

1. Consider the following pairs of Military Exercises and their Locations:

Bandarpunch massif of the Himalayas.

Exercise	Given Location
1. Exercise Varuna 2025	Gulf of Aden
2. Exercise Bongosagar 25	Bay of Bengal
3. PASSEX (04 April 2025)	Gulf of Aden
4. Exercise Desert Flag-10	Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
5. HADR Exercise (May 2025)	Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives
6. Teesta Prahar (May 2025)	Teesta Field Firing Range, North Bengal

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- All four
- Only one

3. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

Rivers — Chinese/Tibetan Name

- Brahmaputra** — Yarlung Tsangpo
- Ghaghara (Karnali)** — Mapcha Tsangpo
- Indus** — Sengge Zangbo
- Satluj** — Langqen Zangbo

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

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3

- 1, 2 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only
- 1, 3 and 4 only
- 1, 2, 3 and 4

2. Consider the following statements regarding the Yamuna River:

- The Yamuna River basin is largest in **Uttar Pradesh** among all states it drains.
- Tons River** is the **largest** tributary (by water contribution) of the Yamuna.
- Chambal River** is the **longest** tributary of the Yamuna.
- The Yamuna originates from the **Yamunotri Glacier** in the

4. Consider the following statements:

- The Ghaghara River meets the Ganga at **Ravelganj**.
- The Sarda River meets the Ghaghara River at **Brahmaghat**.
- The **Bheri River** is a **left-bank tributary** of the Ghaghara River.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

5. Nira, Mohn (Mohna/Mohn), Borinala and Sina are tributaries of which river?

- a. Bhima
- b. Indravati
- c. Tungabhadra
- d. Kabini

3. One of the major reasons for launching UJALA was the very low market share of LEDs in 2013–14.

4. Under UJALA, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is the implementing agency.

6. Consider the following pairs:

- 1. **Jyotirmayee Dash** — Youngest woman scientist to receive the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize
- 2. **Soumya Swaminathan** — First Indian woman to become WHO Director-General
- 3. **Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay** — First Indian woman computer scientist
- 4. **Sudipta Sengupta** — First woman to receive the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in Earth Sciences

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding the TRIPP Corridor (Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity):

- 1. TRIPP forms the Armenian section of the Zangezur Corridor connecting mainland Azerbaijan with its Nakhchivan exclave.
- 2. The United States has been granted exclusive development rights for the Armenian stretch of the TRIPP project.
- 3. The Azerbaijani portion of the corridor, the Horadiz–Aghband railway, is scheduled to be completed by 2028.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

7. With reference to the **UJALA Scheme**, consider the following statements:

- 1. UJALA became the world's largest zero-subsidy domestic lighting programme.
- 2. The scheme was launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

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

9. Consider the following pairs:

Canal	Country / Region
1. Cholistan Canal	Pakistan – Punjab/Sindh region
2. Pinglu Canal	China – Guangxi region
3. Funan Techo Canal	Cambodia – Mekong to Gulf of Thailand
4. Suez Canal	Egypt – Sinai region (connecting Mediterranean & Red Sea)

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

10. With reference to India's progress as reflected in the 2025 Human Development Report, consider the following statements:

- 1. India's HDI value increased from 0.676 in 2022 to 0.685 in 2023.
- 2. India's HDI rank improved from 133 to 130.
- 3. Between 2015–16 and 2019–21, about 135 million people exited multidimensional poverty.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

11. Which of the following are **exogenic geomorphic processes?**

- 1. Deposition
- 2. Mass Wasting
- 3. Diastrophism
- 4. Weathering

Select the correct answer:

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

12. Dust particles in the atmosphere act as **hygroscopic nuclei. Which of the following are major sources of these particles?**

- 1. Sea salts
- 2. Fine soil
- 3. Smoke and soot
- 4. Pollen

Select the correct answer:

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

13. Which temple features the earliest known latina type shikhara in Indian temple architecture?

- a. Lingaraja Temple, Bhubaneswar
- b. Deogarh Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram
- c. Kandariya Mahadeva Temple, Khajuraho
- d. Dashavatara Temple,

14. Which one of the following correctly represents the sequence of landforms produced by increasing intensity of fluvial erosion?

- a. Gullies → Rills → Sheet Erosion → Valleys
- b. Sheet Erosion → Rills → Gullies → Valleys
- c. Rills → Sheet Erosion → Valleys → Gullies
- d. Valleys → Rills → Gullies → Sheet Erosion

15. In a river basin undergoing both tectonic uplift and climatic variability, which of the following changes in landforms would most strongly indicate a shift from high-energy to low-energy fluvial conditions over time?

- 1. Increased formation of **alluvial fans** at mountain fronts
- 2. Widening and thickening of **floodplains** in the middle course
- 3. Prominent **natural levee** development along lower-course channels
- 4. Frequent deposition of **point bars** along meandering bends

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

16. In a region where climate has shifted from cold–humid to warm–humid over thousands of years, which of the following changes in landscape features would most strongly indicate a transition from *dominantly glacial processes* to *dominantly karst processes*?

- 1. Expansion of **uvalas**
- 2. Widening of **lapies** fields
- 3. Reduction in sharp **arêtes**
- 4. Drowning of valleys into **fjords**
- 5. Accumulation of **till**

Select the correct answer:

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

17. Consider the following pairs:

Dam — Country

- 1. **Orsk Dam** — Ukraine
- 2. **Arbaat Dam** — Ethiopia
- 3. **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)** — Sudan
- 4. **Kakhovka Dam** — Russia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

18. With reference to notable waterfalls recently in news worldwide, consider the following pairs:

Waterfall — Country

1. **Talasi Abbi Waterfall** — India
2. **Iguazu Falls** — Argentina and Brazil
3. **Yuntai Waterfall** — China
4. **Angel Falls** — Venezuela
5. **Victoria Falls** — Zambia and Zimbabwe
6. **Rhine Falls** — Switzerland
7. **Niagara Falls** — United States and Canada
8. **Kunchikal Falls** — India
9. **Wallaman Falls** — Australia

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 9

19. With reference to the archaeological findings at Bhirrana (Haryana), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The mature Harappan settlement at Bhirrana was surrounded by a massive mud-brick fortification wall.
2. Multi-roomed house complexes with courtyards, verandahs and kitchens have been excavated from the site.

3. A terracotta female figurine in a pose similar to the Mohenjo-daro “Dancing Girl” has been found at the site.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

20. With reference to the archaeological site of Dholavira, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Dholavira is located on Kadir Island in the Rann of Kutch, and in protohistoric times boats may have reached the site due to higher water levels.
2. The settlement shows extensive use of sandstone, sometimes combined with mud-brick, which is a characteristic feature of Harappan sites in Gujarat.
3. Inside the fortification, the site is divided into a castle, a bailey, a middle town, and a lower town—each with its own enclosure walls.
4. The “stadium” area located between the castle–bailey and the middle town was likely used for ceremonial purposes.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21. With reference to the subsistence and plant economy of the Harappan Civilization, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Evidence of rice cultivation during the Harappan period has been found only from the sites of Harappa and Kalibangan.
2. The site of Balu (Haryana) has yielded the earliest evidence of garlic along with a wide range of cereals, pulses, and fruits.
3. Millets have been identified at Harappa, Surkotada, and Shortughai.
4. Grapes and henna (mehendi) were known to the Harappans.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

22. With reference to domesticated animals in the Harappan Civilization, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Cattle and buffalo were among the most important domesticated animals and were used for meat, milk, and draught purposes.
2. Goats and sheep were used only for wool and not as pack animals.
3. Dog figurines found at Harappan sites indicate domestication of the dog.

4. The presence of the horse in Harappan contexts is well-established and undisputed.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

23. With reference to the craft traditions of the Harappan Civilization, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Terracotta masks have been discovered only at Mohenjodaro.
2. Harappan faience objects include bangles, pendants, miniature vessels, and figurines of animals.
3. Stone-ware bangles of the Harappans were high-fired, highly burnished, and typically had uniform inner diameters with tiny inscriptions.
4. Terracotta toy carts found at Harappan sites usually had solid wheels.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

24. With reference to the archaeological findings from Ayodhya related to the Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) phase, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Excavations at Ayodhya have revealed NBPW in various shades along with a grey ware painted with black linear designs.
2. Evidence of baked brick residential structures from the NBPW level has been found at the site.
3. Terracotta artefacts of the NBPW phase include votive tanks, hopscotches, and wheel-shaped disks.
4. A glass object with the inscription *shidhe* in 3rd century BCE Brahmi script was discovered during the excavations.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

25. The Vinaya Pitaka mentions Buddha's prophecy about Pataliputra. According to this prophecy, which of the following posed dangers to the city?

1. Fire
2. Water
3. Internal discord
4. Foreign invasions

Select the correct answer:

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

26. Which one of the following statements is most accurate regarding Mauryan punch-marked coins as described in the passage?

- a. The motifs on Mauryan punch-marked coins had fixed religious meanings clearly identified with Buddhism.
- b. The use of symbols on Mauryan coins necessarily indicates their strictly economic purpose and absence of political intent.
- c. Although the precise meaning of many motifs is uncertain, their presence on state-issued coins implies that they carried political significance.
- d. Mauryan coins were exclusively silver and the Arthashastra does not mention any other metal in coinage.

27. Which of the following was a major consequence of the weakening Mughal administration after Aurangzeb?

- a. The mansabdari system became more efficient and centralized
- b. Provincial governors (subadars) gained control over revenue and military offices
- c. Peasant rebellions were completely suppressed
- d. The British immediately took control of northern India

28. Nadir Shah's invasion of Delhi in 1739 is significant because:

- a. He established direct Iranian rule over the Mughal Empire
- b. It resulted in massive plunder, including jewels and the Peacock Throne
- c. It united the Mughal nobles against foreign invasion permanently
- d. It ended the Maratha expansion into Rajasthan

29. Which of the following best explains the immediate cause for the military confrontation that culminated in the Battle of Plassey (1757)?

- a. The Company's refusal to allow Indian merchants to trade near Calcutta
- b. Sirajuddaulah's objection to the Company's political interference and unauthorized fortifications
- c. The Company's attempt to block French trade in Bengal
- d. The Nawab's decision to increase customs duties on European goods

30. Assertion (A): The annexation of Awadh in 1856 played a major role in shaping sepoy distrust toward the Company.

Reason (R): According to contemporary accounts, the annexation convinced sepoys that the Company intended to destroy traditional political authorities and social order.

- 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.

31. Which of the following BEST explains why the 1856 law requiring new recruits to serve overseas intensified sepoy resentment, **based on the socio-religious context described in the passage?**

- a. Because overseas service reduced sepoys' pay and allowances under new Company regulations.
- b. Because many Indians believed that crossing the sea endangered their caste and religious identity, making the law a direct violation of their social norms.
- c. Because the law increased the duration of military service and reduced opportunities for pension eligibility.
- d. Because overseas expansion meant sepoys could no longer maintain contact with their zamindars, affecting revenue collection in their home villages.

32. Consider the following statements regarding the FIFA World Cup:

- 1. Only two teams have won the FIFA World Cup while hosting the tournament.
- 2. No country from outside Europe or South America has ever reached the FIFA World Cup semi-finals.
- 3. The FIFA World Cup Golden Boot was originally known as the "Golden Shoe".

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

33. Consider the following pairs of medicinal plants, their therapeutic use, and locations:

Medicinal Plant	Cures / Diseases	Location Found
A. <i>Goniothalamus simonsii</i>	Anti-cancer, anti-diabetic, infections	Meghalaya (Northeast India)
B. <i>Duboisia</i> spp.	Motion sickness, nausea, postoperative vomiting	Australia
C. <i>Bombax ceiba</i> (Semal)	Inflammation, wound healing	Himalayan Forests (HP/UK region)
D. <i>Prinsepia utilis</i>	Multi-drug resistant bacterial infections	Himalayas (HP/UK/Nepal belt)
E. <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> (Giloy)	Fever, immunity disorders, infections	Pan-India Tropical Forests

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only three
- Only four
- All five
- Only two

34. Consider the following statements about tiger mortality in India:

- Mortality due to poaching has decreased to zero in 2024.
- Unnatural causes not related to poaching are completely eliminated.
- Seizures of tiger parts have been consistently high over the last 4 years.

Which of the above statements are correct according to All India Tiger Estimation 2022 data?

- 1 and 2 only
- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 2, and 3

35. The first-ever grassland bird census conducted in **Kaziranga National Park, Assam** recorded **43 species**. What is the primary significance of conducting such a census?

- To count the total number of tigers in the park.
- To assess the health and biodiversity of grassland ecosystems.
- To track migratory bird populations across India.
- To determine the economic potential of grasslands for tourism.

36. The first fully-digitized National Marine Fisheries Census (MFC–2025) in India aims to register 1.2 million fisher households. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding this census?

1. Registration in the census is mandatory to avail benefits under **PM-MKSSY**.
2. The census is conducted by the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** in collaboration with **CMFRI**.
3. The census only covers inland freshwater fisheries and excludes marine fisheries.

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

37. India's Environment Ministry proposed the first national tree census, aiming to take stock of biodiversity and promote community participation in tree conservation. In which year was this initiative proposed?

- a. 2010
- b. 2025
- c. 2020
- d. 2015

38. Which of the following statements best describes the primary challenge highlighted in the recent discussion on global genetic information sharing?

- a. Sequencing technologies are too expensive and inaccurate to record complete genomes.

- b. The Nagoya Protocol restricts the sharing of genetic resources, limiting global collaboration.
- c. There is no scientific interest in sequencing all eukaryotic life on Earth.
- d. Endangered species are not affected by climate change, making genome data irrelevant.

39. The 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in October 2026 will also include which of the following meetings?

- a. 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the MOP to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP-MOP-12) and 6th MOP to the Nagoya Protocol (NP-MOP-6)
- b. 10th Meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- c. 5th Meeting of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- d. 8th Meeting of the Global Environment Facility Council

40. Which of the following meetings were held concurrently during the 2024 UN Biodiversity Conference in Cali, Colombia?

- a. COP16, CP-MOP11, NP-MOP5
- b. COP16, COP17, NP-MOP6
- c. CP-MOP10, COP16, UNFCCC
- d. COP15, NP-MOP5, GEF Council

41. What is the primary purpose of Cameroon adopting the Nagoya Protocol?

- a. To allow foreign companies unrestricted access to Cameroon's biological resources
- b. To ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge
- c. To promote large-scale industrial agriculture in Cameroon
- d. To limit research and development on indigenous species

42. Consider the following matching of the Wildlife Protection Act schedules with their respective protection/purpose:

**Column I
(Schedule)**

Column II (Protection / Purpose)

1. Schedule I | Consolidated list of protected plant species
2. Schedule II | Species listed under CITES; aligns domestic law with international wildlife trade regulations
3. Schedule III | Highest level of protection for species; hunting prohibited; severe penalties for violations
4. Schedule IV | Lower protection than Schedule I but includes important species requiring conservation

43. What is the significance of Saudi Arabia's ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol?

- a. Saudi Arabia will phase out all fossil fuel use by 2047
- b. It requires Saudi Arabia to freeze HFC production starting 2028 and reduce HFC consumption by 85% by 2047
- c. It allows unrestricted use of HFCs and HCFCs in the MENA region
- d. It primarily focuses on reducing CO₂ emissions from power plants

44. Which of the following situations will cause the *maximum* divergence between GDP at market price and GDP at factor cost?

- a. High inflation
- b. High indirect taxes & low subsidies
- c. High money supply
- d. Deflation with stable tax rates

45. Which of the following tribes from Chhattisgarh are classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)?

- a. Only Abujh Maria and Baiga
- b. Abujh Maria, Baiga, Bharia, and Kamar
- c. Abujh Maria, Baiga, Bharia, Hill Korba, Kamar, and Sahariy
- d. Only Hill Korba and Sahariy

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) None
- (b) Only one
- (c) Only two
- (d) More than two

46. With reference to Green GDP initiatives, which of the following statements best captures the significance of Chhattisgarh becoming the first Indian state to link forest ecosystem services with Green GDP?

- a. It replaces conventional GDP measurement with SEEA standards across all sectors of the state economy.
- b. It monetizes ecosystem contributions like clean air, water regulation, and biodiversity to reflect their value in state economic growth.
- c. It mandates World Bank's WAVES framework for valuation of all rural and tribal resources.
- d. It increases the size of the state's GDP by excluding depletion and degradation costs.

47. Which one of the following correctly matches the SDG with its core objective?

- a. **SDG 5** – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- b. **SDG 6** – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies and ensure access to justice for all
- c. **SDG 14** – Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas, and marine resources
- d. **SDG 9** – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

48. You issue a cheque to your friend, but your passbook still shows the same balance even after your friend deposits it. What is the most likely reason?

- a. Cheque has already been cleared
- b. Cheque is still "in collection/clearing"
- c. Your account was debited instantly
- d. Bank has rejected the cheque

49. A person wants to transfer ₹5 lakh urgently at 11:30 PM from his smartphone. Which mode is practically possible?

- a. RTGS
- b. NEFT
- c. IMPS
- d. Demand Draft

50. You receive your passbook update, and it shows "RTGS CR ₹2,00,000". What does this indicate?

- a. You transferred ₹2,00,000 to someone
- b. A cheque of ₹2,00,000 issued by you has bounced
- c. Someone transferred ₹2,00,000 to your account through RTGS
- d. Bank debited your account due to charges

51. Which of the following scenarios MOST accurately illustrates the conceptual difference between general debt and debentures in corporate finance?

- a. A company borrows ₹500 crore from a bank by pledging its manufacturing plant as collateral, while simultaneously issuing unsecured instruments to the public that promise fixed interest irrespective of profits.
- b. A firm issues secured bonds to retail investors but later converts them into equity, whereas its long-term bank loan remains unsecured and carries no fixed repayment schedule.
- c. A private company raises money through equity shares but records the entire amount under 'debentures' because the capital does not dilute ownership.
- d. A multinational corporation receives a government grant for R&D but lists it as part of its external debt because repayment is linked to future profits.

52. Consider the following statements:

Statement I:

The Consolidated Fund of India embodies the constitutional principle that no withdrawal from the Union's core revenues can occur without prior parliamentary authorization.

Statement II:

The requirement of such prior authorization exists because the Consolidated Fund aggregates all tax revenues, loans, and recoveries that

constitute the sovereign's primary fiscal corpus.

Statement III:

This aggregation of sovereign revenues into a single corpus is necessary to clearly distinguish it from the Contingency Fund and the Public Account, where either withdrawals bypass prior sanction (Contingency Fund) or the government merely acts as a custodian (Public Account).

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

53. Which of the following statements about **Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa"** is correct?

- a) It is a fresco painting on the walls of the Florence Cathedral.
- b) It demonstrates sfumato technique and is painted on poplar wood.
- c) It was commissioned by the French king Louis XIV.
- d) It depicts the Virgin Mary with infant Jesus.

54. Consider the following statements:**Statement I:**

A persistent Current Account Deficit indicates that a country's expenditure on foreign goods, services, income transfers, and remittances consistently exceeds its earnings from them, reflecting a net outflow of foreign exchange.

Statement II:

Such a persistent deficit must be financed through capital inflows—either debt-creating (like External Commercial Borrowings) or non-debt-creating (like FDI/FPI)—because the Capital Account functions as the balancing item that offsets Current Account imbalances.

Statement III:

The need for capital inflows to finance a Current Account Deficit arises because the Balance of Payments identity requires that any shortfall in the Current Account automatically reappears as a requirement for surplus in the Capital Account, ensuring overall BoP equilibrium.

Which of the following is correct?

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- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

55. Consider the following statements:**Statement I:**

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) implies a long-term investment by a foreign entity that involves acquisition of a lasting interest in an enterprise and often confers management control or significant influence.

Statement II:

Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) consists of purchases of tradable financial assets (equities, bonds) that are generally liquid, do not confer management control, and can be reversed quickly in response to market conditions.

Statement III:

Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) was an earlier regulatory category for large foreign investors (such as pension funds, mutual funds); the nomenclature has evolved and many jurisdictions now regulate such investors under broader FPI/FPI-related categories.

Which of the following is correct?

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- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

56. Consider the following statements:**Statement I:**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) traditionally follows a development lending model influenced by OECD economies, with emphasis on governance reforms, policy conditionalities, and social-sector aligned financing.

Statement II:

Because ADB's lending approach is shaped by OECD-style norms and conditionalities, emerging economies created the New Development Bank (NDB) to establish a multilateral institution where developing countries could access financing without policy prescriptions linked to governance or market reforms.

Statement III:

The establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) demonstrates that NDB's objective of delinking development financing from OECD conditionalities is rooted in the long-standing sectoral focus of ADB on social infrastructure rather than physical connectivity and hard infrastructure.

Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
d. None of the statements logically explain each other

57. Consider the following statements about the Olympic Games:

1. The modern Olympic Games have been cancelled only twice in history, both times due to World War II.
2. The Olympic symbol of five interlocking rings was officially adopted before the first modern Olympic Games were held.
3. At least one edition of the Summer Olympics has been hosted on every inhabited continent.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II,

58. Consider the following statements:**Statement I:**

The Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) of 1948 introduced a mixed-economy framework, formally recognising the role of both public and private sectors while reserving strategically important industries for state control.

Statement II:

The Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 expanded this mixed-economy framework into a more state-dominant model by enlarging the list of industries reserved for the public sector and by strengthening the directive role of the State in industrial expansion.

Statement III:

The Industrial Policy of 1991 marked a decisive shift away from the state-dominant structure created by the 1956 resolution by dismantling industrial licensing, reducing monopoly restrictions, and opening most industries to private and foreign investment.

Which of the following is correct?

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- None of the statements logically explain each other
- Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III

59. Consider the following statements regarding the role of GIFT International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC):

- GIFT IFSC aims to channel foreign capital into India through well-regulated structures.
- Its development aligns with India's broader vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*.
- GIFT IFSC primarily focuses on domestic investments and does not target High Net Worth Individuals (HNIs).
- India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) is proposed to be scaled up within GIFT IFSC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 2, and 4 only
- 2 and 3 only
- All of the above

60. Which of the following correctly lists the planets in increasing order of day length (rotation period) compared to Earth (i.e., from shortest day to longest day)?

- Jupiter → Saturn → Neptune → Uranus → Earth → Mars → Mercury → Venus
- Saturn → Jupiter → Neptune → Earth → Uranus → Mars → Venus → Mercury
- Jupiter → Neptune → Saturn → Earth → Mars → Uranus → Mercury → Venus
- Earth → Mars → Jupiter → Saturn → Uranus → Neptune → Mercury → Venus

61. Consider the following statements regarding the global corporate bond market:

1. The market size was valued at USD 37.58 trillion in 2024.
2. It is projected to reach USD 81.78 trillion by 2032, growing at a CAGR of 10.3%.
3. High-yield bonds captured the largest market share in 2024 due to investor preference for stable, low-risk returns.
4. Large corporations are the primary issuers of corporate bonds globally.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

62. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA):

1. PM-AASHA is an umbrella scheme aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to farmers for their produce.
2. The scheme has three components: Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS), and Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Schemes (PPPS).
3. Under PDPS, farmers are paid the difference between MSP and the sale/modal price directly into their

bank accounts, without any physical procurement.

4. The Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Schemes (PPPS) allows participation of private stockists for selected crops in notified APMCs.

Which of the statements given above 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

63. Consider the following statements regarding India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI):

1. UPI was launched in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
2. It allows interoperability between different apps and bank accounts for real-time transactions.
3. UPI requires users to preload wallets before making transactions.
4. As of August 2025, UPI processes over 20 billion transactions per month.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

64. Regarding UPI's international adoption, which of the following statements are correct?

1. UPI has been integrated with Singapore's PayNow for cross-border transactions.
2. Indian tourists can use UPI to pay in France, including at the Eiffel Tower.
3. UPI has been implemented in Nepal and Bhutan for domestic transactions only.
4. Talks are ongoing with central banks and fintechs across Asia, Africa, and Europe.

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

65. Consider the following statements regarding the sovereign green bond market in India:

1. The government has been able to fully achieve its target issuances of green bonds in recent fiscal years.
2. The "greenium" or green premium refers to the lower yield that investors accept for investing in green bonds.
3. Macroeconomic factors and demand-supply mismatch in long-duration bonds have affected the traction of green bonds.
4. Experts suggest regulatory measures like SLR eligibility incentives and dedicated ESG

investment windows to promote green bonds.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

66. Consider the following statements regarding India's exports in April–August 2025:

1. Total exports increased by 5.19% compared to April–August 2024.
2. Merchandise exports grew faster than services exports during this period.
3. The share of services exports in total exports was approximately 47%.

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

67. Which of the following commodities recorded the **highest growth in India's merchandise exports during April–August 2025?**

- a. Tea
b. Electronic goods
c. Engineering goods
d. Readymade garments

68. Statements:

- I. The Prime Minister of India allocates portfolios among Ministers and presides over Cabinet meetings.
- II. By controlling the agenda and allocation of ministries, the Prime Minister exercises significant influence over government policies.
- III. Cabinet committees allow the Prime Minister to delegate decision-making and monitor implementation of key policies efficiently.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

69. Statements:

- I. Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha for its actions.
- II. Collective responsibility ensures that all Ministers support Cabinet decisions publicly, even if they disagreed privately.
- III. This principle prevents individual Ministers from undermining government policies in Parliament.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II,

- Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

70. Statements:

- I. Cabinet committees are formed by the Prime Minister for specialized purposes such as security, economic affairs, and appointments.
- II. These committees streamline decision-making by reducing the need for full Cabinet discussions on every matter.
- III. The existence of Cabinet committees weakens the authority of the Prime Minister.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement I, but Statement III is incorrect
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

71. Consider the following statements regarding bills in the Indian Parliament:

- I. A **Money Bill** can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha, and the Rajya Sabha can suggest amendments but cannot reject it.
- II. An **Ordinary Bill** can be introduced in either House of Parliament and requires approval by both Houses.
- III. A **Financial Bill** (other than Money Bill) deals with taxation or expenditure and can be introduced in either House, but must be passed by both Houses.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement I explains Statement II, and Statement II explains Statement III.
- b. Statement II explains Statement I, and Statement III explains Statement II.
- c. Statement I explains Statement III, Statement III explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement I.
- d. All statements are independent and explain different aspects of bills.

72. Consider the following statements regarding the types of majorities in the Indian Parliament:

Statement I: A **simple majority** is achieved when a bill or motion is supported by more than 50% of members **present and voting**.

Statement II: A **special majority** requires a higher threshold than a simple majority, such as **two-thirds of members present and voting** or a **majority of total membership** depending on the context.

Statement III: A **absolute majority** or **majority of total membership** is used for certain constitutional amendments and motions like **no-confidence motion**.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement III explains Statement I, Statement I explains Statement II, but Statement II does not explain Statement III
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

73. Consider the following statements regarding TRAI:

1. TRAI is a statutory body established under the TRAI Act, 1999.
2. TRAI functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Communications.
3. TRAI has powers to regulate tariffs, interconnection, and quality of service.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements regarding the Constitution of India:

1. The Constitution provides a strong central government with powers to dismiss state governments in certain situations.
2. The Constitution divides powers between the Centre and States through Union, State, and Concurrent Lists.
3. All states have equal powers to amend the Constitution independently of the Parliament.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Statement II explains Statement I, Statement III explains Statement II, and Statement I explains Statement III
- b. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, but Statement III does not explain Statement I
- c. Statement I explains Statement II, Statement II explains Statement III, and Statement III also explains Statement I
- d. None of the statements logically explain each other

75. Consider the following statements regarding equality provisions under Article 14 of the Constitution:

1. Equality before law implies formal equality, where all individuals are subject to the same law without any exceptions.
2. Equal protection of law allows the State to make reasonable classifications to ensure substantive equality.

3. Equality before law and equal protection of law are identical in meaning and application.

Which of the following is correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements regarding FSSAI:

1. FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2005.
2. It comes under the administrative control of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
3. It regulates manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import of food products.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. On which of the following planets is Hydrogen (H₂) NOT the most abundant gas in its atmosphere?

- a. Mercury
- b. Jupiter
- c. Saturn
- d. Uranus

78. Statement I: The Inter-State Council addresses issues of common interest to the Centre and States.

Statement II: Zonal Councils address disputes and coordination among States in a particular region.

Statement III: Both Councils are mechanisms for cooperative federalism in India.

Which of the following is correct?

- Statement I explains Statement II, and Statement II explains Statement III.
- Statement III explains Statement I and Statement II.
- Statement II explains Statement I, but Statement I does not explain Statement III.
- All statements are independent and explain different aspects.

79. Consider the following statements regarding the Inter-State Council:

- The Inter-State Council is a constitutional body established under Article 263(ZZ) of the Constitution.
- It aims to promote coordination between the Centre and the States.
- The Council can adjudicate disputes between States.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2 only
- All of the above

80. Which of the following naval exercises is NOT conducted in two phases (Harbour Phase and Sea Phase)?

- SLINEX-25 (India–Sri Lanka Naval Exercise)
- India–South Korea Naval Exercise
- Malabar-2025
- Bongosagar-25 (India–Bangladesh Naval Exercise)

81. With reference to the rotation direction of planets with respect to Earth (which rotates *prograde* or *counter-clockwise* when viewed from above the North Pole), consider the following:

- Mercury** rotates in the same direction as Earth.
- Venus** rotates in the opposite direction of Earth.
- Jupiter** rotates in the same direction as Earth.
- Uranus** rotates in the same direction as Earth.
- Neptune** rotates in the opposite direction of Earth.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- Only two
- Only three
- Only four
- None

82. Consider the following statements about Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan–ATLAS):

1. It is a long-period comet with an orbital period of around 80,000 years.
2. It became visible from Earth during 2024–25 and was expected to become one of the brightest comets of the decade.
3. It was jointly discovered by observatories in China and South Africa.

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

83. Consider the following astronomical objects/events:

1. Quasar OJ287
2. Gaia BH3
3. GW231123
4. LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA

How many of the above are directly related to *black holes*?

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

84. Consider the following statements regarding SN 2024ggi, recently in news:

1. SN 2024ggi is a Type Ia supernova whose unusually high luminosity suggests the possibility of it originating from a white dwarf exceeding the Chandrasekhar limit.
2. It was discovered using ground-based optical telescopes and later monitored by space-based observatories for spectral evolution.
3. Type Ia supernovae like SN 2024ggi are important for cosmology because they serve as “standard candles” for measuring cosmic distances.

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

85. Which of the following statements about Amrita Sher-Gil is/are correct?

1. She studied at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris and was influenced by European modernism.
2. She is considered a pioneer of modern Indian art, blending Western and Indian techniques.
3. Her early works include portraits of rural Indian women and village scenes in muted colors.

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

86. With reference to PSR J1617-2258A, recently discovered using India's uGMRT, consider the following statements:

1. It is a millisecond pulsar located in the globular cluster **NGC 6093 (Messier 80)**.
2. It has a highly eccentric orbital period of about 19 hours, providing a laboratory to test the theory of general relativity via periastron advance.
3. The total mass of the system (pulsar + companion) is estimated to be $\sim 1.67 M_{\odot}$.
4. The pulsar's spin period is about 0.232 seconds.

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

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

87. Recently, several major discoveries related to black holes were reported worldwide. Which one of the following correctly matches the astronomical event/object with its description?

- a. **GW231123** – Discovery of a supermassive black hole with unusually low mass in a young galaxy
- b. **Sagittarius A*** – Detection of the most

massive stellar-mass black hole merger to date

- c. **RX J1131** – First detailed observation of a black hole's corona using a rare double-zoom (lensing + microlensing)
- d. **GW250114** – Observation of twisted magnetic fields around the Milky Way's central black hole

88. Which of the following best describes a Quasar?

- a. A rapidly rotating neutron star emitting radio pulses
- b. A massive interstellar cloud of dust reflecting starlight
- c. A supermassive black hole accreting matter at the center of a distant galaxy
- d. A star in the final stages of nuclear fusion before becoming a white dwarf

89. The Cosmic Microwave Background radiation (CMB) is evidence for:

- a. Continuous creation of matter as per the steady-state theory
- b. The cooling remnant heat from the early Universe after the Big Bang
- c. High-energy gamma-ray bursts from early galaxies
- d. The collapse of giant molecular clouds forming new stars

90. Which of the following correctly describes the **proposed formula under the 2011 Teesta agreement negotiation?**

- a) 70:30 sharing in favour of India during dry season
- b) 50:50 sharing between India and Bangladesh throughout the year
- c) 42.5% for India and 37.5% for Bangladesh, with the rest depending on monsoon flow

d) India would retain complete control, and Bangladesh would get assured monsoon flows only

91. With reference to recent narcotics data in India, consider the following statements:

1. In 2024, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) registered around **89,900 drug-related cases**, a decline from 2023.
 2. The total **value of narcotics seized** in 2024 crossed ₹ 25,000 crore.
 3. Since 2019, the trafficking of synthetic drugs in India (such as ATS and MDMA) has increased nearly six-fold.
- Which of the above statements are correct?

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

92. In the debate on the Period Leave Bill, which of the following constitutional provisions is MOST directly invoked when critics argue that mandatory period leave may unintentionally reinforce stereotypes about women's "physical incapacity" and affect equality in the workplace?

- a) Article 39(d) – Equal pay for equal work
- b) Article 15(3) – Special provisions for women and children
- c) Article 14 – Equality before law
- d) Article 16(4) – Reservation in appointments

93. IPMDA's core capability relies heavily on commercial space-based Radio Frequency (RF) data. Which of the following is the most accurate statement about RF data in the IPMDA context?

- a) RF data directly identifies ship flag/state and crew nationality.
- b) RF data can detect transmissions from vessels even when AIS is switched off, but requires national legal frameworks to share metadata across borders.
- c) RF data is primarily useful only for meteorological forecasting rather than maritime surveillance.
- d) RF data replaces the need for national coast-guard patrols and on-sea assets.

94. With reference to Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket, consider the following statements:

1. The maiden launch took place in January 2025 from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
2. The first stage successfully landed on the recovery barge in the Atlantic Ocean.
3. The second stage placed the "Blue Ring Pathfinder" payload into orbit.
4. New Glenn is a partially reusable orbital launch vehicle.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

95. With reference to Asteroid **Kamo'oalewa (469219)**, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a quasi-satellite of Earth.
2. Its diameter is estimated to be between 40–100 meters.
3. Its orbit lies entirely within the Moon's orbit around Earth.
4. It is hypothesized to be a fragment ejected from the Moon.

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

96. Based on FSI's 2025 forest fire assessments, which of the following statements is **correct**?

- a) Over 50% of India's forest cover is "extremely prone" to fires.
- b) Most forest fires in India (about 90%) are caused by **human activity**, according to FSI.
- c) No Indian state has recorded a rise in fire incidents in 2024–25.
- d) FSI only provides post-fire analysis and does not issue real-time alerts.

97. Which of the following reflects the "**30×30**" target under the Kunming–Montreal GBF and the progress / concern around it?

- a) It mandates that 30% of species must be brought under ex-situ conservation (zoos / seed-banks) by 2030.
- b) It requires that 30% of the world's land and marine areas be "effectively conserved" by 2030, but many countries are lagging in committing or finalizing

plans for this.

- c) It commits countries to restore 30% of their GDP into natural capital by 2030.
- d) The target has already been met globally, with 30% of the planet currently protected.

98. Recent high-court judgments (e.g., Madhya Pradesh HC, Karnataka HC) on marital rape / non-consensual sex in marriage imply which of the following?

- a) Some courts have held that non-consensual sex within marriage may amount to **cruelty** under Section 498A IPC.
- b) Karnataka HC has entirely rejected the exception 2 to Section 375 IPC, making marital rape a crime in all circumstances.
- c) Courts widely agree that "consent" is irrelevant in sex between husband and wife.
- d) Courts have ruled that all marital sex without explicit prior consent must be prosecuted under Section 377 IPC.

99. Which of the following statements about **Jamini Roy** is/are correct?

1. He was influenced by **Kalighat painting** and folk art traditions of Bengal.
2. He primarily painted on **canvas** using oil colors.
3. His themes were often drawn from **epics, village life, and religious folklore**.

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

100. Which of the following arguments has the **Indian central government advanced** in opposition to criminalizing marital rape?

1. Criminalization would severely affect the “conjugal relationship” and institution of marriage.
2. It would lead to a flood of false cases due to difficulties in proving lack of consent.
3. Existing domestic violence laws sufficiently punish sexual violence within marriage.
4. Marital rape is already punishable under the new penal law as a special offence.

Which combination is correct?

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

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