



EXCEL CIVILS ACADEMY

GS PAPER - I

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. All questions carry TWO marks each.
2. Bubble the correct answer on the OMR sheet with Blue / Black ball pen.
3. 1/3rd Negative Marking for every wrong answer.

ECONOMY (01 to 50)

1. Match the following:

Terms

- A. Devaluation
- B. Revaluation
- C. Depreciation
- D. Appreciation
- E. Accommodating

Definitions

1. Determined by the gap in the Balance of payments
2. Price of dollar increases in terms of rupees due to market forces
3. A decrease in the exchange rate by the government
4. Increase in the exchange rate by the government
5. Price of rupees Transactions increases in terms of the dollar due to market forces

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- | | A | B | C | D | E |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| a) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| b) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| c) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| d) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |

2. Which of the following measures were adopted during the Green Revolution?

1. Use of High Yielding seeds (HYV)
2. Increase in Irrigation Facilities
3. Use of Chemical-Fertilizer
4. Expansion of Landholdings
5. Promotion of Organic Farming

Select the correct using the code given below:

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

3. What is an inventory?

- a) It is a stock of unsold finished goods.
- b) It is a stock of unsold raw materials.

c) It is treated as capital.

d) All of the above

4. Consider the following statements regarding Market Stabilisation Scheme in India:

1. These are bonds floated by the Central Government to absorb excess liquidity from the system.
2. These bonds are raised through an auction and are tradable in the secondary market.
3. These are completely short term in nature only.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. Match the following:

List-I

- A. Marginal Standing facility
- B. Open Market Operations
- C. Market Stabilisation
- D. Bank Rate Scheme

List-II

- 1. Sale and purchase of Government Securities
- 2. Schedule Commercial Bank can borrow
- 3. RBI charges on its long-term lendings
- 4. Sale of short-dated government securities

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6. Consider the following statements regarding the methods of floatation of new issues in the Primary market:

1. Under Private Placement, securities are not issued directly to the public but are offered for sale through intermediaries like Issuing Houses or Stockbrokers.
2. Offer through Prospectus is a direct appeal to investors to raise capital, through an advertisement in newspapers and magazines.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding the functions of the Financial Market:

1. Mobilization of savings
2. Facilitating price discovery for financial assets
3. Providing liquidity to financial assets
4. Increase in cost of transactions

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

8. Recently the government announced 10 public sector banks to be merged into four. In this context, consider the following statements:

1. Decision was taken with the objective of making them “global-sized banks”.

2. Merger of the bank could lead to lowering the banks lending rate.
3. Merger is combining of two entities to form a larger entity with change in ownership.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) is a basket of securities that can be traded on a stock exchange. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. Bharat 22 is the first ETF launched by the Finance ministry to speed up its disinvestment programme.
2. ETF offers the advantage of portfolio diversification.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the White Label ATMs?

- a) ATM set up, owned and operated by non-bank entities.
- b) When bank outsource the ATM operation to a third party
- c) White label ATM has the logo of the bank.
- d) Both b and c

11. Central Government recently proposed setting up of Development Financial Institutions (DFI's) to solve infrastructure financing needs of the country. In this regard, consider the following statements:

1. DFI's provide long-term finance to sectors which are riskier for commercial banks.
2. ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) was the first DFI to be set up in India.
3. Growth in capital market led to the decline in prominence of DFI's in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

1. Flexible Exchange Rate – Interventions by the Government
2. Managed Exchange Rate – Market Driven
3. Fixed Exchange Rate – Currency Peg

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding Capital Adequacy ratio (CAR):

1. It is the ratio of a bank's total capital to its risk weighted assets.
2. Tier 1 capital is the core capital of a bank and provides a lesser degree of protection to depositors.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

14. Consider the following statements about the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs):

1. These were set up on the recommendations of the Narasimhan Committee Working

Group.

2. These are owned wholly by the Central Government.
3. RRBs are differential banks whose priority sector lending norms are higher than public sector banks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. Recently State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank named as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). Who classifies the bank as D-SIBs?
- a) Finance Ministry b) Reserve Bank of India
c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs d) Prime Minister Office

16. Which of the following is/are Fungible in nature ?

1. Gold
2. Silver
3. Diamonds
4. All shares of a single company

choose the correct option :-

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

17. Economic growth in country X will necessarily have to occur if

- a) there is technical progress in the world economy
- b) there is population growth in X
- c) there is capital formation in X
- d) the volume of trade grows in the world economy

18. Consider the following statements regarding PM- Kisan Scheme:

1. Only those farmers are eligible for the scheme who have cultivable land upto 2 hectares.
2. It is a central sector scheme.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

- 19.(A) **Assertion** :- In money system cost of transaction is Less than the Barter system.

(R) **Reasoning** :- Money promotes the Division of labour.

- a) Both A and R are true and R explains A.
- b) Both A and R are true and R doesn't explain A.
- c) A is true R is false
- d) A is false R is true

20. Which of the following are the major traits of Recession?

1. General fall in demand
2. Fall in employment rate
3. Industries resort to 'price cuts'
4. Enhancement in the personal disposable income

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21. Consider the following statements

1. Infant industry argument is advocated in support of protectionism in international trade
2. Infant industries require time to undergo the process of learning by doing to become competitive in the long run

Choose the correct statements :-

- a) 1 only b) 2 only c) Both d) None

22. Consider the following statements with reference to Government e- Marketplace (GeM):

1. GeM is paperless and cashless market place for procurement of common use goods and services.
2. SWAYATT initiative aims to promote start-ups, women and youth through e-transaction on GeM.
3. GeM is monitored by Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23. Which one of the following is not the most likely measure the govt/RBI takes to stop the slide of Indian Rupee ?

- a) Curbing imports of non essential goods and encouraging exports
- b) Encouraging indian borrowers to issue rupee denominated Masala Bonds abroad to raise investments
- c) Easing conditions relating to external commercial borrowings
- d) Following an expansionary monetary policy

24. Find the correct statements ?

1. Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) exchange rates are calculated by the prices of the same basket of goods and services in different countries.
2. In terms of PPP dollars, india is the sixth largest economy in the world.

Choose the correct option :-

- a) Only 1 b) Only 2 c) Both 1 & 2 d) None of the above

25. With reference to National Food Security Act, consider the following statements:

1. The Act covers the entire rural population and 50% of urban population.
2. State Governments shall identify the households for its implementation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

26. In India, deficit financing is used for raising resources for

- a) economic development b) redemption of public debt
- c) adjusting the balance of payments d) reducing the foreign debt

27. When RBI reduces Statutory Liquidity Ratio by 50 basis points, which of the following is likely to happen ?

- a) India's GDP growth rate increases drastically.

b) Foreign Institutional Investors may bring more capital in to our country.

c) Scheduled Commercial Banks may cut their lending rates.

d) It may drastically reduce the liquidity to the banking system

28. With reference to the National Commission on Farmers Report on land reforms, consider the following statements:

1. It recommended to prevent diversion of prime agricultural land and forest to corporate sector for non-agricultural purpose.

2. The commission was chaired by M.S. Swaminathan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

29. RBI, on behalf of government, issues MSS bonds to mop up extra liquidity from the market. This is same as Open Market Operations (OMO), but has a significant difference. What is it?

a) Money raised from the market by MSS Bond is stored in government's normal account.

b) Money raised from the market by MSS Bond is stored in a separate account, known as MSS Account, which cannot be used for normal government expenditure.

c) Money is not raised by MSS bonds

d) None of the above

30. Which of the following grants / grant direct credit assistance to rural households?

1. Regional Rural Banks

2. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

3. Land Development Banks

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

31. Consider the following liquid assets:

1. Demand deposits with the banks

2. Time deposits with the banks

3. Saving deposits with the banks

4. Currency

The correct sequence of these assets in the decreasing order of liquidity is

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

32. Supply of money remaining the same when there is an increase in demand for money, there will be

a) a fall in the level of prices

b) an increase in the rate of interest

c) a decrease in the rate of interest

d) an increase in the level of income and employment

33. In the context of Indian economy, which of the following is/are the purpose/purposes of 'Statutory Reserve Requirements'?

1. To enable the Central Bank to control the amount of advances the banks can create
2. To make the people's deposits with banks safe and liquid
3. To prevent the commercial banks from making excessive profits
4. To force the banks to have sufficient vault cash to meet their day-to-day requirements

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

34. Which of the following is not the function of the RBI?

- a) Banker's Bank
- b) Controller of credit
- c) Custodian of Foreign Exchange Reserve
- d) Allotting money directly to farmers for agricultural development

35. 'Basel III Accord' or simply 'Basel III', often seen in the news, seeks to

- a) Develop national strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
- b) Improve banking sector's ability to deal with financial and economic stress and improve risk management
- c) Reduce the green house gas emissions but places a heavier burden on developed countries
- d) Transfer technology from developed Countries to poor countries to enable them to replace the use of chlorofluorocarbons in refrigeration with harmless chemicals

36. What steps have been taken by the Government to promote the fiscal consolidation in India?

1. Reduce borrowings from the market.
2. The imposition of Goods and Service Tax (GST)
3. Purchase of foreign high-quality sovereign bonds
4. Interest cut on the Provident Fund (PF)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. An Escrow account is an:

- a) Account opened by a registered political party to manage its electoral expenses.
- b) Account of a government subsidiary in an offshore bank.
- c) Account in a bank which is held by the third party on behalf of two other parties that are in the process of completing a transaction.
- d) Account which is seized by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

38. Consider the following statements:

1. The main cause of Fiscal Drag is an increase in progressive taxation.
2. The balanced budget is an example of fiscal neutrality.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect ?

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

39. Consider the following statements regarding the growth of the Indian Economy:

1. Indian economy shifted from an Agrarian to Service sector directly like developed countries.
2. An economy where majority of the produced value comes from tertiary section is known as the service economy.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

40. Consider the following statements regarding the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate:

1. It is a rate at which banks can borrow from the Reserve Bank of India in a situation of liquidity shortfall.
2. MSF is available for commercial banks as well as co-operative banks.
3. MSF rate is Lower than Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. What was the purpose of Inter Creditor Agreement signed by Indian banks and financial institutions recently?

- a) To lessen the Government of India's perennial burden of fiscal deficit and current account deficit
- b) To support the infrastructure projects of Central and State Governments
- c) To act as an independent regulator in case of applications for loans of Rs. 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending
- d) To aim at faster resolution of stressed assets of ₹ 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending

42. Consider the following statements regarding the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR):

1. Both CRR and SLR are kept with the Reserve Bank of India.
2. CRR is kept in both cash and non-cash forms, while SLR is kept only in cash form.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

43. Which one of the following statements appropriately describes the "fiscal stimulus"?

- a) It is a massive investment by the Government in manufacturing sector to ensure the supply of goods to meet the demand surge caused by rapid economic growth
- b) It is an intense affirmative action of the Government to boost economic activity in the country
- c) It is Government's intensive action on financial institutions to ensure disbursement of loans to agriculture and allied sectors to promote greater food production and contain food inflation
- d) It is an extreme affirmative action by the Government to pursue its policy of financial inclusion

44. A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the “base effect”. What is “base effect”?
- It is the impact of drastic deficiency in supply due to failure of crops
 - It is the impact of the surge in demand due to rapid economic growth
 - It is the impact of the price levels of previous year on the calculation of inflation rate
 - None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) ‘given above is correct in this context

45. Why is the offering of “teaser loans” by commercial banks a cause of economic concern?
- The teaser loans are considered to be an aspect of sub-prime lending and banks may be exposed to the risk of defaulters in future.
 - In India, the teaser loans are mostly given to inexperienced entrepreneurs to set up manufacturing or export units.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
46. In India, which of the following have the highest share in the disbursement of credit to agriculture and allied activities?
- Commercial Banks
 - Cooperative Banks
 - Regional Rural Banks
 - Microfinance Institutions
47. Which one of the following is likely to be the most inflationary in its effect?
- Repayment of public debt
 - Borrowing from the public to finance a budget deficit
 - Borrowing from banks to finance a budget deficit
 - Creating new money to finance a budget deficit

48. Matching

- Quantitative easing - making rules easy by the govt to promote welfare activities
- Fed tapering - completely stopping of purchase of assets by the govt and increasing the interest rates by the central bank

Which of the following pair correctly matched ?

- Only 1
 - Only 2
 - Both 1 & 2
 - None of the above
49. Which of the following statements represents the term “Crowding out effect” ?
- A situation where foreign investors withdrew their investments in a particular country due to any reason.
 - A situation where the private sector stops spending due to increased borrowing and spending by the government.
 - A situation where Indian investors invests more in the western countries for more profits
 - None of the above

50. Match the following

List 1

List 2

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| A. Venture capitalists | 1. Those who buy more stocks with a view to sell |
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- them for higher prices in the future.
- B. Angel investors 2. A professional investment firm which provides financial support to early stage companies in exchange of equity.
- C. Bull investor 3. Those who sell more stocks with a view to reduce their loss and leads to further decline of stock prices.
- D. Bear investor 4. High net worth individuals providing financial support to early stage companies in exchange of equity.

Choose the correct option :

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

CURRENT AFFAIRS (51 to 100)

51. Consider the following statements about the proposed DNA Technology

1. The Bill seeks to create a national data bank, and regional data banks which will have DNA samples of under trials, suspects, missing persons and unknown deceased persons.
2. It has proposed DNA sampling and profiling of citizens accused of crime or reported missing, and storing their unique genetic information for administrative purposes

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

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

52. Consider the following statements about Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

1. It is a statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
2. Ministry of Food processing is the administrative Ministry of FSSAI.

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

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

53. Consider the following statements about UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

1. UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development
2. Hyderabad and Bengaluru has now been officially designated as a UNESCO Creative City

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

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

54. Consider the following statements about Kanyakumari

1. It was called Cape Comorin during British rule in India.
2. Many also call it as Koodal as it is situated at the confluence of three oceans Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

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

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

55. Consider the following statements about 'Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA)'

1. It was constituted with the objective of 'protecting and improving' the quality of the environment and 'controlling environmental pollution' in the National Capital Region.
2. It was constituted at the behest of the Supreme Court.
3. It is mandated to enforce Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) as per the pollution levels.

Select the correct statements

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

56. Recently, ministry of rural development has come out with the fifth edition of Wasteland Atlas -2019. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. According to the ministry, unprecedented pressure on the land beyond its carrying capacity is resulting into degradation of lands in the country.
2. As per the report, majority of croplands have been converted into wastelands over a period of 5 years.
3. However a reduction in wasteland area was observed in the categories of land with dense scrub, waterlogged and marshy land, sandy areas, degraded pastures / grazing land and gullied and / or ravinous land.

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

57. Consider the following statements about Electoral Bonds

1. It can be purchased from any of the Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
2. Interest will be given by the banks on these bonds.
3. Electoral bonds will be valid till next Lok Sabha elections from the date of purchase.

Which of the following statements is/are not correct?

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

58. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is conducted by which body/organization?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) CMIE (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy)
- c) NSSO (National Sample Survey Office)
- d) None of the above

59. Which of the following pairs of islands and their corresponding location oceans are correctly matched ?

- 1) Reunion island : Indian ocean
 - 2) Gough island : Pacific ocean
 - 3) Hawaii islands : Pacific ocean
 - 4) New foundlandisland : Antartic ocean
 - 5) Comoros islands : Indian ocean
- a) 1,2& 3 only b) 3,4 & 5 only c) 1,3 & 5 only d) 2,4 & 5 only

60. Consider the following statements about Dhanush artillery gun

- 1. It is the indigenously upgraded variant of the Swedish Bofors gun imported in the 1980s.
- 2. It has a range of nearly 150 kms

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

61. Gamosa is predominantly the cultural item of which State in India?

- a) Rajasthan b) Karnataka c) Assam d) Himachal Pradesh

62. Which of the following countries are the signatories of the regional comprehensive economic partnership (RCEP) treaty ?

- 1. India
- 2. United States
- 3. China
- 4. Brazil
- 5. Australia

- a) 1,2 & 3 only b) 1,3 & 5 only c) 2,3 & 4 only d) 2,4 & 5 only

63. Consider the following pairs of languages and their corresponding states were they are declared as official languages :

- 1) Khasi : Meghalaya
- 2) Konkani : Goa
- 3) Urdu : Gujarat
- 4) English : Nagaland
- 5) Dogri : Bihar

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- a) 1,2 & 3 only b) 1,3 & 4 only c) 2,4 & 5 only d) 2,3 & 5 only

64. The Nirbhaya Fund was announced by the Centre in 2013 to support the initiatives of the government and the NGOs working towards the safety of women. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

- 1. The Nirbhaya Fund Framework provides for a non-lapsable corpus fund for safety and security of women to be administered by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Government of India.
- 2. As per procedures established in the CrPC central governments/ UTs are responsible for registration and investigation of crimes as well as grant of financial assistance/ compensation to victims.

3. The top five States ranked in terms of utilisation of money across various schemes under the Nirbhaya Fund were
4. Jharkhand, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Nagaland.
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all the above
65. Consider the following statements :
1. A genome is a person's complete set of deoxyribonucleic acids or DNA, including all genes with more than 3 billion DNA base pairs.
 2. By sequencing the genome, researchers can discover the functions of genes and identify mutations responsible for cancer and rare genetic diseases.
 3. Genome sequencing will also lead to precision medication, instead of clinicians giving drugs based on collective knowledge.
- Which of the above statements stands true ?
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all the above
66. "Lingdum monastery" recently seen in news is located in which of the following Indian states ?
- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Arunachal Pradesh c) Sikkim d) Assam
67. Centre inaugurated Mission Innovation (MI) Face-to-Face Meeting of Innovation Challenges recently. Which of the following statements regarding the mission stands true ?
1. Mission Innovation is the name coined by India and it was launched by 20 countries during COP 21 in November, 2015.
 2. Mission Innovation currently comprises of 24-member countries and the European Commission.
 3. These countries have committed to double Government funding on clean energy research and development over 5 years and enhance international engagement in programmes on clean energy R&D.
- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above
68. Consider the following pairs of global reports and the corresponding organisations which publish them :
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| 1) Global financial stability report | : | IMF |
| 2) Global Competitive Index | : | World economic forum |
| 3) Global Economic Prospects | : | World Bank |
| 4) Global Hunger Index | : | WHO |
| 5) Global Wage Report | : | IMF |
- Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?
- a) 1, 2 & 3 only b) 1, 3 & 5 only c) 2, 4 & 5 only d) all of the above
69. National Health Profile is released which body/organisation?
- a) NITI Aayog
- b) WHO in collaboration with Ministry of Statistics & Programme implementation
- c) Central Bureau of Health Intelligence

d) None of the above

70. Consider the following statements :

1. Section 126A of the Representation of People. Act 1951, prohibits conduct of Exit poll and dissemination of its results during the period like the hour fixed for commencement of poll in first phase and half an hour after close of poll in last phase in a State.
2. No person shall display to the public any election matter in the polling area except via cinematographic or television medium.
3. During elections all Internet websites and Social Media platforms must comply with the provisions of the Information Technology Act 2000 and ECI guidelines for all political content on their platform mandatorily.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

71. Which of the following statements regarding the recently launched IT initiatives “ICEDASH” and “ATITHI” stands true ?

1. ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard of the Indian customs helping public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
2. With ATITHI, CBIC has introduced an easy to use mobile app for international travellers to file the Customs declaration in advance. Passengers can use this app to file declaration of dutiable items and currency with the Indian Customs even before boarding the flight to India.
3. Ministry of science & technology is the nodal agency for the implementation of both the schemes.

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

72. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) joint exercise on “Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue 2019” was inaugurated by India’s Home minister in which of the following places recently ?

- a) Jakarta b) New Delhi c) Bangkok d) Kathmandu

73. With respect to the newly launched ‘Red Atlas Action Plan Map’ atlas by the union ministry of earth sciences, which of the following statements are true ?

1. It is a first of its kind ready reckoner map, prepared by Union Ministry of Earth Sciences to aid state government of Odisha in effective flood mitigation in Puri which witnessed the worst deluge in 2015.
2. The atlas is aimed at flood mitigation, preparedness, operations and management aspects.
3. The manual besides showcasing the probable scenarios for different rainfall periods also provides information on corporation wards that are likely to be affected due to flooding, and the areas that may need evacuation in the state by taking into account all historical datasets.

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

74. Consider the following statements about Coal Bed Methane (CBM)

1. It is an unconventional form of natural gas found in coal deposits or coal seams
2. CBM can be used for only power generation but not as compressed natural gas (CNG) auto fuel.

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

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

75. Consider the following statements :

1. The INS-ISRO Nano Satellites have capability to carry up to 30 kg. The primary objective of the INS is to provide an opportunity to carry payloads for universities and R&D laboratories.
2. The small satellites weigh around 500 kg. They are of lower cost, more frequent, quicker and offer broader access to space. They are primarily used for communication, research, meteorology and insurance.
3. The Cartosat satellites are a series of Indian earth observatory satellites built and operated by ISRO and is a remote sensing satellite.

Which of the above statements are true ?

- a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

76. Which of the following capitals of the world is set to host world's annual climate conference, called COP-25 (Conference of the Parties) from 2 to 13 December 2019 after the stepping down of Chile due to protests in the country?

- a) Geneva b) Madrid c) Amsterdam d) Paris

77. Consider the following statements about GAGAN – GPS Aided geo-augmented navigation.

1. It was developed by ISRO and Airports Authority of India(AAI)
2. It covers the area from Africa to Australia and has expansion capability for seamless navigation services across the region.
3. It makes airline operations more efficient and effective, increase air safety, and fuel efficiency.

Select the correct statements

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

78. Consider the following statements about NaVIC

1. It is India's own Regional Navigation Satellite System
2. It is designed to provide accurate position information service to users in India as well as the region extending up to 1500 km from its boundary

Select the correct statements

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

79. DUSTLIK is joint military exercise conducted between India and _____

- a) Kazakhstan b) Turkmenistan c) Uzbekistan d) Mongolia

80. Consider the following statements about National Register of Citizens (NRC)

1. NRC is the register containing names of Indian Citizens. It was prepared first in 1963 after the conduct of the Census of 1961.
2. Over 19 lakh out of the 3.29 crore applicants were excluded from the updated NRC list (in Assam) published in August 2019.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

81. The term “Pegasus” recently seen in news refers to which of the following ?

- a) It is the newly built large carrier military aircraft developed by Russia.
- b) It is a spyware that can be installed on smartphone devices via social media platforms.
- c) It is the cyclone which affected South American coast recently, causing mass destruction.
- d) It is the global initiative formed to curb the menace of forest fires at the Amazon forests.

82. Consider the following statements about Eastern Economic Forum

1. EEF is an international forum established by Russia in 1991 to support the economic development of Russia’s Far East
2. The Russian Far East comprises the eastern Russian territory between Lake Baikal in eastern Siberia and the Pacific Ocean

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

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

83. Which of the following countries are members of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

1. India
2. China
3. Pakistan
4. Turkmenistan
5. Uzbekistan

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

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

84. Which of the following are considered as the reasons for automobile slowdown observed in early 2019

1. The sharp increase in road tax in many States
2. The switch from BS IV to VI engines for improved emission standards
3. Falling rural demand due to stagnation in agricultural growth

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

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

85. Which of the following are the possible impacts of Climate Change?

1. Decline in average yield potential of maize and rice
2. Rise in infectious diseases
3. High frequency of deadly heat waves

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

86. Arrange the following international institutions/groupings in the chronological order of their founding year

1. SAARC
2. BRICS
3. BIMSTEC
4. ASEAN
5. IBSA

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

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

87. Consider the following statements about Diabetes

1. It is the seventh leading cause of death and a major cause of debilitating complications like heart attacks, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and lower limb amputations.
2. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has launched pre-qualification initiative for insulin that would cut prices and dramatically increase insulin access for diabetics

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

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

88. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Eastern Economic Forum'

1. It is an initiative of the 'ASEAN + 6' countries.
2. It is an initiative for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment

Select the correct statements

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

89. Consider the following statements about JalJeevan Mission

1. It aims at providing Functional Household Tap Connections in rural areas by 2024.
2. It also includes creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability like rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household wastewater for reuse in agriculture

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

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

90. Dharma Guardian is military exercise conducted between India and which other country?

- a) USA b) Srilanka c) Japan d) None of the above

91. Consider the following statements about Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

1. Its objective is to make beaches clean and create awareness amongst about the importance of coastal ecosystems
2. It is being implemented by NITI-Aayog in collaboration with Ministry of Jal Shakti

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

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

92. Which of the following can be regarded as examples of Non-tariff Barriers in world trade economics ?

1. Customs duty
2. State trading
3. Subsidies
4. Preferential arrangement
5. Quantity restrictions and Quotas

a) 1,2& 3 only b) 3,4 & 5 only c) 2,4 & 5 only d) 1,3 & 4 only

93. Mekedatu project often seen in news is being planned across which river?

a) Godavari b) Narmada c) Barak d) Cauvery

94. With respect to the first ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' to be held in Vishakhapatnam. Which of the following statements stands true ?

1. The Ports of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organization comprising of seven Member states lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of Bay of Bengal constituting a contiguous regional unity.
2. The objective of BIMSTEC alliance was to harness trade and accelerated growth with mutual cooperation in different areas of common interest by utilising the regional resources and geographical advantage.
3. The diverse historical and cultural heritage of the BIMSTEC nations makes it an ideal destination for tourism, in which the ports plays a vital role for encouraging cruise tourism.

a) 1 & 2 only b) 2 & 3 only c) 1 & 3 only d) all of the above

95. India has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with majority of the proposed RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) countries. Which of the following countries is not amongst them ?

a) New Zealand b) Japan c) Srilanka d) Thailand

96. Bougainville island often seen in the news is located in which ocean?

a) Pacific Ocean b) Atlantic Ocean c) Indian Ocean d) Antarctic Ocean

97. Consider the following statements about Plastic Parks

1. These parks will have an ecosystem with infrastructure building and enabling the common facility to consolidate and synergize the capacities of the domestic downstream plastic processing industry.
2. Union government would provide grant funding up to 90 per cent of the project cost. The remaining project cost is to be funded by State Government & beneficiary industries

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

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

98. With respect to the creation and administration of union territories, which of the following statements are true ?

1. During the discussion on reorganisation of states in 1956, the States Reorganisation Commission recommended creation of a different category for these territories since

they neither fit the model of a state, nor do they follow a uniform pattern when it comes to governance.

2. According to Article 240, the Governors of parent states has the power to make regulations for certain UTs. The regulations could be for peace, progress and good government of the UT.
3. In case a UT has a Legislature in place, the President shall not have the authority to make any regulation with effect from the first day of the meeting of the Legislature.
a) 1 & 2only b) 2 &3 only c) 1 & 3only d) all the above

99. CHAVANG KUT is a festival celebrated predominantly in which regions/state of India?

- a) Jammu & Kashmir b) Manipur c) Rajasthan d) None of the above

100. Which state has approved the nomination of at least one differently abled member to each panchayat (if not elected), making it the first state to have such a policy?

- a) Jharkhand b) Bihar c) Chhattisgarh d) Uttar Pradesh

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