) Maharashtra
(b) Gujarat
(c) Kerala
(d) Madhya Pradesh

Solution: - B

Q78. The world’s southernmost city is:

(a) Ushuaia of Argentina
(b) Dover of Tasmania
(c) Invercargill of New Zealand
(d) Puerto Williams of Chile

Solution: - D

Q79. Consider the following statements about Project SU.RE:
1. It was launched by the Union Textile Ministry.

2. It aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-C

Q80. World Economic Outlook is published by:

(a) International Monetary Fund

(b) World Economic Forum

(c) World Bank

(d) None of the above

Solution:-A

Q81. Recently The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2019 was released. In this context consider the following statements:

1. It is a biannual report issued by FAO, IFAD, UNEP, WEP, and WHO.

2. For the first time, the report comes with estimates of the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES).

3. The report highlights that hunger is declining.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?
Q82. Consider the following statements regarding Jnanpith Award:

1. It is awarded to Indian citizens writing only in Indian languages included in 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

2. Recently, Amitav Ghosh has been conferred with 54th Jnanpith Award for his outstanding contribution to the Hindi literature.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:-C

Q83. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Arogyapacha Plant?

1. Arogyapacha is a medicinal plant endemic to the Nilgiri hills.

2. It is known for its traditional use by the Kani tribal community to combat fatigue.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:
Q84. Consider the following statements regarding the Sargasso Sea:

1. The growth of Sargasso seaweed algae belt is declining in Sargasso Sea.
2. It lies within the Northern Atlantic Subtropical Gyre defined only by the ocean currents.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

Solution:-A

Q85. What is TEMPLATES recently seen in news?

(a) A programme to investigate how new stars are born.
(b) NASA’s mission to study the Trojan asteroids of Jupiter
(c) A study to observe and understand the Universe.
(d) A programme to study the effect of solar flares on the communication system
Q86. Consider the following statements regarding Orchids:

1. Trade-in wild orchids is banned globally.
2. Terrestrial orchids are found in large numbers in the temperate and alpine region and mycoheterotrophic orchids are found in temperate regions or growing with parasites in tropical regions.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

Solution:-C

Q87. Vikram and Pragyan, seen in the news recently are:

(a) Long Range Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) developed by DRDO.  
(b) Lander and Rover of ISRO's Chandrayaan-2 mission.  
(c) Indigenously built Light Combat Aircrafts by HAL.  
(d) Altitude long-endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) by DRDO.  

Solution:-B

Q88. Which of the following statements regarding Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 is/are correct?
1. It makes any pronouncement of talaq in written or electronic form void and illegal.

2. It makes declaration of talaq a cognizable offense in any circumstance.

3. It entitles Muslim women to seek a subsistence allowance for herself in case a talaq has been declared on her.

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

Solution:-B

Q89. Amrabad Tiger Reserve, recently in news, is located in:

(a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Telangana
(c) Karnataka
(d) Maharashtra

Solution:-B

Q90. Consider the following statements about the Meghdoot App:

1. It is launched by Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of Agriculture.

2. It will play a critical role in agriculture operation and will advise farmers on how to take care of their crops.

3. It is available in local languages.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: -D

Q91. Consider the following statements regarding Direct Tax Code (DTC):

1. It is an attempt by the Government of India (GOI) to simplify the direct tax laws in India.
2. It will replace the Income-tax Act, 1961 (ITA) only.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: -A

Q92. Recently, a campaign was launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to bring beneficiaries of PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna) (urban) into the fold of other central schemes such as Ujjawala and Ayushman Bharat. This campaign is known as:

(a) PARAMARSH
(b) ANGIKAAR
Q93. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Ramanujan Machine?

1. It is an algorithm that performs an unconventional function.
2. It has developed by scientists from Israel Institution of Technology.

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

Solution:-C

Q94. The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967 was recently amended with the objective of uprooting terrorism from India. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. The amendment act expands the scope of UAPA, 1967 by providing provisions for designating an individual as terrorist.
2. The amendment act empowers the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to conduct raids anywhere without prior permission of relevant state government.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
Q95. Consider the following statements regarding the amendments proposed to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, 2008:

1. The amendment empowers NIA to probe terror attacks targeting Indians/Indian Interests on foreign soil.
2. The amendment allows NIA to probe cases of human trafficking.
3. The amendment enables the central government to constitute special courts for NIA’s trials.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-A

Q96. Match the following:

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Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Solution:-C

Q97. Global Innovation Index is published by:

(a) World Economic Forum
(b) Human Development Innovation Fund
(c) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
(d) World Intellectual Property Organization

Solution:-D

Q98. Indrajit Gupta Committee is related to:

(a) Nexus between crime and politics
(b) State funding of elections
(c) Electoral Disqualifications
(d) None of the above

Solution:-B
Q99. Consider the following statements regarding Hydrothermal Carbonisation Technology:

1. It can convert wet municipal solid waste to biofuel, soil amendment, and absorbents.

2. This technology can be used to generate energy from solid waste with low moisture content.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

Solution:-A

Q100. Consider the following statements regarding Group of Twenty or G-20:

1. The first G-20 Leaders’ Summit was held in wake of Global financial Crisis.

2. The 2019 summit was hosted by Japan for the first time.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution:-C