

1. The *Uttarkashi Flash Floods of August 2025* highlight the compound risks of Himalayan disasters. Which of the following factors most accurately explain the high vulnerability of the Dharali region to such events?

1. Steep altitudinal gradient and young fold mountain geology
2. Convergence of monsoon currents with westerly disturbances
3. Extensive deforestation and unregulated construction near riverbanks
4. Low infiltration capacity of glacial moraines and debris fans

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

2. Certain ground-dwelling insects with long, thread-like 11-segmented non-clubbed antennae and a comb-like structure on their foreleg tibiae used for antenna cleaning are being explored as bioindicators for microplastic contamination in soil due to their nocturnal habit and ecological sensitivity. Which of the following groups fits this description?

- (a) Fireflies (*Lampyridae*)
(b) Ground beetles (*Carabidae*)
(c) Rove beetles (*Staphylinidae*)
(d) Tiger beetles (*Cicindelinae*)

3. Consider the following statements regarding India's forest management as highlighted in the **FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025**:

1. India retains the **3rd position globally in annual forest area gain**.
2. India's total forest and tree cover stands at around **24.62%** of its geographical area.
3. The FAO, established in 1945 and headquartered in **Rome**, publishes the GFRA.
4. India's top five forested states include Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

4. With reference to **Chhath Puja**, consider the following statements:

1. It is a Vedic festival primarily dedicated to **Surya Dev** and **Goddess Usha**.
2. The ritual sequence includes *Nahay Khay, Kharna, Sandhya Arghya*, and *Usha Arghya*.
3. It is mainly celebrated in **Bihar, Jharkhand, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, and Nepal's Terai region**.
4. The offering of *Arghya* is performed only at sunrise.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. With reference to the emergence of Mahayana Buddhism in India, consider the following statements:

1. The terms *Mahayana* and *Hinayana* were first used by Mahayanists themselves to distinguish their approach.
2. The emergence of Mahayana Buddhism immediately caused a schism in the Buddhist Sangha.
3. Mahayana ideas are believed to have their roots in the older Mahasanghika school.

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

6. With reference to the *Silappadikaram*, which of the following statements correctly reflect the religious milieu of the period?

1. The epic depicts followers of Buddhism, Jainism, and Ajivika traditions.
2. Vedic deities like Indra and non-Vedic gods such as Murugan coexisted in the same narrative space.

3. The Indra cult was mainly associated with agricultural rituals of the peasantry.
4. The text shows early evidence of Vaishnavite devotional elements such as Rasalila.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. Xuanzang's travel account *Da Tang Xi Yu Ji* is regarded as an invaluable historical source for early medieval India. In this context, which of the following statements best captures its significance?

- (a) It provides an objective ethnographic record free from cultural biases.
- (b) It presents a blend of religious, political, and cross-cultural observations, reflecting both Buddhist and Chinese perspectives.
- (c) It focuses exclusively on the monastic life and rituals of Indian Buddhism.
- (d) It was primarily written to glorify King Harsha and promote Buddhism in China.

8. In the context of early Magadhan polity, what does the title "**Seniya**" or "**Shrenika**" associated with Bimbisara indicate?

- (a) His position as the supreme head of the Vajjian confederacy.
- (b) His leadership of a mercantile guild in Rajagriha, showing Magadha's commercial base.
- (c) A possible earlier role as a military commander before kingship, though not

conclusively supported by textual evidence.

(d) A ritual title granted by Brahmanas after the conquest of Anga.

9. With reference to the third phase of Chola temple architecture, consider the following statements:

1. It is associated with the patronage of Queen Shembian Mahadevi.
2. Many brick temples were rebuilt in stone during this period.
3. The Agastyesvara temple at Anangapur was constructed under her patronage.
4. Sculptures of this phase were noted for their fluid and natural movements.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

10. With reference to **Chola metal sculpture**, consider the following statements:

1. Tanjavur was one of the most prominent centres of metal image production during the Chola period.
2. Both North and South Indian metal sculptures were made using the lost-wax method.

3. Northern images were generally solid, whereas southern ones were hollow.
4. The images were integral to temple rituals and often carried in processions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

11. With reference to the **Civil Disobedience Movement (1930–34)**, consider the following statements:

1. The participation of women in the movement marked their first large-scale involvement in nationalist struggles.
2. The movement led to immediate constitutional reforms from the British side.
3. Dalit participation in the movement was widespread across all provinces, especially Maharashtra and Nagpur.
4. The movement strengthened the idea of swaraj as a moral and political goal among different classes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

12. Consider the following statements regarding the Indigo Revolt (1859–60):

1. It marked one of the earliest organized peasant resistances against colonial economic exploitation.
2. The Indigo Commission set up by the British declared indigo cultivation compulsory under government supervision.
3. The revolt received indirect support from local zamindars and village headmen.

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

13. Arrange the following events in **chronological order** and select the correct answer using the code below:

1. Kheda Satyagraha
2. Champaran Movement
3. Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
4. Ahmedabad Mill Strike
5. Rowlatt Act

- (a) 2 – 4 – 1 – 5 – 3
- (b) 2 – 1 – 4 – 3 – 5
- (c) 1 – 2 – 4 – 3 – 5
- (d) 4 – 2 – 1 – 5 – 3

14. Consider the following statements regarding early 20th-century political developments in India:

1. The Khilafat Movement emerged as a Pan-Islamic protest against the perceived British betrayal of the Ottoman Caliph after World War I.
2. Sir Muhammad Iqbal's 1930 address emphasized Hindu-Muslim unity and rejection of separate electorates.
3. The Poona Pact of 1932 provided separate electorates for the Depressed Classes, replacing the Communal Award.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

15. With reference to **national symbols and imagery during the Indian freedom struggle**, consider the following statements:

1. The first Swadeshi flag of 1906 had red, white, and green horizontal stripes representing Hindu-Muslim unity.
2. Abanindranath Tagore's Bharat Mata painting (1905) portrayed the mother as calm and divine, symbolizing nourishment through food and learning.
3. Gandhi's Swaraj flag (1921) included the charkha (spinning wheel) as a symbol of self-reliance.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

16. With reference to **World Food Day 2025**, consider the following statements:

1. The theme for 2025, “A Hungry World Knows No Borders”, highlights the idea that hunger and food insecurity are now confined within national boundaries.
2. The FAO was established in the aftermath of World War II to promote global food security and agricultural cooperation.
3. World Food Day is observed on the same day as the establishment anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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

17. With reference to the **first undersea voyage to the North Pole (1958)**, consider the following statements:

1. The voyage, code-named *Operation Sunshine*, was led by Commander William R. Anderson aboard the *USS Nautilus*.
2. The submarine used a pressurized water reactor (PWR) developed by

Westinghouse under the supervision of Capt. Hyman G. Rickover.

3. The voyage marked the first successful under-ice navigation of the Arctic Ocean, demonstrating the military and scientific value of nuclear propulsion.
4. No submarine named *USS Nautilus (SSN-571)* ever existed; the voyage was actually conducted by a diesel-electric submarine converted for polar use.

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

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

18. With reference to the **NAKSHA Programme** recently seen in news, consider the following statements:

1. The NAKSHA Programme aims to modernise urban land record management through geospatial technology and digital mapping.
2. It is implemented jointly by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) and the Survey of India under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).
3. The NAKSHA Web-GIS portal has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for

nationwide land record integration.

4. The programme stands for *National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations*.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

19. With reference to the launch of Japan's yen-pegged stablecoin (JPYC) in 2025, consider the following statements:

1. The JPYC stablecoin is fully backed by Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) and is convertible 1:1 with the yen.
2. Japan's regulatory framework permits only central banks to issue stablecoins backed by sovereign assets.
3. JPYC marks the first instance of a stablecoin pegged to a non-USD fiat currency being fully regulated by a national financial authority.

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

20. With reference to Dr. K. Mathangi Ramakrishnan, recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. She was a renowned plastic surgeon known for her work in burn treatment and reconstructive surgery.
2. She was a recipient of the Padma Shri award.

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

21. With reference to India's Ramsar Sites, consider the following statements:

1. In **September 2025**, Gokul Jalashay and Udaipur Jheel from Bihar were added to the Ramsar list.
2. With their inclusion, the total number of Ramsar Sites in India has reached 93.
3. India ranks second in Asia and fourth in the world in terms of the number of Ramsar Sites.
4. The Ramsar Convention was signed in the year 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar.

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

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

22. With reference to the *Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)*, consider the following statements:

1. It is implemented under the National Mission for Natural Farming (NMNF).
2. The scheme provides financial assistance of ₹31,500 per hectare for a period of three years to farmers adopting organic farming practices.
3. The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS-India) under PKVY is primarily meant for export-oriented organic certification.
4. Under the Large Area Certification (LAC) initiative, the certification process is reduced to a few months for areas where chemical farming has never been practiced.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

23. With reference to the recent initiative by the **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)**, consider the following statements:

1. The NBA has released ₹1.36 crore to local communities in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh under the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) mechanism of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
2. The financial assistance was provided to Biodiversity

Management Committees (BMCs) for conservation activities specified under Section 44 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

3. The funds were contributed by a commercial entity that utilized microorganisms from soil and industrial effluent samples for producing *Fructo-oligosaccharides*.
4. The initiative aligns with India's National Biodiversity Target 13 under the updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) 2024–2030.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

24. With reference to the *World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Greenhouse Gas Bulletin 2025*, consider the following statements:

1. The global average concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) reached 423.9 ppm in 2024, marking the largest annual increase since 1957.
2. About half of the total CO₂ emitted each year remains in the atmosphere, while the other half is absorbed by the ocean alone.
3. Methane accounts for around 16% of the warming effect of long-lived greenhouse gases and has increased by 166% above pre-industrial levels.

4. The year 2024 witnessed weakened land carbon sinks due to El Niño conditions and widespread droughts.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) only two
b) only three
c) all four
d) only one

25. Consider the following pairs:

Lake	Country/Region	Type
1. Lake Poopó	Bolivia	Freshwater
2. Lake Mead	United States	Freshwater lake
3. Lake Chad	Africa (Chad–Niger–Nigeria–Cameroon)	Freshwater
4. Lake Urmia	Iran	Saltwater

Which of the pairs given above is/are **NOT correctly matched?**

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

26. With reference to the International Day of Zero Waste, consider the following statements:

1. It is observed annually on **30th March** and was established by a resolution of the UN General Assembly.

2. The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** and **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)** jointly facilitate its observance.

3. The first observance took place in **2025** with the theme “*Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles.*”

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

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

27. With reference to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress 2025, consider the following statements:

1. India’s first **Red List of Endangered Species** will be unveiled at the Congress in Abu Dhabi.
2. The IUCN World Conservation Congress is held once every **two years** to decide on conservation priorities.
3. The Congress is attended only by government representatives of member countries.
4. India has been a **State Member of IUCN** since 1969.

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

- a) Only one
b) Only two

- c) Only three
d) All four

28. With reference to recently launched government initiatives, consider the following pairs:

Scheme / Portal	Full Form
1. NAKSHA	National Architecture and Knowledge-based System for Housing Assessment
2. SPREE 2025	Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees
3. UMEED	Universal Mission for Employment, Empowerment and Development
4. ADEETIE	Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments
5. PM-SURAJ	Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan
6. CLAMP Portal	Coal Land Acquisition, Management and Payment Portal

Which of the pairs given above are **correctly matched?**

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

29. Which one of the following pairs of marine landforms and their type is correctly matched?

- (a) Sea Caves – Depositional feature of low sedimentary coast
(b) Spits – Erosional feature of high rocky coast
(c) Wave-cut Terraces – Erosional feature of high rocky coast
(d) Barrier Bars – Formed by glacial deposition

30. Which one of the following pairs of fluvial depositional features and their characteristics is correctly matched?

- (a) Alluvial Fan – Fine sediments deposited in the lower course of a river
(b) Floodplain – Coarse debris deposited at the foothills of mountains
(c) Point Bars – Deposits formed on the outer bends of meanders
(d) Natural Levees – Raised embankments formed due to repeated flooding

31. Which law explains that a hotter body emits shorter wavelength radiation?

- (a) Boyle's Law
(b) Charles' Law
(c) Planck's Law
(d) Wien's Law

32. Consider the following phenomena:

1. **Cold, dense air** flowing down mountain slopes at night and accumulating in valleys.
2. **Horizontal transfer of heat** in the atmosphere causing warm or cold winds like the Indian 'loo'.

Which of the following terms correctly describe the phenomena mentioned above respectively?

- (a) **Temperature inversion** and **Advection**
- (b) **Convection** and **Radiation**
- (c) **Advection** and **Conduction**
- (d) **Insolation** and **Convection**

33. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched regarding endogenic processes?

- (a) Orogeny – Broad, gentle uplift of continental masses
- (b) Epeirogeny – Mountain building through intense folding and faulting
- (c) Orogeny – Mountain building through severe folding of crustal rocks
- (d) Epeirogeny – Formation of volcanic cones along plate boundaries

34. Which one of the following is NOT a type of chemical weathering process?

- (a) Solution
- (b) Carbonation
- (c) Hydration
- (d) Frost action

35. Which of the following best explains why companies prefer issuing bonus shares instead of cash dividends?

- (a) It increases the company's liquidity position.
- (b) It rewards shareholders without reducing cash reserves.
- (c) It helps to raise fresh capital from the market.
- (d) It increases immediate returns for shareholders.

36. If both Interest Rate Parity (IRP) and Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) hold simultaneously, then which of the following relationships must be true?

- a. the difference in nominal interest rates equals the difference in real interest rates
- b. the nominal interest rate differential equals the expected rate of inflation differential
- c. the expected change in the exchange rate equals the interest rate differential
- d. real interest rates are equalized across countries

37. The Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio is often used as a quick measure of how "expensive" or "cheap" a stock is. However, its interpretive value depends on the context.

Consider the following statements:

1. A lower P/E ratio *always* indicates that a stock is undervalued relative to its peers.
2. The P/E ratio ignores the future growth potential of a company's earnings.

3. A company with high debt levels may still exhibit a low P/E ratio, making it appear financially strong.
4. The P/E ratio is most meaningful when compared across different industries to identify sectoral mispricing.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38. Which of the following personalities have served as **Chairpersons of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**?

1. David R. Syiemlieh
2. Vinay Mittal
3. Arvind Saxena
4. P. K. Joshi

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

39. With reference to **Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)**, which of the following factors limit its accuracy in real-world comparison?

1. Transport and transaction costs
2. Differences in indirect taxes and tariffs
3. Non-traded goods and services
4. Perfect competition across markets

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding the RBI's recent currency swap operations (2025):

1. The latest swap has a three-year tenor.
2. It is the first time RBI has used this tool.
3. The measure aims to stabilise the rupee and support credit growth.

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

41. With reference to the structure of financial markets, consider the following statements:

1. In the **cash (spot/intraday) market**, settlement and transfer of ownership occur immediately or within a short cycle.
2. In the **futures market**, both buyer and seller are obligated to execute the trade at a pre-decided price and date.

3. In the **options market**, the buyer has the right but not the obligation to buy or sell the underlying asset.
4. **Futures and options** markets form part of the **derivatives segment**, whereas the cash market belongs to the **equity segment** of stock exchanges.

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

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All four

42. At which temple was the *Muhurthakaal Puja* performed to mark the beginning of the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival celebrations in Tamil Nadu?

- a) Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai
- b) Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur
- c) Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam
- d) Kapaleeshwarar Temple, Chennai

43. With reference to **Mezzanine Financing**, consider the following statements:

1. Mezzanine financing ranks **senior to equity** but **subordinate to senior debt** in a company's capital structure.
2. It is a **hybrid instrument** that combines features of debt and equity, often allowing lenders to **convert debt into equity** in case of default.

3. Interest on mezzanine debt is **not tax-deductible**, making it costlier than equity financing.
4. In the event of borrower default, **mezzanine lenders are paid before senior debt holders but after common equity holders**.

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

- a. Only one
- b. All four
- c. Only three
- d. Only two

44. The concept of **Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs)** in the Indian Constitution was influenced by which of the following countries?

- (a) Spain only
- (b) Ireland only
- (c) Both Spain and Ireland
- (d) United Kingdom

45. With reference to the concept of **"Strike Price"** in the Options Market, consider the following statements:

1. The strike price is the pre-decided price at which the holder of an option can buy or sell the underlying asset.
2. In a Call Option, the holder benefits when the market price is higher than the strike price.
3. In a Put Option, the holder benefits when the market price is below the strike price.

4. The strike price is always equal to the market price on the date of contract initiation.

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

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

46. The term “Lollapalooza Effect,” recently seen in news, refers to:

- a) A situation where multiple positive policy actions combine to create a large multiplier impact on demand and economic activity.
- b) A condition where inflation and unemployment rise simultaneously.
- c) A policy framework aimed at promoting start-ups and digital payments.
- d) A monetary tool used by the RBI to control foreign exchange volatility.

47. With reference to *World Food India (WFI) 2025*, consider the following statements:

- 1. The event is organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- 2. The 2025 edition will be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- 3. New Zealand and Saudi Arabia are Partner Countries for this edition.

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

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

48. With reference to the recent re-election of 92-year-old Paul Biya in Cameroon, consider the following statements:

- 1. Paul Biya, aged 92, has been ruling since 1982 and is currently the world’s oldest sitting president.
- 2. Cameroon is a bilingual country with French and English as its official languages.

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

49. With reference to the “India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)” recently launched in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries to promote EV manufacturing.
- 2. The index evaluates the progress of States and Union Territories across themes such as transport electrification, charging infrastructure, and innovation.
- 3. The index aims to promote competitive federalism and

support India's net-zero target by 2070.

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

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

50. With reference to India's first Green Hydrogen Hub recently launched, consider the following statements:

1. It is being developed at Pudimadaka near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
2. The project is a joint initiative of NTPC Green Energy Limited and the New & Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh.
3. The hub aims to produce 1500 tonnes per day of green hydrogen and 7500 tonnes per day of green hydrogen derivatives.
4. The total investment planned for the hub is ₹85,000 crore.

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

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

51. With reference to the recent reports of mass killings in El-Fasher, Sudan, consider the following statements:

1. The **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)**, currently accused of atrocities in

Darfur, evolved from the **Janjaweed militias** involved in the 2003 Darfur genocide.

2. The **city of El-Fasher** lies in the **North Darfur** region and was the last major city under Sudanese Army control before being captured by the RSF.
3. The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has officially admitted to providing military assistance to the RSF in its fight against the Sudanese Army.

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

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

52. With reference to the recent discovery of the *Musa indandamanensis* species in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, consider the following statements:

1. The infructescence of *Musa indandamanensis* is the longest recorded among all banana species in the world.
2. The species was first discovered in the forests of Nicobar and is endemic to the entire Bay of Bengal island region.
3. The infructescence specimen is currently preserved at the Indian Museum, Kolkata.
4. The discovery was first reported in the journal *Botany Letters* in 2025.

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

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

53. With reference to the recent discovery of the *world's oldest directly dated ice* in Antarctica, consider the following statements:

1. The discovery was made in the East Antarctic region known as Allan Hills, an area where strong winds prevent snow accumulation and help preserve ancient ice layers.
2. The dating of the ice was done using radiocarbon isotope analysis of trapped air bubbles within the ice cores.
3. The research, published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, was conducted under the NSF-funded Center for Oldest Ice Exploration (COLDEX).
4. The oxygen isotope data from the samples indicate that Antarctica has cooled by nearly 12°C over the last six million years.

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

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

54. With reference to the recent death of '**Vatsala**', Asia's oldest elephant, consider the following statements:

1. Vatsala, aged over 100 years, was housed in the **Periyar Tiger Reserve** of Kerala.
2. The **Asian Elephant** is listed as **Vulnerable** in the IUCN Red List and protected under **Schedule II** of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
3. **Project Elephant**, launched in 2002, is implemented by the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**.

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) None

55. With reference to the recent discovery of the *Cretosabethes primaevus* fossil, consider the following statements:

1. The fossil, discovered in the Kachin region of Myanmar, represents the earliest known mosquito larva preserved in amber from the Cretaceous period.
2. The species provides evidence that mosquito morphology has undergone significant evolutionary changes since the Jurassic period.
3. The finding suggests that ancient and modern mosquito lineages coexisted nearly 100 million years ago.

4. The research on this discovery was published in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution* by scientists from the University of Oxford.

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

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

56. With reference to Japan's first female Prime Minister **Sanae Takaichi**, consider the following statements:

1. She appointed six women ministers to her 19-member cabinet, matching Iceland's level of female representation.
2. Japan ranked within the top 50 countries in the World Economic Forum's 2025 Global Gender Gap Index.
3. Satsuki Katayama became Japan's first female Finance Minister under Takaichi's cabinet.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

57. With reference to the recent standoff between five tribal organisations and the Nagaland government, consider the following statements:

1. The five tribes — Angami, Ao, Lotha, Rengma, and Sumi —

boycotted the Governor's swearing-in ceremony to protest against the composition of the Reservation Review Commission.

2. The key demand of these tribes is the inclusion of community-based organisations in the commission.
3. The State government suggested that qualified nominees from community bodies could be part of the commission instead of office bearers.

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

58. With reference to the evolving framework for classifying communities as *Scheduled Tribes* in India, as recently discussed by the **Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI)** and the **National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)**, consider the following statements:

1. The existing five-point criteria for identifying Scheduled Tribes were formulated by the Lokur Committee in 1965 and continue to guide government decisions.
2. The proposed "spectrum of tribalness" approach seeks to replace binary classification with a matrix-based assessment using both tangible and intangible indicators.

3. The “degree of tribalness” matrix under discussion aims to limit indicators to a maximum of 50 to maintain administrative simplicity.
4. The Hrusikesh Panda Task Force of 2014 had recommended discarding the Lokur Committee’s criteria, but the Government decided to retain them.

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

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

59. With reference to the *Denotified Tribes (DNTs)*, *Nomadic Tribes (NTs)*, and *Semi-Nomadic Tribes (SNTs)* in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Idate Commission (2015) recommended the creation of a **permanent commission** and inclusion of a **caste census column** to classify and enumerate DNT, NT, and SNT communities.
2. The **SEED Scheme (2022)** aims at the **economic empowerment** of these communities through support for education, health, housing, and livelihood.
3. All States and Union Territories have begun issuing **DNT community certificates** as part of the SEED scheme implementation.
4. The **Renke Commission (2005)** had estimated the DNT/NT/SNT population at around **10–12 crore**,

while recent estimates place it at over **25 crore**.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

60. With reference to biodiversity conservation in India, consider the following statements:

1. The **Hard Ground Barasingha** found in **Kanha Tiger Reserve** is the only subspecies of swamp deer adapted to a hard ground habitat.
2. The **Kurinji flower**, which blooms once every twelve years, is endemic to the **Eravikulam National Park** in Kerala.
3. The **Sundari tree (Heritiera fomes)**, characteristic of mangrove ecosystems, is native only to the **Bhitarkanika National Park** in Odisha.

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

61. Consider the following statements regarding unique species found in India and the world:

1. The **Namdapha Flying Squirrel**, critically endangered, is found exclusively in the **Namdapha**

National Park of Arunachal Pradesh.

2. The **Nilgiri Tahr** and **Lion-tailed Macaque** are both endemic to the **Western Ghats** region.
3. The **Rafflesia arnoldii**, the world's largest flower, is native to **Madagascar rainforests**.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

62. With reference to various Constitutional Amendment Acts in India, consider the following statements:

1. The 7th Amendment Act, 1956, enabled the appointment of the same person as Governor for two or more States.
2. The 11th Amendment Act, 1961, retained the earlier system of a joint meeting of both Houses for electing the Vice-President.
3. The 24th and 42nd Amendment Acts, 1971 and 1976, respectively, amended Article 368 to strengthen Parliament's power to amend the Constitution.
4. The 25th Amendment Act, 1971, curtailed the Fundamental Right to Property.
5. The 31st Amendment Act, 1973, increased the total membership of the Lok Sabha from 525 to 545.

How many of the above statements are **NOT correct**?

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

63. With reference to various Constitutional Amendment Acts in India, consider the following statements:

1. The **39th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1974** made the election of the Prime Minister immune from judicial review.
2. The **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1974** provided for the creation of an **All India Judicial Service**.
3. The **42th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978** replaced "internal disturbance" with "armed rebellion" as the ground for declaring a National Emergency.
4. The **84th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003** froze the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies until the first census after 2026.
5. The **99th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014**, which established the NJAC, was later declared **unconstitutional and null and void** by the Supreme Court in 2014.

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

- (a) Only three
- (b) Only four

- (c) All five
(d) None

64. Consider the following statements regarding **Right to Privacy and Governance**:

1. The **Puttaswamy (2017)** judgment recognized privacy as a part of Article 21 but subject to reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2).
2. The **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023** derives its constitutional validity from the interpretation of Article 21.
3. The right to informational privacy is an absolute right under the Indian Constitution.

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

65. Which of the following countries has enacted domestic legislation granting commercial rights to space resource mining?

- (a) Japan and Luxembourg
(b) India and China
(c) Russia and Brazil
(d) Israel and South Korea

66. With reference to the framing of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. The idea of a Constituent Assembly in India was first proposed by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1935.
2. The Constituent Assembly was constituted under the provisions of the Cabinet Mission Plan of 1945.
3. After the partition of India, the total membership of the Constituent Assembly was reduced from 389 to 300.
4. Er. Sachchidananda Sinha served as the permanent President of the Assembly.

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

- (a) 2 and 3 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) None

67. With reference to the provisions of the Indian Constitution regarding the formation of new states and alteration of existing ones, consider the following statements:

1. **Article 2** empowers Parliament to admit into the Union of India or establish new states on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
2. **Article 3** empowers Parliament to alter the name, boundaries, or area of any state, or to increase or diminish its area.
3. Both Articles 2 and 3 require the prior recommendation of the President before a Bill for such changes is introduced in Parliament.

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

68. Who won the **Emilia Romagna, Italian, and Japanese Grand Prix 2025** in Formula One?

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Charles Leclerc
- c) Max Verstappen
- d) Lando Norris

69. With reference to the recent Rajasthan High Court judgment upholding property rights of tribal women, consider the following statements:

1. The judgment held that exclusion of Scheduled Tribe women from inheritance under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, violates the constitutional principle of equality enshrined in Article 15.
2. The High Court invoked Supreme Court precedents such as *Tirth Kumar v. Dadu Ram* and *Ram Charan v. Sukhram* to affirm that gender-based discrimination cannot be justified even under customary or statutory provisions.
3. Under Section 2(2) of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the Act applies automatically to all Scheduled Tribes unless specifically excluded by State legislation.
4. The Court directed the Union Government to amend the Hindu

Succession Act to extend equal property rights to tribal women.

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

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

70. With reference to the 11/7 Mumbai Train Blasts case and the subsequent judicial developments, consider the following statements:

1. The 2015 Special MCOCA Court had held that the Indian Mujahideen (IM) was primarily responsible for orchestrating the 11/7 train bombings, based on the confessional statement of Sadiq Shaikh.
2. The Bombay High Court's 2025 decision overturning the convictions was primarily grounded on procedural lapses and the inadmissibility of confessional evidence under the MCOCA.
3. The 2015 trial court judgment had invoked the doctrine of "collective responsibility," holding all 12 accused equally liable for death penalty.
4. Under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), confessions made before a police officer of Superintendent rank are admissible, subject to procedural safeguards under the Act.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

71. With reference to the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs) in the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

1. Article **43** (Socialistic Principle) directs the State to secure to all workers a living wage, decent standard of life, and social and cultural opportunities.
2. Article **43** (Gandhian Principle) also provides for the promotion of cottage industries on an individual or cooperative basis in rural areas.
3. Article **48** (Gandhian Principle) provides for the organization of agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines.
4. Article **48** (Gandhian Principle) further directs the State to prohibit the slaughter of cows, calves, and other milch and draught cattle.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the **creation and abolition of the State Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad)** under the Indian

Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. A resolution for the creation or abolition of the Legislative Council in a State must be passed by the **State Legislative Assembly** with a *special majority*.
2. The **Parliament** can create or abolish a State Legislative Council **only if** the concerned Legislative Assembly passes a resolution to that effect by a *simple majority*.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

73. With reference to the **Constituent Assembly of India**, consider the following statements:

1. The Constituent Assembly of India met for the first time on **6th December 1946**.
2. It consisted of both **elected and nominated members**.
3. The Constitution of India was **adopted on 24th November 1949** and came into force on **26th January 1950**.
4. The idea of a Constituent Assembly for India was first proposed by **Jawaharlal Nehru in 1937**.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) None
 (b) 1, 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 (d) 2 only

74. With reference to the federal and unitary features of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Supremacy of the Constitution, division of powers, and independence of the judiciary are features reflecting India's federal character.
2. Single citizenship, integrated judiciary, and emergency provisions highlight India's unitary tilt.
3. Equality of state representation in the Upper House and flexibility of the Constitution are key federal traits of India's polity.

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

75. With reference to the provisions of **Citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955**, consider the following statements:

1. A person born in India on or after **24 January 1950 but before 1 June 1987** is a citizen of India by birth, irrespective of the nationality of parents.
2. A person born in India after **3 December 2002** is considered an

Indian citizen if **both parents** are Indian citizens.

3. A person born outside India between **24 January 1950 and 10 December 1992** is a citizen of India by descent only if **his father** was an Indian citizen at the time of his birth.
4. A person married to an Indian citizen and ordinarily resident in India for **Nine years** before application can acquire citizenship by **registration**.
5. A **foreigner** can acquire Indian citizenship by **naturalization**, provided he has resided in India or served the Government of India for **at least 15 years** immediately preceding the application.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
 (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 (d) None

76. With reference to space science, which one of the following pairs is **not correctly matched**?

- a. **cryogenic stage** – rocket stage using kerosene and liquid oxygen as propellants
- b. **van allen belts** – regions around Earth containing charged particles trapped by Earth's magnetic field
- c. **lagrange points** – positions in space where gravitational forces of two large bodies balance the motion of a smaller object

d. **kessler syndrome** – chain reaction of collisions among space debris in Earth's orbit

77. Consider the following statements regarding India's approach to space governance:

1. The Indian Space Policy, 2023 provides a framework for private participation.
2. The IN-SPACe Norms, Procedures, and Guidelines (2024) have statutory backing.
3. India has enacted a Space Activities Law to operationalize OST commitments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

78. Match the following celestial/space terms with their correct descriptions:

List I (Term)	List II (Description)
A. Quasar	1. Ice and dust body that forms a glowing coma and tail when near the Sun
B. Pulsar	2. Spacecraft passing close to a celestial body for observation
C. Comet	3. Extremely bright, distant object powered by a supermassive black hole

**List I
(Term)** **List II (Description)**

- D. Flyby 4. Rapidly rotating neutron star emitting beams of radio waves

Select the correct code:

- a. A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
- b. A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1
- c. A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- d. A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2

79. The recent 5th Stakeholder Consultation on AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) in India primarily aimed to:

- a) Create a national AI ethics law under the UNESCO 2021 Recommendation.
- b) Develop an India-specific AI policy report identifying strengths, opportunities, and recommendations for ethical AI adoption.
- c) Launch the BharatAI Foundation Model for regional language data processing.
- d) Establish an inter-governmental treaty on AI governance between India and UNESCO.

80. With reference to the communication satellite CMS-03 (GSAT-7R), consider the following statements:

1. It is designed primarily for civilian telecommunication and broadcasting purposes.
2. It will provide encrypted, high-capacity communication links for India's armed forces.
3. It will be launched aboard the LVM3-M5 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. With reference to the **Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)** recently in news, consider the following statements:

1. It is caused by a virus belonging to the *Filoviridae* family, the same family that includes the Ebola virus.
2. Fruit bats, particularly *Rousettus aegyptiacus*, are considered the natural reservoir of the virus.
3. Human-to-human transmission occurs only through airborne droplets, making it similar to influenza.
4. There is currently no approved vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for Marburg Virus Disease.

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

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

82. With reference to the recent innovation by the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)** in sustainable materials, consider the following statements:

1. The biodegradable packaging material developed by IIT-M is derived from agricultural and paper waste.
2. The research used fungi such as *Ganoderma lucidum* and *Pleurotus ostreatus* to create a composite alternative to plastic foams.
3. The project has been commercialised through a start-up named **NatureWrks Technologies** incubated at IIT-M.
4. The developed material is metallic in nature and primarily intended for electronic waste packaging.

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

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

83. With reference to **NASA's Artemis II Mission**, consider the following statements:

1. Artemis II will be the first crewed mission to **land** on the Moon after Apollo 17 (1972).
2. The mission will use NASA's **Space Launch System (SLS)** rocket and **Orion** spacecraft.
3. A **Canadian astronaut** is part of the Artemis II crew under the **Artemis Accords** framework.
4. The mission aims to test human safety systems in deep space before Artemis III.

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

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

84. With reference to the ISSA-J1 Mission, recently in the news, consider the following statements:

1. The **ISSA-J1 satellite** has been developed by **Astroscale Japan** under Japan's **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** programme.
2. The satellite will be launched aboard India's **PSLV rocket** procured through **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**.
3. The mission's primary objective is to perform **in-situ inspection and diagnosis of space debris** to enhance **Space Situational Awareness (SSA)**.
4. This is the **first time Japan** is using a **dedicated foreign launch vehicle** for its national space mission.

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

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

85. With reference to the recent unveiling of the Gaganyaan launch vehicle model at the B.M. Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad, consider the following statements:

1. The unveiled model represents the Human-rated Launch Vehicle Mark-III (HLMV-III), which is central to India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission.
2. The 65-ft-tall model is a full-scale replica of the actual Gaganyaan launch vehicle.
3. The model aims to promote public awareness and STEM education by showcasing India's advancements in space engineering.

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

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

86. With reference to the 'Basic Structure' doctrine in the Indian Constitution, which of the following features are included in it?

1. Supremacy of the Constitution
2. Rule of law
3. Independence of the judiciary
4. Doctrine of separation of powers
5. Sovereign, democratic, and republican nature of the polity
6. Parliamentary system of government
7. Principle of free and fair elections
8. Concept of welfare state

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 only
- b) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
- d) 1, 3, 5 and 7 only

87. With reference to the *special powers of the Rajya Sabha* under the Constitution of India, consider the following statements:

1. The Rajya Sabha alone can authorize Parliament to make laws on a subject enumerated in the State List.
2. The Rajya Sabha alone can authorize the creation of one or more All India Services common to the Union and the States.
3. The Rajya Sabha has equal powers with the Lok Sabha in matters of Money Bills and the passage of the Annual Financial Statement.

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

88. With reference to the *constitutionalisation of Panchayati Raj in India*, consider the following statements:

1. The 64th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 1989, introduced by the Rajiv Gandhi Government, was passed by the Lok Sabha but failed to get approval from the Rajya Sabha.
2. The V.P. Singh Government reintroduced a fresh Panchayati

Raj Bill in 1990, but it lapsed due to the fall of the government.

3. The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, which gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions, was passed during the tenure of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and came into effect on 24th April 1993.

4. The **Secretary** of a Panchayat Samiti is responsible for maintaining records of its proceedings.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

89. With reference to various committees related to India's rural and economic development, consider the following pairs:

Committee	Purpose / Recommendation
1. B. Sivaraman Committee	Recommended establishment of NABARD
2. Bhandari Committee (1994)	Restructuring of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
3. Malegam Committee (1995)	To reform the microfinance sector
4. C. Rangarajan Committee	Poverty measurement methodology

Committee	Purpose / Recommendation
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5. S. Dutt Committee (1968)	Industrial licensing
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How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

90. Recently, *Zygophyllum coccineum*, a desert plant species, was reported from which region of India for the first time?

- a) Thar Desert, Rajasthan
- b) Kutch region, Gujarat
- c) Ladakh Plateau
- d) Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat

91. With reference to various committees related to India's industrial and financial sector, consider the following pairs:

Committee	Purpose / Recommendation
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1. Karve Committee (1955)	Village and small-scale industries
2. Nayak Committee (1991)	Financing of small-scale industries (set up by RBI)
3. Abdul Hussain Committee (1961)	Small-scale industries development

Committee	Purpose / Recommendation
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4. S. S. Kohli Committee (2001)	Rehabilitation of small-scale industries (by RBI)
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5. Raja J. Chelliah Committee	Introduction of service tax and tax reforms
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How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

92. The *Brass Bodhi Tree Sculpture* crafted in Bihar was recently presented by India to which nation as a cultural gift?

- a) Japan
- b) Canada
- c) Thailand
- d) Sri Lanka

93. With reference to *Ad hoc Judges* in the Supreme Court of India, consider the following statements:

1. Ad hoc judges can be appointed by the **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** when there is a lack of quorum of judges in the Supreme Court to hold or continue any session.
2. Such appointment is made **with the prior consent of the President of India.**
3. A **retired judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court** can be

appointed as an ad hoc judge of the Supreme Court.

4. An ad hoc judge enjoys **all the jurisdiction, powers, and privileges** of a permanent judge of the Supreme Court during the period of appointment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. With reference to the Nobel Prize in Physics 2025, consider the following statements:

- The prize was jointly awarded to **John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis.**
- They were recognised **for the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit.**
- Their work has contributed significantly to the development of **quantum computing technologies.**

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

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

95. Which of the following personalities were awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2023?

1. M. S. Swaminathan

- P. V. Narasimha Rao
- L. K. Advani
- Karpoori Thakur
- Charan Singh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) None
b) 2, 3 and 4 only
c) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
d) 1 and 5 only

96. Which one of the following pairs of glacial erosional landforms and their descriptions is correctly matched?

- (a) Cirque – Long sinuous ridge formed by glacial meltwater deposition
(b) Arête – Deposition of glacial till forming elongated mounds
(c) Fjord – Flat-topped valley formed by wind erosion
(d) Horn – Sharp, pyramid-shaped peak formed by the erosion of several cirques

97. With reference to recent wildlife sightings in India, consider the following pairs:

Animal	Recently Sighted Location
1. Caracal	Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan
2. Malayan Tapir	Arunachal Pradesh
3. Himalayan Serow	Uttarkashi's Kuthnaur Range, Uttarakhand

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

98. With reference to India's forest types, consider the following trees:

1. Teak
2. Sal
3. Arjun
4. Palash
5. Tendu
6. Neem
7. Babool

How many of the above are predominantly found in *moist deciduous forests*?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) More than four

99. With reference to the *Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)*, consider the following statements:

1. The mission was launched in 2010 by restructuring the Swarnajayanti Grameen Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) and was renamed in 2016.
2. It is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship as a fully centrally funded scheme.
3. The mission promotes social mobilization, financial inclusion,

and sustainable livelihoods primarily through women-led Self Help Groups (SHGs).

4. The *Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)* and *DDU-GKY* are key sub-schemes under DAY-NRLM.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

100. With reference to the **Battle of Mudki (1845)**, consider the following statements:

1. It was fought between the forces of the **East India Company** and the **Sikh Khalsa Army**.
2. The battle took place on **18 December 1845** during the **First Anglo-Sikh War**.
3. The battle resulted in a decisive victory for the **Sikh Empire**.

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

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