

1. With reference to the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) being introduced by the Reserve Bank of India, consider the following statements:

1. A retail CBDC can lead to **partial disintermediation** if households shift substantial deposits from commercial banks to the central bank.
2. The introduction of a CBDC would make **monetary policy transmission instantaneous** and remove all frictions in the financial system.
3. A **tiered remuneration structure** on CBDC can help the central bank manage potential financial stability risks.
4. Implementation of a CBDC would make the existing **commercial bank payment infrastructure redundant**.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

2. Consider the following statements regarding Stablecoins:

1. Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies designed to maintain a stable value relative to a reference asset like the U.S. dollar.
2. Algorithmic stablecoins are always backed 1:1 by fiat or short-term government securities.

3. Fully reserved stablecoins are typically backed by high-quality, liquid assets such as U.S. Treasuries and bank deposits.
4. Stablecoins can facilitate near-instant cross-border settlements using blockchain infrastructure.

Which of the above statements are **correct**?

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

3. With reference to India's digital economy growth and IPO trend, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India's digital economy has grown tenfold, nearing a \$1 trillion valuation.
2. Over 330 companies were listed on Indian stock exchanges in 2024.
3. The median revenue of Indian unicorns has declined since 2021 due to slower growth.

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

4. Which of the following are included under General Government Gross Debt as defined by the IMF?

1. Loans and debt securities
2. Currency and deposits
3. Insurance, pensions, and standardised guarantee schemes

4. Employee stock options and equity holdings

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

5. With reference to **India's public debt situation**, consider the following statements:

1. India's total debt-to-GDP ratio in 2025 is around 80%, ranking it 31st globally.
2. The majority of India's public debt is external, making it vulnerable to currency shocks.
3. The Government of India targets reducing central government debt to around 50% of GDP by FY2031.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

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

6. Recently, the RBI announced the **Unified Lending Interface (ULI)** initiative. Which of the following correctly describes its purpose?

- (a) To integrate multiple payment gateways under one national switch for retail payments.
(b) To allow cooperative banks to issue digital credit cards directly.

(c) To establish a new currency management system for cross-border settlements.

(d) To provide a unified digital framework for consent-based sharing of borrower data for faster and inclusive lending.

7. Under which of the following regulations does SEBI govern and penalize insider trading activities in India?

- (a) SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015
(b) SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices) Regulations, 2003
(c) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015
(d) SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011

8. Which of the following reports is **not** published by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**?

1. Global Risks Report
2. Global Gender Gap Report
3. Global Competitiveness Report
4. Global Economic Outlook

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

9. With reference to **Corporate Bonds in India**, consider the following statements:

1. Corporate bonds are typically issued through private placements rather than public issues.

2. The yield on corporate bonds is always lower than government securities due to lower default risk.
3. SEBI regulates the issuance and trading of corporate bonds.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

10. With reference to **Primary and Secondary Markets**, consider the following:

1. Rights issues and IPOs are examples of primary market transactions.
2. Secondary market helps in price discovery and liquidity.
3. SEBI directly regulates both primary and secondary markets in India.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

11. In the context of **Government Securities (G-Secs)**, consider the following statements:

1. G-Secs are issued both by the Central and State Governments.
2. G-Secs can have both fixed and floating interest rates.

3. Retail investors cannot participate in G-Sec auctions directly.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

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

12. With reference to the government's policy on Minimum Support Prices (MSP), consider the following statements:

1. MSP is a statutory right of farmers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
2. The MSP for crops is recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
3. Procurement under MSP is undertaken primarily by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state agencies.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

13. With reference to India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in FY 2024–25, consider the following statements:

1. India received total FDI inflows worth over USD 80 billion during FY 2024–25.

2. The top three destinations — Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Delhi — together accounted for more than 60% of total FDI inflows.
3. Singapore remained the single largest source of FDI into India.

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

14. With reference to India's FDI inflows, which of the following statements is/are **correct**?

1. Cumulative FDI inflows between 2014–25 account for nearly 70% of total FDI received since 2000.
2. The number of countries investing in India has decreased since 2013–14.
3. The share of Mauritius in India's FDI inflows exceeds that of Singapore.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

15. With reference to **Hedge Funds**, consider the following statements:

1. Hedge funds are privately pooled investment vehicles that use

complex strategies to earn high returns.

2. They are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) framework.

3. Hedge funds are open for retail investors and are required to disclose their portfolios publicly every quarter.

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

16. With reference to the **Trans-Siberian Railway**, consider the following cities:

1. Moscow
2. Sochi
3. Tyumen
4. Omsk
5. Chita
6. Angarsk
7. Khabarovsk

Which of the above cities lie along the main route of the Trans-Siberian Railway?

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 only
(b) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
(d) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 only

17. With reference to the **Israel–Gaza border**, consider the following border crossings:

1. Erez Crossing
2. Kerem Shalom Crossing
3. Rafah Crossing
4. Allenby Bridge Crossing

Which of the above connect the Gaza Strip with Israel or Egypt?

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

18. With reference to **mega diversity centres and biodiversity hotspots**, consider the following statements:

1. Mega diversity centres are located mainly in tropical regions and include countries such as India, Brazil, and Australia.
2. The **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** identifies biodiversity hotspots to prioritize conservation efforts in the most vulnerable areas.
3. Biodiversity hotspots are defined primarily on the basis of **faunal diversity**.
4. In Madagascar, nearly **55% of plants and animals are endemic** to the island.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only

- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

19. With reference to ocean currents, consider the following statements:

1. Heating by solar energy, wind, gravity, and Coriolis force are the *primary* forces influencing ocean currents.
2. Differences in water density due to temperature and salinity cause vertical movement of ocean water.
3. Gyres are large circular currents formed due to the combined effect of gravity and tectonic movements.

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

20. Which of the following correctly describes the distribution of warm and cold ocean currents?

- (a) Warm currents are found on west coasts of continents in low and middle latitudes.
- (b) Cold currents are found on east coasts of continents in higher latitudes.
- (c) Warm currents flow parallel to east coasts of continents in tropical and subtropical latitudes.
- (d) Cold currents flow from equatorial to polar regions.

21. With reference to tides, consider the following statements:

1. Spring tides occur when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are aligned in a straight line.
2. Neap tides occur when the Sun and Moon are at right angles to each other.
3. Spring tides occur during the quarter moon phases.

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

22. Consider the following pairs:

Feature	Description
1. Continental Shelf	The steepest part of the ocean floor, usually between 2°–5° gradient
2. Deep Sea Plain	Flattest and smoothest region of the ocean basin
3. Guyot	Flat-topped seamount formed due to subsidence
4. Mid-Oceanic Ridge	Two mountain chains separated by a central depression

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only two
- (b) None

- (c) All four
- (d) Only three

23. With reference to the temperature distribution in oceans, consider the following statements:

1. The thermocline is a boundary zone where temperature decreases rapidly with depth.
2. In middle and low latitudes, a three-layer thermal structure is generally observed.
3. The average temperature of surface ocean water is around 22°C.

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

24. Which of the following statements about ocean salinity is/are correct?

1. Salinity increases with high evaporation and decreases with river influx.
2. The Arabian Sea records lower salinity than the Bay of Bengal due to lesser river discharge.
3. The Mediterranean Sea shows higher salinity because of high evaporation and limited freshwater inflow.

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

25. With reference to the 2021 eruption of the Cumbre Vieja volcano, consider the following statements:

1. The eruption was primarily **effusive** in nature and lasted for more than two months.
2. The lava flow created new land in the **Atlantic Ocean** by forming a lava delta.
3. The main hazard was due to **pyroclastic flows**, not gases.

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

26. Consider the following statements regarding **Barren Island**, India's only active volcano:

1. It lies about 140 km northeast of Port Blair in the Arabian Sea.
2. It represents the remnant peak of a submerged volcanic structure.
3. It lies on the plate boundary between the **Indian Plate and the Eurasian Plate**.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only

- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

27. Which of the following correctly describes the 2025 eruption of **White Island / Whakaari** in New Zealand?

- (a) It was a large explosive eruption ejecting fresh lava flows.
- (b) It was a **phreatic (steam-driven)** eruption that released ash and gas without new lava.
- (c) It caused a major tsunami affecting the Bay of Plenty.
- (d) It formed a new volcanic cone on the mainland.

28. Recently, the species *Apterichtus kanniyakumari* was discovered in Indian waters. Consider the following statements:

1. It is a species of snake eel belonging to the family Ophichthidae.
2. It was discovered off the coast of Tamil Nadu in the Gulf of Mannar region.
3. It represents the first record of the genus *Apterichtus* from the Indian Ocean.

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

29. With reference to India's **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)**, consider the following statements:

1. The NCAP was launched in 2019 with the aim to reduce PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ levels by 20–30% by 2024, using 2017 as the baseline year.
2. In 2022, the PM₁₀ reduction target was revised upward to 40%, while a specific target for PM_{2.5} was retained at 30%.
3. The revised goal is to achieve the national PM₁₀ standard of 60 µg/m³ by 2025–26.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

30. Which one of the following species listed below is **not an endangered land mammal**, according to the 2024 IUCN Red List summary provided?

- a. Hawksbill turtle
- b. Amur leopard
- c. Sumatran orangutan
- d. Sunda pangolin

31. Which of the following sites were identified as **major winter feeding grounds** for migratory birds during the **Asian Waterbird Census 2025** in Andhra Pradesh?

- a. Pulicat Lake and Kolleru Lake
- b. Bhairavapalem mudflat and Etimoga wetland

- c. Point Calimere and Chilika Lake
- d. Pulicat Lake and Ashtamudi wetland

32. The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) won the **IUCN Tech4Nature Award 2025** for which mobile application?

- a. Green India App
- b. Fisher Friend App
- c. Ocean Care App
- d. Blue Sea Tracker

33. According to the 2025 Stanford University study, which of the following statements about the **snow leopard (Panthera uncia)** is correct?

- a. It has the highest genetic diversity among big cats.
- b. Its genetic depletion is primarily due to recent inbreeding.
- c. It has the lowest genetic diversity among all big cats.
- d. Its genetic uniformity has increased due to crossbreeding with other Panthera species.

34. In the context of the 2025 UNEP report titled "*High-risk forests, high-value returns*", the term "**Flying Rivers**" refers to —

- a. Underground aquifers carrying freshwater to coastal regions
- b. Moisture-laden air currents generated by rainforest evapotranspiration
- c. River systems that change course frequently due to flooding
- d. Artificial irrigation channels used in tropical agriculture

35. As per the **India's Elephant Population Census 2025**, what is the total estimated number of elephants in the country?

- a. 22,556
- b. 22,546
- c. 22,456
- d. 22,446

36. Arrange the following elephant landscapes of India in **increasing order of their elephant population**, as per the *India's Elephant Census 2025*:

- 1. Central India & Eastern Ghats
- 2. Shivalik Hills & Gangetic Plains
- 3. North Eastern Hills & Brahmaputra Flood Plains
- 4. Western Ghats

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. A small nocturnal mammal, commonly found in grasslands, scrublands, and even urban gardens, builds nests with leaves and twigs or burrows underground. It relies more on smell and hearing than eyesight, feeds mainly on insects, worms, and slugs but occasionally eats fruits or small vertebrates. Recently, concerns have been raised about its declining population due to habitat loss and road kills.

Which of the following animals best fits the above description?

- a. Shrew
- b. Mole
- c. Hedgehog
- d. Bandicoot

38. Recently, researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) developed a sustainable, biodegradable packaging material using agricultural and paper waste. In this context, which of the following statements is/are **correct**?

- 1. The material is produced by cultivating specific fungi on agro-waste.
- 2. The fungi used in the process include *Ganoderma lucidum* and *Pleurotus ostreatus*.
- 3. The project has led to the creation of a start-up called **NatureWrks Technologies** for its commercial development.
- 4. The material developed is intended to replace conventional glass packaging.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

39. With reference to the European Space Agency's (ESA) **Biomass Satellite**, recently launched to map Earth's forests in 3D, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is the first satellite to use **P-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)** for global forest mapping.

2. The satellite will measure **forest carbon stocks and biomass loss**, aiding climate policy decisions.
3. The Biomass mission was **developed jointly by ISRO and ESA** under the REDD+ framework.
4. It operates in a near-polar orbit at an altitude of around **666 km** with a 12m × 15m radar antenna.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

40. With reference to the **Google AI Hub** recently launched in Visakhapatnam, consider the following statements:

1. The Google AI Hub will function as a center for **artificial intelligence research, innovation, and capacity building** in India.
2. It includes **gigawatt-scale data center infrastructure**, enhancing India's digital and AI ecosystem.
3. The initiative directly supports the **Viksit Bharat 2047** and **Digital India** missions of the Government of India.
4. It is being established through a **joint venture between Google and NITI Aayog**.

Which of the statements given above are **correct**?

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

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

41. With reference to the *dhaRti BioNest Incubation Centre* at IIT Dharwad, which of the following statements is **NOT correct**?

- a. It aims to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in biotechnology, healthcare, and deep technology sectors.
- b. The centre has supported 15 start-ups that received ₹50 lakh each under the *Elevate Karnataka* scheme.
- c. The initiative is supported under the *BioNest* program of BIRAC to strengthen biotech incubation.
- d. The centre is established in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

42. With reference to the establishment of India's first *Quantum Computing Valley* in Amaravati, consider the following statements:

1. The project is being launched as part of the **National Quantum Mission (NQM)**.
2. It involves collaboration with companies such as **IBM India, LTIMindtree, and TCS**.
3. The **QMu Project** associated with it focuses on developing quantum-secure communication networks.
4. The initiative is being developed under the **Make in India 3.0 programme** of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

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

43. The term *In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU)*, often seen in space research, refers to:

- (a) Extraction of minerals from asteroids for use on Earth.
- (b) Utilization of local resources at mission destinations to reduce dependence on Earth supplies.
- (c) Recycling of spacecraft materials during long-duration missions.
- (d) Conversion of solar radiation into chemical energy for space propulsion.

44. Consider the following statements regarding the Outer Space Treaty (OST), 1967:

- 1. It prohibits any nation from claiming sovereignty over the Moon or any other celestial body.
- 2. It explicitly bans the extraction of resources such as water or minerals from celestial bodies.
- 3. It declares that the exploration and use of outer space shall be carried out for the benefit of all humankind.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. With reference to the 1984 Moon Agreement, consider the following statements:

- 1. It defines the Moon and its resources as the “common heritage of mankind.”
- 2. It has been ratified by major spacefaring nations like the U.S., Russia, and India.
- 3. It proposes establishing an international regime for equitable sharing of lunar resources.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. The Gottesman–Kitaev–Preskill (GKP) code is primarily designed to:

- a. Reduce computational time in quantum algorithms
- b. Encode logical qubits into multiple physical qubits for redundancy
- c. Encode a logical qubit in a single harmonic oscillator to reduce hardware overhead
- d. Measure qubit decoherence using optical interferometry

47. Astroscale, which was in the news for its U.S. patent in 2025, is known for innovations related to:

- a. Satellite-based quantum communication networks
- b. Active debris removal and orbital servicing technologies

- c. Deep-space navigation systems
- d. Space-based solar power transmission

48. With reference to the study and conservation of the Vijayanagara site (Hampi), consider the following statements:

1. Colin Mackenzie conducted the earliest survey of Vijayanagara around 1800.
2. Alexander Greenlaw took the first detailed archaeological photographs of Hampi in 1856.
3. J.F. Fleet began documenting the inscriptions on the temples of the site in 1876.
4. Systematic conservation efforts were initiated under John Marshall in 1902.
5. Hampi was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

How many of the above statements are correctly matched?

- (a) Only three
- (b) Only four
- (c) All five
- (d) Only two

49. Which one of the following foreign visitors was an ambassador sent by the ruler of Persia to Calicut and later visited Vijayanagara?

- (a) Nicolo de Conti
- (b) Abdur Razzaq
- (c) Duarte Barbosa
- (d) Fernao Nuniz

50. With reference to the irrigation system of the Vijayanagara Empire, consider the following statements:

1. The Hiriya canal was built by the kings of the Sangama dynasty.
2. It drew water from a dam built across the Tungabhadra River.
3. It irrigated the cultivated valley separating the “sacred centre” from the “urban core.”

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

51. The **Battle of Bannihatti** was fought between —

- (a) Vijayanagara Empire and Bahmani Sultanate
- (b) Vijayanagara Empire and the combined armies of Bijapur, Ahmadnagar and Golconda
- (c) Vijayanagara Empire and the Mughal forces
- (d) Bahmani and Golconda kingdoms

52. With reference to the **social structure in the early historic Tamil region**, consider the following pairs:

1. Vellalar — Large landowners
2. Uzhavar — Ordinary ploughmen
3. Kadaiyiar — Independent merchants
4. Adimai — Slaves or landless labourers

How many of the above pairs are **correctly matched**?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only one
- (d) All four

53. With reference to the different phases of the Harappan Civilization, consider the following pairs:

1. **Regionalization Era** — Early Harappan Phase
2. **Integration Era** — Mature Harappan Phase
3. **Localization Era** — Late Harappan Phase

How many of the above pairs are **correctly matched**?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

54. With reference to the **Harappan Civilization**, consider the following statements:

1. The availability of copper from Rajasthan and Oman suggests that the Harappans maintained both inland and maritime trade networks.
2. The procurement of tin from Afghanistan and Iran indicates the Harappans' awareness of alloy-making techniques beyond the Indian subcontinent.
3. The discovery of gold artifacts in the southern sites of Karnataka

confirms that the Harappans had permanent settlements there.

4. The locations of Dholavira and Lothal indicate that Harappan urban centres were strategically placed near sources of fresh water and trade routes.

How many of the above statements are **correct**?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) All four
- (d) Only one

55. With reference to the **ancient Indian system of taxation**, consider the following pairs:

1. **Bhaga** – Land revenue
2. **Pranaya** – Emergency tax
3. **Hiranya** – Tax paid in cash
4. **Udayabhana** – Tax on inheritance
5. **Sulka** – Custom duty

How many of the above pairs are **NOT correctly matched**?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

56. With reference to Ashoka's Major Rock Edicts, consider the following pairs:

1. **Major Rock Edict VII** – Advocates tolerance towards all religions and welfare of people within and beyond his kingdom.
2. **Major Rock Edict IX** – Condemns popular ceremonies and emphasizes moral conduct.
3. **Major Rock Edict X** – Praises individual desire for fame and glory as a means of spreading Dhamma.
4. **Major Rock Edict XIII** – Describes the Kalinga war and Ashoka's remorse; mentions his Dhamma victories over Greek kings and southern kingdoms like Cholas and Pandyas.

How many of the above pairs are **NOT correctly matched**?

- (a) None
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) Only one

57. With reference to prehistoric archaeological sites in India, consider the following pairs:

1. Bhimbetka – Palaeolithic site located in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh
2. Burzahom – Neolithic site located in Jammu & Kashmir region
3. Koldihwa – Megalithic site located in Prayagraj district of Uttar Pradesh

4. Adichanallur – Megalithic site located in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu

How many of the above pairs are **NOT correctly matched**?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) None

58. With reference to the geological time scale, consider the following pairs:

1. **Triassic Period (≈225 million years ago)** – Appearance of first dinosaurs, frogs, and turtles
2. **Devonian Period (≈400 million years ago)** – Appearance of first amphibians
3. **Carboniferous Period (≈350 million years ago)** – Appearance of first reptiles and large-scale forests
4. **Cretaceous Period (≈135 million years ago)** – Beginning of dominance of dinosaurs

How many of the above pairs are **NOT correctly matched**?

- (a) None
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only two
- (d) Only one

59. With reference to the 2025 Pulitzer Prizes, consider the following pairs:

1. **ProPublica** – Awarded in *Public Service* category for reporting on pregnant women who died due to delayed medical care under restrictive abortion laws.

2. **The Washington Post** – Awarded in *Breaking News Reporting* for coverage of the assassination attempt on Donald Trump.

3. **Reuters** – Awarded in *Investigative Reporting* for an exposé on lax regulation leading to the easy availability of fentanyl.

How many of the above pairs are **correctly matched**?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) All three
(d) None

60. With reference to the **2025 Pulitzer Prizes**, consider the following pairs:

1. **“James” by Percival Everett** – Awarded in the *Fiction* category for reimagining the story of *Huckleberry Finn* through the perspective of Jim, exploring themes of race and freedom.
2. **“Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir” by Tessa Hulls** – Awarded in the *Memoir or Autobiography* category for depicting intergenerational trauma across three generations of Chinese women.

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

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

61. Consider the following pairs:

Region	Prominent Tribes
1. Punjab	Khokhars, Gakkhars
2. Multan and Sind	Langahs, Arghuns
3. North-West	Kolis, Berads
4. Maharashtra and Karnataka	Balochis

How many of the above pairs are **not correctly matched** according to historical records?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four

62. Consider the following statements about Karmamela’s abhang:

1. It criticizes caste discrimination in society.
2. It questions God for giving life under social oppression.
3. It emphasizes strict adherence to ritual purity.

How many of the statements are correct?

- a. Only 1
b. Only 2
c. Only 3
d. None

63. Which of the following statements correctly describe(s) the ideas of Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker?

1. He rejected the divine authority of Hindu scriptures and advocated for rationalism.
2. He considered untouchables as the true upholders of Dravidian culture.
3. He supported the continuation of caste distinctions as essential to Hindu social order.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

64. With reference to the contributions of Jyotirao Phule, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. He founded the Satyashodhak Samaj to promote caste equality.
2. He argued that Aryans were the original inhabitants of India.
3. He wrote *Gulamgiri* to draw parallels between caste oppression in India and slavery in America.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

65. With reference to the tribal societies in colonial India, consider the following statements:

1. Shifting cultivation, locally known as *Jhum*, involved clearing forests, burning the vegetation, and scattering seeds on the ash-covered soil.
2. The British encouraged shifting cultivation as it generated steady revenue.
3. Some tribal groups like the Gonds and Santhals practiced settled plough cultivation even before British rule.

Which of the statements given above is/are **correct**?

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

66. With reference to the *Tripartite Struggle* in early medieval India, consider the following statements:

1. It was primarily a struggle among the Palas, Pratiharas, and Rashtrakutas for control over Kanauj.
2. The conflict was mainly driven by the desire to control the Ganga valley and associated trade routes.
3. The Cholas were also one of the major participants in this struggle.

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

67. Consider the following pairs:

Ritual / Term	Associated Meaning
1. Hiranyagarbha	Ritual symbolising rebirth as a Kshatriya
2. Vetti	Land revenue tax
3. Kadamai	Forced labour

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

(a) 1 only

(b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 2 and 3 only

68. Consider the following statements regarding the 2024 Lok Sabha elections:

1. The overall voter turnout was 75.79%, showing a decline compared to 2019.
2. Male voter turnout was higher than female voter turnout by more than 3 percentage points.
3. Voter turnout among 'other genders' increased from 14.64% in 2019 to 27.08% in 2024.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

a. 1 and 3 only

b. 2 and 3 only

c. 1, 2 and 3

d. 3 only

69. With reference to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), consider the following statements:

1. ISA was launched as an initiative by India and France during COP21, Paris 2015.
2. The vision of ISA is "One World, One Earth."
3. Moldova became the 107th member of the ISA in 2024.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a. 3 only

b. 1, 2 and 3

c. 2 and 3 only

d. 1 and 3 only

70. With reference to PM-ABHIM, consider the following infrastructure components:

1. Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs)
2. Block Public Health Units (BPHUs)
3. Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs)
4. Critical Care Hospital Blocks (CCBs)

Which of the above components are part of PM-ABHIM's health infrastructure strengthening initiatives?

a. 1, 2 and 3 only

b. 1, 2, 3 and 4

c. 2 and 4 only

d. 1 and 4 only

71. Consider the following sequence of countries visited by PM Narendra Modi during his five-nation tour from 2–9 July 2025:

- X.** PM Modi visited Trinidad and Tobago immediately after Ghana.
- Y.** Brazil was visited before Argentina.
- Z.** Namibia was the final country on the tour.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a. X and Y only
- b. Z and X only
- c. Y, X and Z
- d. Z only

72. Consider the following pairs of places and their corresponding countries/regions:

- 1. Kobane – Syria
- 2. Al-Qaim – Iraq
- 3. Khartoum – Sudan
- 4. Beirut – Lebanon
- 5. Rafah Crossing – Israel–Gaza border
- 6. Aden – Yemen
- 7. Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) – Azerbaijan
- 8. Lachin Corridor – Azerbaijan
- 9. Erez Crossing – Israel–Gaza border

Which of the pairs given above is/are **incorrect**?

- a. 5 and 7 only
- b. 7 only
- c. 5, 7 and 8 only
- d. None

73. Consider the following statements regarding the 2nd BIMSTEC Ports Conclave held in 2025:

- 1. It was held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 14–15 July 2025.
- 2. The theme was “*Navigating the Future: Blue Economy, Innovation & Sustainable Partnerships*”.
- 3. Delegates from all 7 BIMSTEC countries participated, and the event focused on maritime connectivity, green ports, and coastal tourism.
- 4. BIMSTEC Vision 2030 was presented, highlighting 267 transport connectivity projects.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding the Bharat Forecast System (BFS):

- 1. It is India’s first indigenously developed ultra-high-resolution weather forecasting model with a 6 km grid.
- 2. Developed by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in collaboration with IITM Pune.
- 3. BFS provides 30% better forecasting of extreme weather events and improves prediction

accuracy by 64% over previous models.

4. It surpasses operational weather models of the US, UK, and EU in spatial resolution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding National Broadcasting Day and All India Radio (AIR):

1. India's first-ever radio broadcast was made on 23 July 1937 from Bombay under the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC).
2. The Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio (AIR) in 1947.
3. The Vividh Bharati Service, launched in 1967, became popular for film music and entertainment programs.
4. AIR's motto, "Bahujana Hitaya, Bahujana Sukhaya," reflects its mission to inform, educate, and entertain the masses.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
b. 1, 3 and 4 only
c. 4 only
d. All of the above

76. Consider the following pairs of dynasties/rulers and their contributions to Srisailem:

1. Satavahanas – Satakarni mentioned Srisailem as Chakora Shetagiri in the 3rd century C.E.
2. Kadamba dynasty – Mayura Sharma referred to Srisailem as Sriparvatam in the 6th century C.E.
3. Kakatiya dynasty – Prataparudra performed Tulabhaaraseva and sought blessings of Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy.
4. Vijayanagara dynasty – Hariharaya II directed the construction of the main hall of the main temple.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
b. 1, 3 and 4 only
c. 2 and 4 only
d. All of the above

77. Easter Island, famous for its Moai statues, is geographically closest to which of the following continental landmasses?

- a. Chile
b. Guyana
c. Madagascar
d. Fiji

78. Consider the following statements regarding Bali Pratipada (Bali Padyami):

1. Bali Pratipada is celebrated on the third day of Diwali, marking the annual return of King Bali (Mahabali) to Earth.
2. According to legend, King Bali offered his head to Lord Vishnu's Vamana avatar after Vamana covered the Earth and Heaven in his first two steps.
3. The festival is observed primarily in Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka, and coincides with the regional New Year in some states.
4. Rituals include drawing five-colored images of King Bali and his wife Vindhyavali, offering prayers and Bhog, and participating in cultural events.
5. Bali Pratipada is a public holiday across India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 only
- c. 2, 3 and 5 only
- d. All of the above

79. Consider the following pairs of volcanic islands and their countries/regions:

1. White Island (Whakaari) – Spain
2. La Palma – Canary Islands, Spain
3. New Tongan Island – Tonga
4. Barren Island – India

How many of the pairs given above are incorrect?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 3 only
- d. All are correct

80. Consider the following statements regarding black bear hunting in Florida:

1. Black bear hunting has been legally allowed in Florida for the first time in a decade in 2023.
2. Black bears were listed as a “state threatened species” in 1974, and hunting was banned in 1994.
3. During the 2025 hunting season, over 300 bears were captured in two days.
4. Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission allows hunting using archery, dogs, and baiting.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1, 2, and 3 only
- b. 1, 2, and 4 only
- c. All of the above
- d. 2 and 4 only

81. Consider the following statements regarding the *vacancy in the office of the Vice President of India*:

1. The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha presides over the House till a new Vice President is elected.
2. The Election Commission of India conducts the election to fill the vacancy under the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952.
3. The Constitution mandates that the election for Vice President must be held within 6 months of the vacancy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding the Vice Presidents of India:

1. **M. Hidayatullah** served as **Chief Justice of India** before becoming the **Vice President**.
2. **Bhairon Singh Shekhawat**, a **former Chief Minister of Rajasthan**, later became the **Vice President of India**.
3. A total of **seven Vice Presidents of India** have subsequently become **Presidents of India**.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

83. Consider the following statements about the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025:

1. The Bill applies only to MPs and not to state legislators or ministers.
2. Automatic removal is triggered **even without conviction** if detained for 30 consecutive days.
3. Reappointment is possible if the person is acquitted or granted bail.
4. The Bill could potentially affect federal balance by giving the Centre leverage over opposition-led state governments.

Select the correct answer:

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

84. Which of the following statements about the evolution of Waqf laws in India is/are correct?

1. The Mussalman Wakf Validating Act, 1913 allowed Waqfs only for charitable purposes and prohibited family Waqfs.
2. The Waqf Act, 1995 established Waqf Tribunals with powers similar to civil courts.
3. The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2013 increased the lease period of Waqf properties from 3 to 30 years.

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

85. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Waqf properties in India (as per 2024 data)?

1. Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Board has the highest number of Waqf properties in India.
2. Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board has the largest area of Waqf land among Indian states.
3. Karnataka State Board of Auqaf has more Waqf properties than Tamil Nadu Waqf Board.

- a) Only one statement is correct
- b) Only two statements are correct
- c) All three statements are correct
- d) None of the statements is correct

86. Consider the following statements regarding the **Women's Reservation in Parliament and State Assemblies** under the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023:

1. The Act provides **33% reservation to women** in the Lok Sabha and all State Legislative Assemblies, to be implemented immediately upon presidential assent.
2. Within the 33% quota, reservation is provided for **SC/ST women**, but OBC women are not included under the Act.

3. The reservation will be effective for **15 years** from the date of implementation and can be extended by Parliament.
4. Implementation of the Act is **contingent upon the next census and subsequent delimitation exercise** to determine reserved constituencies.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one statement is correct
- b) Only two statements are correct
- c) Only three statements are correct
- d) All four statements are correct

87. Consider the following statements regarding the rights and duties of a **Data Principal (DP)** under DPDPB, 2023:

1. The DP has the right to request **correction, completion, update, and erasure** of personal data.
2. The DP can nominate another individual to exercise their rights in case of **death or incapacity**.
3. The DP is **exempted from penalties** even if a false grievance is filed.
4. The DP can directly impose fines on a Data Fiduciary (DF) for non-compliance without approaching the Data Protection Board.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) One
- b) Two

- c) Three
- d) Four

88. Consider the following statements about the **Data Protection Board (DPB)** under DPDPB, 2023:

1. All members of the DPB are appointed by the **Union Government**, raising questions about its independence.
2. The DPB has both **adjudicatory and regulatory powers** to enforce compliance.
3. Amendments to the RTI Act under DPDPB allow withholding of personal information, even if it relates to public interest.
4. The DPB ensures that DPBs are notified about **cross-border transfer of personal data** by default.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

89. Consider the following statements regarding the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and the Emergency period (1975–77):

1. The original Preamble, as drafted by B.R. Ambedkar, did **not include** the words “*secular*” and “*socialist*”.
2. The words “*secular*” and “*socialist*” were added to the Preamble

during the **Emergency period** through the **42nd Amendment**.

3. Fundamental rights such as Articles 14, 19, and 21 were **suspended** during the Emergency, but the Preamble itself was not amended during that time.
4. The addition of “*secular*” and “*socialist*” to the Preamble is considered **eternal and beyond review** according to the original Constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1, 2, and 3 only
- D) 1, 2, 3, and 4

90. In the context of the Presidential Reference under Article 143 regarding the Governor’s and President’s assent to State Bills, consider the following statements about **Article 142 of the Constitution**:

1. Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to **enforce its decrees and orders** and to do “complete justice” in any case before it.
2. Under Article 142, the Supreme Court can **grant ‘deemed assent’ to State Bills** even if it contradicts existing statutory or constitutional provisions.
3. Article 142 cannot be used to **supplant substantive law** or create powers for the executive beyond the Constitution.

4. Advisory opinions issued under Article 143 can be implemented by the Supreme Court using powers under Article 142, even if they alter binding judgments under Article 141.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
B. 1, 2 and 3 only
C. 2 and 4 only
D. All of the above

91. Consider the following statements regarding the unilateral suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) by India:

1. Under Article XII of IWT, a country can unilaterally suspend the treaty by issuing a formal notice.
2. The Vienna Convention on Law of Treaties (VCLT), 1969, recognizes “abeyance” as a legally binding form of suspension.
3. Article 62 of the VCLT allows repudiation of a treaty only if there is a fundamental change of circumstances existing at the time of its conclusion.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 3 only
D. None

92. With reference to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), consider the following:

1. The treaty was signed in 1960 by India and Pakistan and brokered by the World Bank.
2. Eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) are under Pakistan’s unrestricted control.
3. Disputes under IWT are first addressed by the Permanent Indus Commission, then by a neutral expert, and finally by a court of arbitration.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. With reference to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in India, consider the following statements:

1. Article 326 of the Constitution guarantees every citizen above 18 years of age the right to vote without any exceptions.
2. The Election Commission of India (ECI) can unilaterally remove names of ineligible voters without following any procedure under the Representation of People Act, 1950.
3. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) aims to include newly eligible voters and remove ineligible or

shifted/deceased voters while ensuring transparency.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

94. With reference to the features of constitutional governance and their sources, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of a Public Service Commission in India is derived from the Government of India Act, 1935.
2. The ideals enshrined in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution are influenced by France.
3. The procedure for joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament in India is inspired by the Australian Constitution.
4. The rule of law and the appointment of State Governors by the Centre are innovations borrowed entirely from the UK.
5. Equal protection under law, the concept of Pressure Groups, and Public Interest Litigation (PIL) all originated in the United States.

Which of the statements given above are NOT correct?

- a. 4 and 5 only

- b. 3 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 5 only
- d. 4 only

95. Which of the following is/are part of the **Committees to Inquire** in the Indian Parliament?

- W. Privileges Committee
- X. Ethics Committee
- Y. Rules Committee
- Z. Advisory Committee

- a. W and X only
- b. X and Y only
- c. W, X and Y only
- d. all of the above

96. With reference to **Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India**, consider the following statements:

1. It allows the State to impose reasonable restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression in the interests of sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, public order, decency or morality, friendly relations with foreign States, contempt of court, defamation, or incitement to an offence.
2. The State cannot impose any restrictions on freedom of speech and expression that relate to defamation or contempt of court.
3. Restrictions under Article 19(2) must be **reasonable** and are subject to judicial review.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

97. Consider the following statements regarding the current leadership of three prominent Indian statutory bodies:

1. **NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights)** was constituted in 2007 under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.
2. **NHRC (National Human Rights Commission)** was established in 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
3. **NCW (National Commission for Women)** was constituted in 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
4. As of October 2025, the current chairpersons of these commissions are:
 - **NCPCR:** Ms. Tripti Gurha
 - **NHRC:** Justice V. Ramasubramanian
 - **NCW:** Smt. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

98. Consider the following statements regarding the Selection Committee for the appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India:

1. The Selection Committee is headed by the **Prime Minister of India**.
2. The Union Home Minister and the Minister in charge of the concerned state department are members of the Selection Committee.
3. The Chief Justice of India and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha are also members of this Committee.
4. The President of India appoints the Chairperson and Members of NHRC on the recommendation of this Committee.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

99. Consider the process for the removal of a Supreme Court Judge in India. Arrange the following steps in correct sequence:

1. Motion for removal signed by 100 MPs in Lok Sabha or 50 MPs in Rajya Sabha.
2. Investigation by a **Parliamentary Committee** to verify charges of misbehavior or incapacity.

3. Motion is passed in **both Houses of Parliament** by a special majority (2/3 of members present and voting, and majority of total membership).

4. President of India issues **order of removal**.

5. Complaint/charge is referred to the **Chief Justice of India** for initial scrutiny.

civil services under the Union and the States.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a. One
b. Two
c. Three
d. Four

Which of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. 1 → 5 → 3 → 2 → 4
b. 5 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
c. 1 → 2 → 5 → 3 → 4
d. 1 → 5 → 2 → 3 → 4

100. With reference to the Constitution of India, consider the following statements regarding Parts XI, XII, XIII, and XIV:

1. Part XI contains provisions regarding the distribution of legislative powers and administrative relations between the Union and the States.
2. Part XII deals with financial relations, property rights, contracts, and suits, including the Consolidated Fund of India and State.
3. Part XIII exclusively deals with inter-State trade and commerce, the freedom of trade throughout India, and restrictions that may be imposed by Parliament.
4. Part XIV provides the framework for recruitment, conditions of service, and disciplinary control of

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