

1. The Chauri Chaura incident (February 1922) is often considered a turning point in India's freedom struggle. Which of the following best explains why the incident led Gandhi to abruptly call off the Non-Cooperation Movement?

- a. Because the British Government threatened to impose martial law across the country if the movement continued.
- b. Because the incident demonstrated that peasants were more aligned with revolutionary terrorists than with the Congress organisation.
- c. Because the Indian National Congress leadership disagreed with Gandhi's strategy and voted to suspend the movement.
- d. Because the violent actions of peasants at Chauri Chaura contradicted Gandhi's core principle that mass movements must remain strictly non-violent to sustain moral legitimacy.

2. Consider the following statements about Exercise Bright Star 2025:

- 1. It is a **bilateral** naval exercise conducted between India and Egypt.
- 2. The exercise is hosted under the framework of **US Central Command (CENTCOM)**.
- 3. It includes participation of air, land, and sea forces from multiple nations.

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

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

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

3. The visit of INS Savitri to Mauritius aligns most closely with which of the following Indian foreign policy doctrines?

- (a) Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)
- (b) Blue Economy Mission
- (c) Act West Policy
- (d) Neighbourhood First and SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)

4. With reference to recent Indian naval and defence developments (2025), consider the following pairs:

Initiative / Event	Associated Feature / Objective
1. 'Agnishodh'	Defence Research Cell at IIT Madras launched by the Indian Army
2. 'Baaj Akh'	Anti-drone surveillance system launched by the Indian Navy
3. 'Mahe'	First Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited
4. 'Ikshak'	Indigenous Survey Vessel (Large) of the Indian Navy

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

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

5. With reference to **Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries (VRFBs)**, consider the following statements:

1. VRFBs store energy using vanadium ions in different oxidation states, allowing reversible electrochemical reactions.
2. They have a shorter lifespan compared to lithium-ion batteries but are cheaper to manufacture.
3. They are particularly suitable for long-duration renewable energy storage and grid stabilization.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

6. India has recently announced a contribution of ₹10,000 crore to support which of the following?

- a) Bhutan's hydropower development
b) Bhutan's upcoming Five-Year Plan
c) Construction of schools in Bhutan
d) Bhutan's military modernization

7. In the context of recent hostilities between Israel and Palestine, the term **"Yellow Line"** is strategically significant. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a security buffer zone along Gaza's border with Israel, whose crossing is interpreted by Israel as a potential act of aggression.

2. It has legal recognition under international humanitarian law as a boundary whose violation allows preemptive use of force.
3. Crossing this line can trigger military action without violating the Geneva Conventions if deemed necessary for Israel's national security.
4. It coincides with the UN-monitored ceasefire line established after the October 2025 truce.

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

8. With reference to India's Project Cheetah and the recent Botswana donation, consider the following statements:

1. The cheetahs handed over by Botswana will be immediately released into Indian wild habitats without quarantine.
2. Project Cheetah is implemented by the National Tiger Conservation Authority under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. The project also aims to promote eco-tourism in India through species revival.
4. Botswana has agreed to provide cheetahs to India as part of a wildlife trade agreement under CITES.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Consider the following statements regarding women in Vedic society:

1. The worship of goddesses in the Rig Veda automatically meant that women enjoyed power and privilege in society.
2. The Vedic household was patriarchal and patrilineal, and women had limited control over material resources.
3. Rig Vedic literature refers to various types of marriage, including monogamy, polygyny, and polyandry.
4. Women could not remarry if their husbands died or disappeared.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. Which of the following correctly describes the nature of Rig Vedic deities and cosmology?

1. The universe is divided into sky (dyu), earth (prithvi), and the middle realm (antariksha).
2. Gods are always referred to as devas, and the term asura is used

exclusively for demons in the Rig Veda.

3. Some deities, such as Agni, Surya, and Ushas, are closely associated with natural phenomena, reflecting naturalistic polytheism.
4. Indra's exploits, including slaying Vritra, may be interpreted as a creation myth where chaos is defeated.

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

11. Which of the following statements about the Charvaka school of philosophy is/are correct?

1. Charvaka accepted only perception as a valid source of knowledge.
2. Charvaka believed in the eternal soul and rebirth.
3. The school rejected the authority of the Vedas and the efficacy of sacrifices.
4. Dhurttā and Sushikshita were two later variants of Charvaka with differing views on the soul.

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

12. Which of the following sites represent the early phase (c. 100 BCE–20 BCE) of Western Ghats Buddhist cave architecture?

1. Kondivte
2. Bhaja
3. Karle
4. Kanheri

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

13. Who presided over the Mathura and Valabhi councils of the Shvetambaras in the 4th–5th centuries CE?

1. Khandila (or Skandila)
2. Nagarjuna
3. Kundakunda
4. Samantabhadra

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

14. Match the following Jaina monk-scholars with their contributions:

Monk	Contribution/Work
A. Kundakunda	1. Nyayavatara
B. Samantabhadra	2. Aptamimamsa
C. Siddhasena	3. Samayasara
D. Pujiyapada	4. Jainendra

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

15. Which of the following works are correctly matched with their authors?

1. Samayasara — Kundakunda
2. Aptamimamsa — Samantabhadra
3. Nyayavatara — Siddhasena Divakara
4. Jainendra — Pujiyapada

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

16. Hero stones (viragals) found in Karnataka during the Rashtrakuta period primarily commemorate:

- a) Only kings and princes who died in battle
- b) Common people who displayed exceptional bravery, including women and men
- c) Only individuals who fought in wars against other kingdoms
- d) Religious figures and priests

17. Which of the following statements regarding the **origin and early history of the Rashtrakutas** is/are correct?

1. The word 'Rashtrakuta' originally referred to a class of provincial officials.
2. The dynasty can be traced to the Kannada-speaking region.
3. The Rashtrakutas were directly connected to the Rathikas of Ashokan inscriptions.
4. Dantidurga was the first independent ruler of the Rashtrakuta dynasty.

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

18. Assertion (A): Members of the armed forces and police forces in India do not enjoy unrestricted freedom of speech and association.

Reason (R): Parliament is empowered under Article 33 to modify fundamental rights for such forces.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
b. Both A and R are true, but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
c. A is true, but R is false
d. A is false, but R is true

19. Consider the following statements regarding Fundamental Rights in India:

1. Fundamental Rights are not sacrosanct or permanent and can be reasonably restricted.
2. Some Fundamental Rights are enforceable even against private individuals.

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

20. Under Article 13 of the Indian Constitution, which declares certain forms of "law" void if they violate Fundamental Rights, which of the following categories **are NOT excluded** from the definition of "law"?

- a. Only laws passed by Parliament
b. Only executive orders and rules
c. Temporary and emergency provisions, but not customary practices
d. Both legislative enactments and non-legislative sources such as ordinances and customs with legal force

21. The term **Scheduled Tribes** is defined in the Constitution of India under:

- a) Article 365(26)
b) Article 366(26)
c) Article 365(25)
d) Article 366(25)

22. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Finance Commission in India?

- a) Article 280 specifies the qualifications of its members.
- b) Article 280 provides for both Central and State Finance Commissions.
- c) Article 280 provides only for the Central Finance Commission; the State Finance Commission is mentioned under Article 243-I.
- d) The President cannot constitute the Finance Commission.

23. With reference to India's disaster management framework, consider the following bodies:

- 1. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- 2. National Executive Committee (NEC)
- 3. National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
- 4. National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)

Which of the above are **statutory bodies** under the Disaster Management Act, 2005?

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

24. With reference to the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**, consider the following statements:

- 1. CCI was established in 2003 and became fully functional in 2009.
- 2. It was set up under the Competition Act, 2002 for enforcement of the Act.
- 3. CCI consists of a Chairperson and six Members appointed by the Central Government.
- 4. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) hears appeals against the orders of CCI.

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

25. Kaziranga National Park, often in news, is best known for the conservation of which of the following species?

- (a) Asiatic Lion
- (b) Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros
- (c) Snow Leopard
- (d) Wild Water Buffalo (Arna)

26. With reference to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), consider the following statements:

1. NIA has jurisdiction to investigate offences notified under the NIA Act, even if committed outside India by a non-Indian citizen.
2. NIA can take over investigations from State Police without the consent of the State Government in cases related to the Schedules offences under the Act.
3. NIA has the power to prosecute corruption cases involving public servants under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
4. NIA officers are deemed to be police officers under relevant criminal laws for the purposes of investigation and prosecution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements:

1. Long-term sea surface temperature (SST) patterns in the Subpolar Gyre are among the early-warning indicators of AMOC instability.
2. AMOC monitoring since 2004 relies exclusively on satellite-based temperature mapping.

3. Accelerated melting of the Greenland ice sheet contributes freshwater that disrupts the vertical overturning circulation.

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

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

28. With reference to emerging reproductive technologies, consider the following statements:

1. Artificial wombs are currently capable of fully gestating a human embryo from fertilisation to birth.
2. Bio-bag-based artificial womb systems are presently used mainly to support extremely premature babies.
3. The first successful birth from a transplanted uterus occurred in India.
4. Stem-cell-derived eggs and sperm are already being used clinically for human reproduction.

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

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

29. With reference to the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), consider the following statements:

1. AMOC strength is fundamentally governed by **thermohaline gradients**, where temperature differences contribute more to density-driven sinking than salinity differences in the North Atlantic.
2. A slowdown of AMOC would lead to a **southward shift** of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) due to hemispheric heat imbalance.
3. The **Younger Dryas event**, a rapid cooling episode around 12,900 years ago, is widely associated with a large discharge of glacial meltwater that disrupted AMOC circulation.
4. A complete AMOC shutdown would necessarily lead to a global cooling trend, as AMOC is the primary contributor to total planetary heat redistribution.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

1. The **Hadean Eon** is characterized by the first appearance of bacterial life.
2. The **Archean Eon** marks the formation of Earth's crust and the emergence of the earliest life forms.
3. The **Proterozoic Eon** witnessed the Great Oxygenation Event and appearance of soft-bodied multicellular organisms.
4. The **Mesozoic Era** is known as the Age of Mammals.
5. The **Cenozoic Era** witnessed the rise of modern humans.

How many of the above statements are NOT CORRECT?

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Only 3
- d. More than 3

31. First Indian to receive the Bharat Ratna posthumously

- a) C.V. Raman
- b) Subhas Chandra Bose
- c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- d) Lal Bahadur Shastri

30. Consider the following statements regarding the Geological Time Scale:

32. With reference to the origin of the Moon, consider the following statements:

1. The **Fission Theory** proposes that the Moon was originally part of Earth and separated due to rapid spinning, creating what is now the Pacific Ocean basin.
2. The **Capture Theory** suggests that the Moon formed from the same material as Earth but later drifted away and was recaptured by Earth's gravity.

List A (Theory)

List B (Proponent)

e. Accretion Theory

5. Gradual accumulation of particles

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

33. Match the Following (Planet Formation Theories)

List A – List B

List A (Theory)

List B (Proponent)

a. Nebular Hypothesis

3. Kant & Laplace

b. Modern Nebular Revision

4. Otto Schmidt & Weizsäcker

c. Binary / Tidal Theory

1. Jeans & Jeffreys

d. Steady State Theory

2. Fred Hoyle

34. Consider the following statements:

1. The existence of a **P-wave shadow zone** indicates a sharp change in density at the core–mantle boundary.
2. The **S-wave shadow zone** covers a larger angular distance than the P-wave shadow zone.
3. Absence of S-waves beyond 105° proves that the **outer core is in liquid state**.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

35. With reference to Earth's internal layers, consider the following:

1. **Density increases continuously** from crust to inner core.
2. The **asthenosphere** represents a low-velocity zone due to presence of partially molten material.
3. The **inner core remains solid** because of extremely high pressure despite very high temperatures.

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

36. Match the following volcanic features with their characteristics:

**Column A
(Volcanic Feature)**

- a. Batholith
- b. Laccolith
- c. Lopolith
- d. Dyke

Column B (Characteristic)

3. Large, irregular intrusive mass
2. Dome-shaped, flat-bottomed intrusion
4. Saucer-shaped intrusion accumulating downward
1. Vertical sheet cutting across rock strata

Select the correct code:

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

37. With reference to the *shape and size of the Earth*, consider the following statements:

1. The linear distance covered by one degree of latitude increases poleward because the Earth is an oblate spheroid.
2. Gravity is slightly higher at the poles than at the equator due to differences in rotational velocity.
3. The Earth's equatorial bulge is mainly a result of differential solar heating between equatorial and polar regions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

38. Recently seen in the news, "3I/ATLAS" refers to which of the following?

- a. A Near-Earth Asteroid
- b. A recovered carbon-rich meteorite
- c. A natural satellite of Saturn
- d. An interstellar comet

39. Arrange the following evolutionary events of Earth in **reverse chronology** (latest to earliest), and choose the correct option:

1. Formation of the first stable crust (Lithosphere)
2. Appearance of photosynthetic bacteria
3. Accretion of planetesimals forming proto-Earth
4. Formation of free oxygen in the atmosphere

Which of the following correctly represents the sequence in *reverse chronological order*?

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

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

41. Consider the following rivers:

1. Madeira
2. Tapajós
3. Negro
4. Purus
5. Xingu
6. Japurá

How many of the above are *right-bank* tributaries of the Amazon River?

- a. Only three
- b. All six
- c. Only five
- d. Only four

40. With reference to the recently studied near-Earth object “**2024 PT5**”, consider the following statements:

1. It was discovered by NASA’s ATLAS telescope system.
2. Spectral analysis indicates that its composition matches lunar rocks rather than typical asteroidal material.
3. Its motion showed strong effects of solar radiation pressure, confirming that it is likely artificial space debris.

42. The Olive Ridley Turtle, frequently in news, is best known for which of the following unique phenomena?

- (a) Hibernation in freshwater lakes
- (b) Mass nesting called *Arribada*
- (c) Migration to mountain rivers for breeding
- (d) Living exclusively in coral reef habitats

How many of the above statements are correct?

43. Match the following lakes with their associated countries/regions

Column A – Column B

Column A (Lakes)	Column B (Country / Region)
a. Lake Kivu	1. Rwanda / DR Congo
b. Lake Victoria	2. Tanzania / Uganda / Kenya
c. Lake Windermere	3. United Kingdom
d. Lake Tefé	4. Brazil
e. Lake Ohrid	5. North Macedonia / Albania

Select the correct code:

- a. a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4, e-5
- b. a-1, b-2, c-3, d-5, e-4
- c. a-4, b-3, c-1, d-2, e-5
- d. a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4, e-5

44. With reference to the **Kafue River**, consider the following statements:

- 1. It flows through more than one country in Southern Africa.
- 2. It is a major tributary of the Zambezi River.
- 3. It passes through the Copperbelt and Kafue Flats regions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

45. With reference to the **Panchachuli mountain peaks** in Uttarakhand, which of the following statements are correct as per recent news reports?

- 1. A surge in tourism has led to accelerated glacier melt and visible blackening of the peaks.
- 2. The state government has allowed mountaineering on all five peaks of Panchachuli under a streamlined single-window permit system.
- 3. A forest fire recently broke out on the Panchachuli slopes and was doused by forest officials.
- 4. Recent weather changes have brought increased snowfall in the Darma Valley, alleviating the risk of forest fires around Panchachuli.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

46. Which of the following leaders was **not formally associated with the All India Muslim League?**

- a) Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman
- b) Shah Nawaz Bhutto
- c) Maulana Mazharul Haque
- d) Aga Khan III

47. With reference to Blue Carbon ecosystems, consider the following statements:

1. Mangroves, seagrasses, and salt marshes together act as major natural sinks of atmospheric carbon and store carbon at rates significantly higher than most terrestrial forests.
2. Blue carbon ecosystems store carbon only in their vegetation, while the underlying soil plays no significant role in long-term carbon sequestration.
3. Disturbance or degradation of blue carbon ecosystems can release previously stored carbon back into the atmosphere.
4. India currently recognizes blue carbon ecosystems as part of its mitigation strategy under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

48. With reference to the LULUCF sector under climate accounting frameworks such as the UNFCCC, consider the following statements:

1. LULUCF can act as both a carbon sink and a carbon source depending on the nature of land-use activities.

2. Afforestation, reforestation, and soil carbon enhancement are counted as positive contributions under LULUCF.
3. Emissions from cropland conversion into grassland are not included under LULUCF, as agricultural land is treated as a separate sector.
4. India reports LULUCF as part of its national greenhouse gas inventory, and its net removals under LULUCF help offset emissions from energy and industry sectors.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements about the last rulers of Indian dynasties:

Dynasty	End of Last Ruler
1. Maurya	Assassinated by Pushyamitra Shunga
2. Pallava	Defeated by Chalukya ruler
3. Gupta	Defeated by Cholas
4. Pandya	Defeated by Chola invasion

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

50. In the context of the recent *Kishtwar cloudburst and flash-flood events* in the western Himalaya, consider the following statements:

1. Cloudbursts in the Pir Panjal–Zaskar transition zone often occur without any deep convection, making local orographic uplift the dominant trigger rather than large-scale synoptic systems.
2. Settlements along narrow V-shaped valleys of Chenab tributaries are inherently more vulnerable because even a small glacial-fed stream can turn catastrophic when rainfall exceeds the infiltration capacity of highly fractured lithology.
3. Early-warning systems in this region remain limited mainly because Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) coverage in the upper Himalayan terrain still cannot capture short-duration, hyper-localized precipitation events.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

51. The 2024 Global Water Monitor Report highlights how the climate crisis is transforming the global water cycle. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. An intensified water cycle simultaneously increases the frequency of both extreme rainfall and record-low precipitation events.
2. Hydrological extremes in 2024 were driven primarily by El Niño, with minimal influence from long-term global warming trends.
3. The uneven impact of the altered water cycle is evident in both flood-prone regions such as Europe and drought-prone regions like the Amazon.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) None
- (c) All three
- (d) Two only

52. Arrange the following Chola rulers in the **correct chronological order of their reigns**:

- a) Rajaraja II → Vikrama → Kulothunga II → Rajadhiraja II → Kulothunga III
- b) Vikrama → Kulothunga II → Rajaraja II → Rajadhiraja II → Kulothunga III
- c) Kulothunga II → Vikrama → Rajaraja II → Kulothunga III → Rajadhiraja II
- d) Vikrama → Rajaraja II → Kulothunga II → Rajadhiraja II → Kulothunga III

53. Madhav National Park, recently in news, lies at the ecological intersection of the Vindhyan landscape and the semi-arid plateaus of central India. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. The presence of mixed dry deciduous forests dominated by *Anogeissus pendula* and *Boswellia serrata* indicates that the park lies in a transitional zone between the Upper Gangetic moist deciduous belt and the Central Indian dry deciduous belt.
2. Species such as the Indian gazelle (*Chinkara*) and four-horned antelope (*Chousingha*) are ecologically consistent with the park's open scrub-woodland mosaics, reflecting its semi-arid characteristics.
3. The hydrology of the park, particularly the Sakhya and Madhav reservoirs, suggests that the region functions as a catchment for the Betwa River basin, which flows through the Bundelkhand uplands.
4. The distribution of apex predators like the leopard in this park demonstrates a landscape corridor connectivity with the Panna–Kuno–Ranthambore axis, enabling gene flow across the northern edge of the Vindhyas.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only

- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

54. Consider the following statements about the Tibetan Wolf (*Canis lupus chanco*) and select the correct ones:

1. The Tibetan Wolf's enlarged nasal cavity and dense underfur primarily function to maintain oxygen efficiency and thermal insulation in hypoxic, sub-zero high-altitude environments.
2. Like all mammals, adult Tibetan Wolves possess a four-chambered heart; however, in high-altitude canids, the relative size of the right ventricle increases to handle low-oxygen pulmonary circulation.
3. Female Tibetan Wolves generally raise pups alone because pack structure breaks down during the breeding season, unlike in most wolf subspecies.
4. Tibetan Wolf pups are born with underdeveloped sensory organs and rely heavily on cooperative care from the pack for thermoregulation and early feeding.

How many statements given above are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

55. With reference to Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Edge Computing, consider the following statements:

1. Edge computing reduces latency in IoT systems because data is processed nearer to the source rather than being sent to centralized cloud servers.
2. In IoT networks, fog computing is conceptually placed between edge devices and the cloud to distribute processing loads.
3. Implementing edge computing in critical infrastructure reduces cybersecurity risks because local processing eliminates device-to-cloud communication pathways.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

56. With reference to China's Shenzhou-20 mission delay and related developments, consider the following statements:

1. The return of the Shenzhou-20 crew was shifted to Shenzhou-21 primarily due to safety concerns after orbital debris caused structural damage to Shenzhou-20.
2. The incident highlights that orbital debris now poses operational risks not just to satellites but also to crewed spacecraft.
3. Tiangong Space Station is designed to operate without crew presence

for extended periods, and therefore such delays have minimal impact on China's astronaut-rotation schedule.

4. China's Shenzhou programme consists of human-rated spacecraft used exclusively for transporting astronauts to and from Tiangong.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

57. With reference to India's first MWh-scale Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) inaugurated at NTPC NETRA, consider the following statements:

1. VRFB technology enhances renewable integration primarily because its electrolytes are non-flammable and enable long-duration energy storage.
2. The project aligns with India's energy-transition goals by reducing dependence on imported lithium and supporting the National Hydrogen Mission.
3. NETRA functions as a national R&D hub under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and hosts India's largest hydrogen mobility programme.
4. Flow batteries like VRFB store energy using vanadium ions that cycle between different oxidation states rather than relying on solid

electrodes like lithium-ion batteries.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

58. With reference to the 65-ft-tall Gaganyaan launch vehicle model unveiled at the B.M. Birla Science Centre, consider the following statements:

1. The displayed model represents the Human-rated Launch Vehicle Mark-III (HLMV-III), which is the core launch vehicle for India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission.
2. The model unveiled is a full-scale replica of the actual Gaganyaan launch vehicle, designed specifically for crew training purposes.
3. Along with the Gaganyaan model, two indigenously manufactured Archimedes Wind Turbines were unveiled to highlight India's progress in sustainable technologies.
4. The exhibit aims to provide educational exposure to students and science enthusiasts by showcasing the engineering complexity of human spaceflight.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

59. With reference to NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission, consider the following statements:

1. It is part of NASA's "New Frontiers" programme.
2. It collected samples from the asteroid Bennu and returned them to Earth.
3. After completing its Bennu mission, it will proceed to study asteroid Apophis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

60. Which of the following leaders was **not** a **Moderate in the Indian National Congress**?

- a) Gopal Krishna Devarajulu
- b) Ananda Mohan Bose
- c) R.C. Dutt
- d) Madan Lal Dhingra

61. Consider the following statements regarding the recent rise of *Aspergillus fumigatus* infections in the United States:

1. *Aspergillosis* caused by *A. fumigatus* is a nationally reportable disease in the U.S.
2. Rising azole-drug resistance in *A. fumigatus* has been linked to agricultural use of antifungal chemicals.
3. A University of Manchester study warned that climate change may expand the fungus's habitat by over 75% by 2100.
4. Invasive aspergillosis shows higher survival rates among stem-cell transplant patients than organ-transplant patients.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

62. Consider the following factors influencing tur (pigeon pea) prices in India in 2025:

1. Surge in duty-free imports from Myanmar, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Malawi.
2. Robust domestic harvest of tur in 2025-26.
3. Record government procurement under the price support scheme.
4. Farmers shifting towards more remunerative crops like oilseeds.

Which of the above statements explain the fall of tur prices below the Minimum Support Price (MSP)?

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

63. The decline in tur sowing area in Kharif 2025 is primarily due to:

- a. MSP being higher than market prices
- b. Government restriction on tur cultivation
- c. Reduced rainfall in major tur-growing regions
- d. Shift of farmers to alternative crops due to low profitability

64. Consider the following statements about the Second Anglo-Mysore War:

1. It was fought between **Hyder Ali and the British East India Company**, with the French providing indirect support to Mysore.
2. The war ended with the **Treaty of Mangalore (1784)**, which restored all conquered territories to their pre-war owners.
3. Hyder Ali's son, **Tipu Sultan**, played an active military role during the war.
4. The war resulted in **permanent British control over Mysore**.

Which of the statements are correct?

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding modern irrigation techniques:

1. **Drip irrigation** delivers water directly to the plant root zone, reducing evaporation and runoff losses.
2. **Sprinkler irrigation** is suitable only for flat terrains and cannot be used on sloped fields.
3. **Subsurface irrigation** can improve water use efficiency but requires precise soil and crop management.
4. **Furrow irrigation** generally has lower water use efficiency compared to drip or sprinkler systems but is cheaper to implement.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding types of unemployment:

1. **Frictional unemployment** occurs when workers are temporarily between jobs or entering the labor market for the first time.
2. **Structural unemployment** arises due to a mismatch between workers' skills and the requirements of available jobs.
3. **Cyclical unemployment** occurs due to seasonal variations in demand for labor in agriculture, tourism, or construction.

4. **Disguised unemployment** is observed when more people are employed than actually required in a job, often in rural agriculture.

Which of the above statements are correctly matched with the type of unemployment?

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

67. The Third Carnatic War was a turning point in the establishment of British power in India. Consider the following statements:

1. The war demonstrated that **European political rivalries directly influenced Indian regional politics.**
2. Robert Clive's capture of **Arcot** shifted the balance of power in favor of the British in the Carnatic region.
3. The **Treaty of Paris (1763)** completely eliminated French presence in India.
4. The British East India Company emerged as the **dominant military and political power in Bengal** immediately after this war.

Which of the statements are correct?

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

68. A firm operates in a market where:

- It faces a downward-sloping demand curve.
- There are significant barriers to entry for new competitors.
- It can influence price but still faces a residual demand curve.
- Product differentiation exists, but some close substitutes are available.

Based on these characteristics, which of the following statements is **most accurate**?

- a. The firm is operating in a **perfectly competitive** market; it is a price taker and produces at the minimum of its average cost curve.
- b. The firm is a **monopolist**, and it can set both price and quantity independently without concern for substitutes.
- c. The firm is likely operating under **monopolistic competition**, combining some price-setting ability with competition from close substitutes.
- d. The firm is in an **oligopoly** with collusive pricing agreements that eliminate competition entirely.

69. India witnesses a year in which:

- Merchandise exports fall,
- Remittances from abroad rise sharply,
- Foreign portfolio investors exit Indian markets,
- Forex reserves decrease.

Which of the following is the **most accurate** inference?

- a. Current Account deficit will automatically widen because merchandise exports have fallen.
- b. Capital Account is likely in deficit despite improvement in the Current Account.
- c. A fall in remittances and FPIs together explains the decline in forex reserves.
- d. The fall in forex reserves implies the Current Account has turned positive.

70. Suppose the RBI intervenes in the forex market by **buying U.S. dollars** in large quantities. Other things being equal, which of the following is the **likely** outcome?

- a. Rupee appreciates; liquidity in domestic market contracts.
- b. Rupee depreciates; liquidity in domestic market expands.
- c. Rupee depreciates; liquidity in domestic market contracts.
- d. Rupee appreciates; liquidity in domestic market expands.

71. Year in which India became a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)

- a) 1995
- b) 2008
- c) 2016
- d) 2010

72. India introduces a policy that:

- Places higher tariffs on certain intermediate goods
- Reduces tariffs on capital goods
- Extends production-linked incentives (PLI) for exports
- Tightens rules-of-origin criteria under FTAs

What is the **primary policy intent** behind this combination?

- a. Promoting export-led growth while reducing dependence on imported intermediates.
- b. Increasing short-term revenue for the government through higher tariff collection.
- c. Making India a net importer of high-value capital goods.
- d. Complying with WTO's strict requirement on rules-of-origin.

73. During the Kheda Satyagraha (1918), which of the following statements best captures the *real political significance* of the movement—beyond the immediate issue of tax remission?

- a. It demonstrated that peasants could secure full cancellation of land revenue when united under Gandhian leadership, forcing the colonial state to concede financially.
- b. It marked the first instance where Gandhi used non-cooperation against a princely state, revealing the limits of the Raj's control over intermediary authorities.
- c. It established a model of negotiated

satyagraha where selective enforcement of revenue laws by the British created political legitimacy for Gandhi among rural communities despite only partial material gains.

d. It proved that the colonial government had legally recognized the right of Indian peasants to withhold taxes during economic distress, setting a binding legal precedent for later agrarian movements.

74. Which of the following pairs regarding **dynasties/kings and their major religious patronage** is/are **correctly matched**?

1. Pala Dynasty — Buddhism
2. Harsha — Exclusively Shaivism throughout his reign
3. Rashtrakuta — Major patrons of Jainism
4. Pallava — Patronized Shaivism, Vaishnavism, and Jainism

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

75. The first Indian state to launch a **broadband network for government offices**

- a) Kerala
- b) Gujarat
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

76. With reference to the status of women in different historical periods, consider the following statements based **only on the given information**:

1. Women enjoyed relatively good status in the Early Vedic period, which declined during the Later Vedic period.
2. In the Mahajanapada period, women, dasas and kammakaras were excluded from participating in political assemblies.
3. During the Gupta age, sati and polygamy among kings were prevalent, whereas the Mughal-Bhakti-Tantric (MBT) phase explicitly prohibited sati.
4. In Vijayanagara society, widow remarriage was allowed without tax, and women were described by Nuniz as skilled in accounting.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

77. With reference to the numismatic traditions of early-medieval and medieval India, consider the following statements:

1. Gupta coins are notable for their high gold purity and for depicting kings engaged in various activities such as hunting, performing Ashvamedha, and playing musical instruments.

2. Pallava coinage primarily used gold, and their coins widely depicted Nandi and Somaskanda motifs with extensive legends.

3. Chola coins frequently featured the tiger emblem, often accompanied by the fish and bow symbols, reflecting their imperial insignia.

4. Vijayanagara coins, particularly under Krishnadevaraya, showed strong influence of Hindu iconography, including images of Virabhadra, Venkateswara, and various avatars.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

78. Place where the first Indian satellite "Aryabhata" was launched

- a) Sriharikota
- b) Baikonur Cosmodrome
- c) Thumba
- d) Trivandrum

79. With reference to the recent Union Cabinet decisions for 2025–26, consider the following statements:

1. Under the continued Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana subsidy for 2025–26, each beneficiary household can avail a subsidy of ₹300 per LPG cylinder for up to **twelve** refills annually.
2. The MERITE Scheme aims to improve the quality and governance of technical education and covers more than 250 government and government-aided technical institutions.
3. A special development package of over ₹4,000 crore has been approved for Assam and Tripura for infrastructure and livelihood projects.
4. The Marakkanam–Puducherry highway project seeks to build a four-lane corridor to improve connectivity between Chennai, Puducherry, Villupuram, and Nagapattinam.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

80. With reference to the recent developments regarding the SVAMITVA Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme has been recognised as a global model of citizen-centric governance.
2. The Survey of India is providing technical support to missions such as AMRUT and Smart Cities.
3. The scheme plans to use Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for future mapping upgrades.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

81. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY), consider the following statements:

1. The scheme targets 100 low-performing agricultural districts in India.
2. It aims to integrate 36 schemes across 11 ministries for better convergence.
3. The scheme has been approved with an annual expenditure of ₹24,000 crore for six years.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All three
- (d) None

82. With reference to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The MCC is enforced solely through statutory powers under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
2. MCC provisions bind both the Union and State governments even when elections are held only in a few constituencies of a state.
3. The Election Commission may direct the deferment of policy decisions of the Union Government if they have the potential to influence voters.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) None
- (c) All three
- (d) Two only

83. With reference to the Tri-Services Exercise 2025 (TSE-2025) 'Trishul', consider the following statements:

1. The exercise was led by the Indian Army, with participation from the Navy and Air Force.
2. It involved integrated operations across the creek and desert sectors as well as maritime areas of the North Arabian Sea.
3. Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Electronic Warfare (EW), and Cyber Warfare were among the key focus areas.

4. The exercise included the participation of the Indian Coast Guard and the Border Security Force.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All four
- (d) Three only

84. With reference to the India–Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025, consider the following statements:

1. The 11th edition of Exercise Mitra Shakti-2025 is being held at the Foreign Training Node in Belagavi, Karnataka.
2. The exercise primarily focuses on maritime security cooperation and joint naval manoeuvres.
3. Integrated fieldcraft activities such as counter-drone drills, movement through built-up areas, and UAV-assisted reconnaissance are part of the exercise.
4. The training includes simulator firing on advanced weapons like SIG Sauer 716, AK-203, and Negev LMG.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) All four
- (d) Three only

85. With reference to the MoU between **Banas Dairy** and **BBSSL**, consider the following statements:

1. The MoU was signed in Ahmedabad at the Banas Dairy Headquarters.
2. Under the MoU, Banas Dairy will supply seed potatoes to BBSSL for distribution.
3. The initiative is implemented under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
4. The project excludes any use of tissue culture or aeroponics.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) None

86. With reference to the **International Gita Mahotsav 2025**, consider the following statements:

1. The International Gita Mahotsav 2025 in Lebanon was hosted by UNESCO at its Paris headquarters.
2. The event was presided over by the Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.
3. The Bhagavad Gita was added to UNESCO's *Intangible Cultural Heritage List* in 2025 for its oral tradition.
4. India and Lebanon established diplomatic relations in 1965, marking 60 years in 2025.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) None

87. With reference to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) and the recent inclusion of Lucknow, consider the following statements:

1. Lucknow has been designated as a UNESCO Creative City under the Gastronomy category for its rich culinary heritage rooted in Awadhi cuisine.
2. The UNESCO Creative Cities Network covers seven fields, including Gastronomy, Music, Film, and Crafts & Folk Art.
3. Cities such as Hyderabad (Gastronomy), Jaipur (Crafts & Folk Art), and Varanasi (Music) are already part of the UCCN from India.
4. The UCCN was established in 2004 to promote creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) One only
- (b) Two only
- (c) Three only
- (d) All four

88. Date on which the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was enforced

- a) 1 January 1861
- b) 15 August 1858
- c) 26 January 1860
- d) 2 October 1861

89. Consider the following pairs:

Column A (Event / Topic)	Column B (Associated Detail)
A. Dharali–Harsil incident	1. Jamaica issued landfall alert
B. DG–IAEA India visit	2. Cloudburst caused road damage; BRO restoring connectivity
C. Bharat Forecast System	3. High-resolution numerical weather prediction model
D. Chennai Flood Forecast System	4. Deployed as India's first real-time urban flood early-warning system
E. Cyclone Montha	5. Andhra Pradesh coast placed under alert
F. Hurricane Melissa	6. Inauguration of S.N. Bose Building at GCNEP
G. Typhoon Kalmaegi	7. Caused casualties and damage in central Vietnam

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) None
- (b) D, E, G, only
- (c) C, D, E, G only
- (d) All seven pairs

90. With reference to Pressure Groups in India, consider the following statements:

1. Pressure groups in India can influence public policy even without having a formal organizational structure.
2. Every pressure group necessarily represents the interests of a specific social section.
3. A pressure group may adopt both conventional methods (like lobbying) and unconventional methods (like public interest litigation) simultaneously.
4. Unlike political parties, pressure groups cannot attempt to influence electoral outcomes.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding the Protem Speaker in India's parliamentary system:

1. The Protem Speaker is appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of the outgoing Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
2. One of the main functions of the Protem Speaker is to administer the oath to newly elected Members of Parliament (MPs) and

to conduct the election of the Speaker.

3. The Protem Speaker has full powers of the Speaker and can chair the House until the new Speaker is elected.
4. The Protem Speaker can adjourn the House or decide on the quorum during the first sitting after a general election.
5. A Protem Speaker continues in office until the dissolution of the Lok Sabha or until reappointed as the regular Speaker.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

92. The first country to adopt paper currency in the world

- a) China – Tang Dynasty, 7th century
- b) Sweden – 17th century
- c) USA – 18th century
- d) India – 18th century

93. Consider the following statements regarding the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Speaker of a State Legislative Assembly:

1. Both the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Assembly Speaker are elected from among the members of their respective Houses.
2. Both can resign from office, but their resignation must be accepted

by the President (for Lok Sabha Speaker) and by the Governor (for Assembly Speaker).

3. Both Speakers can cast a vote in case of a tie but otherwise do not participate in day-to-day voting.
4. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha can be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of **all the then members**, whereas the Assembly Speaker can be removed by a resolution passed by a **majority of members present and voting**.
5. Both Speakers preside over sessions, maintain decorum, decide on points of order, and are responsible for certifying Money Bills.

Based on the above statements, which of the following inferences are correct?

- (a) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 3, and 5 only
- (c) 3, 4, and 5 only
- (d) All five statements are correct

94. Consider the following statements regarding the Jagannath Mishra Commission:

1. The Jagannath Mishra Commission was set up to examine the conditions of **linguistic minorities** in India.
2. The Commission also studied the problems of **religious minorities** and recommended measures for their protection and development.
3. The Commission's recommendations included both

constitutional safeguards and administrative measures for minorities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Statement 1 only is correct
- (b) Statements 2 and 3 are correct
- (c) All statements are correct and statement 3 explains statements 1 and 2
- (d) All statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, but statement 3 does not explain statements 1 and 2

95. Location of the world's first nuclear power plant to generate electricity for commercial use

- a) Shippingport, USA – 1958
- b) Obninsk, USSR – 1954
- c) Calder Hall, UK – 1956
- d) Tarapur, India – 1969

96. Consider the following statements regarding the B. Sivaraman Committee:

1. The Committee recommended the establishment of NABARD as a specialized bank for **agriculture finance and rural development**.
2. It was constituted under the chairmanship of **B. Sivaraman**, a noted civil servant and expert in rural finance.
3. The recommendations of the Committee also emphasized **integrated rural development**, linking credit, infrastructure, and institutional support to agriculture and rural sectors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) Statement 1 only is correct
- (b) Statements 1 and 2 only are correct
- (c) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, and statement 3 explains statements 1 and 2
- (d) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, but statement 3 does not explain statements 1 and 2

97. Consider the following statements regarding the C. Rangarajan Committee on poverty measurement:

1. The Committee was constituted to review and recommend a methodology for **measuring poverty in India**, which is widely known as the **Modified Mixed Reference Period (MMRP) method**.
2. The MMRP method primarily relies on **household consumption expenditure surveys**, capturing both food and non-food consumption over different recall periods.
3. The Committee recommended a uniform **national poverty line** for both rural and urban areas, emphasizing **real income and calorie intake** thresholds.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Statement 1 only is correct
- (b) Statements 1 and 2 only are correct
- (c) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, and statement 3 explains statements 1 and 2
- (d) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, but statement 3 does not explain statements 1 and 2

98. The first artificial heart transplant in the world

- a) 1982 – USA – Dr. Barney Clark
- b) 1969 – USA – Dr. Denton Cooley
- c) 1987 – UK – Dr. Magdi Yacoub
- d) 1994 – France – Dr. Alain Carpentier

99. Consider the following statements regarding the Bhuria Committee and the PESA Act, 1996:

1. The Bhuria Committee was constituted to **review the functioning of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA)** and suggest measures for strengthening tribal self-governance.
2. The Committee emphasized **devolution of powers to Gram Sabhas**, including control over minor forest produce, land acquisition, and local development plans.
3. It recommended uniform governance structures for **all rural areas in India**, regardless of tribal status, to ensure administrative efficiency.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Statement 1 only is correct
- (b) Statements 1 and 2 only are correct
- (c) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, and statement 3 explains statements 1 and 2
- (d) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, but statement 3 does not explain statements 1 and 2

100. Consider the following statements regarding the Tarkunde Committee and the Election Commission of India:

1. The Tarkunde Committee was set up in 1974 to examine **electoral reforms** and suggest measures to enhance the **autonomy and accountability** of the Election Commission of India (ECI).
2. The Committee recommended that the **Election Commission should be made independent of the executive**, with fixed tenure for the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners.
3. It suggested that the **ECI should have powers to regulate political party finances and criminal background disclosures of candidates**, which were immediately incorporated into the Representation of People Act, 1951.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Statement 1 only is correct
- (b) Statements 1 and 2 only are correct
- (c) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, and statement 3 explains statements 1 and 2
- (d) Statements 1, 2, and 3 are correct, but statement 3 does not explain statements 1 and 2

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