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**15.** Consider the following clues about a State of India :

1. It is known as 'land of red river and blue hills'.
2. It contains three of the six physiographic divisions of India.
3. It covers about 2.39 percent of total areas of the country.

Identify the State on the basis of the given clues.

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Chhattisgarh

**Ans- C**

**16.** Which of the following sets of States shares boundary with Telangana?

- (a) Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra
- (b) Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra

**Ans- D**

**17.** Rani told her friends that last year she did boating in four different lakes, namely, Loktak, Barapani, Kolleru and Pulicat. Which of the following States did she visit?

- (a) Manipur, Meghalaya, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
- (b) Manipur, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
- (c) Mizoram, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
- (d) Mizoram, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu

**Ans- B**

**19.** The Tropic of Cancer passes through how many coastal and landlocked States of India, respectively?

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

**Ans- B**

**20.** Which one of the following situations can lead to inflation?

- (a) Rapid growth of aggregate demand outweighing supply
- (b) Sluggish growth of aggregate demand
- (c) Reduction in the money supply
- (d) Higher levels of unemployment

**Ans- A**

**21.** Which of the following policies help to raise interest rate unambiguously and thereby lead to appreciation of currency?

- (a) Expansionary fiscal and monetary policy
- (b) Contractionary fiscal and monetary policy
- (c) Contractionary fiscal policy and expansionary monetary policy
- (d) Contractionary monetary policy and expansionary fiscal policy

**Ans- D**

**22.** The contraction of private investment spending due to deficit spending by the Government is called

- (a) crowding out
- (b) crowding in
- (c) pump priming
- (d) dumping

**Ans- A**

**23.** Which among the following is/are the objective/objectives of the NITI Aayog?

1. Imposing policies on the States/UTs
2. Allocation of funds at National and State levels
3. Design strategies and long-term policies and programme frameworks

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- D**

**24.** The computation of poverty in terms of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) based on the Mixed Reference Period was recommended by the

- (a) Lakdawala Committee
- (b) Tendulkar Committee
- (c) Dandekar Committee
- (d) Alagh Committee

**Ans- B**

**25.** Which of the following is/are the sub-mission/sub-missions of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM)?

1. Institutional training
2. Overseas employment
3. Leveraging of public infrastructure

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- C**

**26.** Which of the following strategies is/are adopted for implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan?

1. Inter-sectoral convergence for better service delivery
2. Use of technology (ICT) for real-time growth monitoring of women and children

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- C**

**27.** Which of the following conditions is/are necessary for the issue of a writ of certiorari in India?

1. There should be a tribunal or an officer having legal authority to determine questions affecting rights of subjects and having a duty to act judicially.
2. Such tribunal or officer has acted without jurisdiction.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- C**

**28.** Who among the following Chief Justices of India ordered the constitution of a Special Bench called 'Social Justice Bench' ?

- (a) Justice H. L. Dattu
- (b) Justice K. G. Balakrishnan
- (c) Justice R. M. Lodha
- (d) Justice Y. K. Sabharwal

**Ans- A**

**29.** Who among the following is the author of the book, *Bandi Jivan* ?

- (a) Rash Behari Bose
- (b) Veer Savarkar
- (c) Aruna Asaf Ali
- (d) Sachindranath Sanyal

**Ans- D**

**31.** Consider the following statements :

After forming the Indian National Army, Subhas Chandra Bose

1. recruited a large number of soldiers from the Indian Prisoners of War in Japanese camp
2. introduced a women's detachment named after the Rani of Jhansi

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Ans- C**

**32.** Which one of the following pairs denoting various forms of 'Bhakti' is **not** correctly matched?

- (a) Saguna : Belief in Gods with attributes
- (b) Nirguna : Belief in Gods without attributes
- (c) Alvars : Believed in devotion of Shakti
- (d) Nayanars : Believed in devotion of Shiva

**Ans- C**

**33.** Which two rivers flow in the region between Gulbarga and Vijayanagara Hampi?

- (a) Narmada and Godavari
- (b) Mahanadi and Godavari
- (c) Kaveri and Periyar
- (d) Krishna and Tungabhadra

**Ans- D**

**37.** Cheetahs, brought from Namibia, were introduced in India to which one of the following National Parks?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Keoladeo Ghana National Park
- (c) Keibul Lamjao National Park
- (d) Kuno National Park



**Ans- D**

**56.** Manav is planning to visit all UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Delhi. He will be visiting

- (a) Red Fort, Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid
- (b) Red Fort, India Gate, Qutab Minar
- (c) Red Fort, Qutab Minar, Humayun Tomb
- (d) Red Fort, Humayun Tomb, India Gate

**Ans- C**

**57.** What will be the correct sequence of cities on the bank of river Ganga if someone moves from west to east?

- (a) Prayagraj, Kanpur, Bhagalpur, Patna
- (b) Prayagraj, Kanpur, Patna, Bhagalpur
- (c) Kanpur, Prayagraj, Bhagalpur, Patna
- (d) Kanpur, Prayagraj, Patna, Bhagalpur

**Ans- D**

**58.** Which one among the following States has the longest extension in north-south direction?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Chhattisgarh

**Ans- D**

**65.** Which one of the following is a measure that can be used by the Government for combatting inflation?

- (a) Increasing the non-planned expenditure on defence, police, etc.
- (b) Providing more subsidies on exports
- (c) Increasing the rate of interest on savings and fixed deposits
- (d) Reduction in the cash reserve ratio (CRR)

**Ans- C**

**67.** Which one of the following indicators is included in the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)?

(a) Years of schooling

(b) Literacy rate

(c) Life expectancy

(d) Per capita income

**Ans- A**

**68.** The unemployment that occurs due to changes in the technology or in the demand for particular products is called

(a) frictional unemployment

(b) structural unemployment

(c) cyclical unemployment

(d) disguised unemployment

**Ans- B**

**69.** Which of the following is/are the objective/objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)?

1. Correcting regional imbalances in the availability of tertiary health care services
2. Providing universal access to public health services and universal immunization
3. Augmenting facilities for quality medical education in the country

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- A**

72. Which one among the following is **not** a part of the SWAYAM programme?

- (a) Video lectures
- (b) Classroom lectures
- (c) Online discussion forum for clearing doubts
- (d) Specially prepared material that can be downloaded/printed

**Ans- B**

74. Who among the following is given discretionary powers under the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India to set up a Tribes Advisory Council in a State which has Scheduled Tribes but not Scheduled Areas?

- (a) The Governor of the concerned State
- (b) The President of India
- (c) The Inter-State Council
- (d) The Parliament of India

**Ans- B**

**75.** Which of the following States/UTs are included in the Northern Zonal Council?

- (a) Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi
- (c) Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan
- (d) Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana

**Ans- B**

**77.** Who among the following were referred to as the 'Theris' in ancient India?

- (a) Respected women
- (b) Elder nuns in Buddhism
- (c) Women denied the Bhikkhuni status
- (d) Women expelled from the Buddhist Sangha

**Ans- B**

**78.** Which member of the Servants of India Society founded the Seva Samiti at Allahabad in 1914?

- (a) Shri Ram Bajpai
- (b) Hriday Nath Kunzru
- (c) S. G. Vaze
- (d) Srinivas Shastri

**Ans- B**

**79.** The First Anglo-Maratha War was concluded by which one of the following?

- (a) The Treaty of Surat
- (b) The Treaty of Purandar
- (c) The Convention of Wadgaon
- (d) The Treaty of Salbai

**Ans- D**

**81.** In which one of the following revolts did the Koya and Konda tribal chiefs rise against the local overlord from a Mansabdar family?

- (a) The Rampa Rebellion, 1879–1880
- (b) The Gudem Uprising, 1886
- (c) The Rampa Rebellion, 1922–1924
- (d) The Telangana Armed Struggle, 1946–1951

**Ans- A**

**85.** The theme of India's G20 Presidency 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'One Earth-One Family-One Future' is drawn from the

- (a) *Maha Purana*
- (b) *Maha Upanishad*
- (c) *Rig Veda*
- (d) *Smriti*

**Ans- B**

**89.** Consider the following characteristics of a soil type :

1. These soils consist of various proportions of sand, silt and clay.
2. These soils contain adequate proportions of potash, phosphoric acid and lime.
3. These soils can be further classified on the basis of their age.

Identify the type of soil on the basis of the given characteristics.

- (a) Alluvial
- (b) Laterite
- (c) Arid
- (d) Black



**Ans- A**

**90.** Consider the following statements and identify the correct answer using the code given below :

1. In a thermal power station, fuels such as oil, coal or natural gas are used to generate electricity.
2. Fuels are burned to heat water and turn it into steam, which goes through a turbine, which spins and turns, generating electricity.

*Code :*

- (a) Statement 1 is correct but statement 2 is not correct
- (b) Statement 2 is correct but statement 1 is not correct
- (c) Both the statements are correct and statement 2 explains statement 1
- (d) Both the statements are correct but statement 2 does not explain statement 1

**Ans- C**

91. Indus river basin is extended up to

- (a) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab
- (b) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana
- (c) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan
- (d) Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan

Ans- D

92. Which one of the following statements about the Solicitor General of India (SGI) is **not** correct?

- (a) The SGI is the Government's chief legal advisor.
- (b) The SGI is the secondary law officer of the country.
- (c) The post of the SGI is a constitutional post.
- (d) The SGI is appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Ans- A

93. Which one of the following committees does **not** have members from the Rajya Sabha?

- (a) The Public Accounts Committee
- (b) The Committee on Public Undertakings
- (c) The Estimates Committee
- (d) The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

Ans- C

94. Which one of the following statements about the election of the President of India is **not** correct?

- (a) A Union Minister shall not be eligible for election as the President.
- (b) The President is elected by the elected members of the Parliament and the Legislative Assemblies of States and Union Territories.
- (c) The Electoral College does not include elected members of the Legislative Councils.
- (d) The system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote is followed.

Ans- A

**95.** The Citizenship Act, 1955 deals with the determination of citizenship on or after

- (a) 26th January, 1950
- (b) 26th November, 1949
- (c) 15th August, 1947
- (d) 14th August, 1947

**Ans- A**

**96.** According to the National Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) constructed by the NITI Aayog, a household is considered deprived if

1. a single member of the household is identified as under-nourished
2. the body mass index of a woman member, between 15 years and 49 years of age, is below  $18.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- C**

**97.** The titles of 'Rayagajakesari' and 'Dayagajakesari' were associated with which one of the following dynasties?

- (a) Kakatiya
- (b) Vijayanagara
- (c) Gajapati
- (d) Rashtrakuta

**Ans- A**

**98.** Name the location of the musical inscription containing groups of musical notes arranged for the benefit of his pupils by a king in the seventh or eighth century CE.

- (a) Ennayiram
- (b) Uttaramerur
- (c) Siyyamangalam
- (d) Kudumiyamalai

**Ans- D**

**99.** In the context of eighteenth century India, what was 'Dastak'?

- (a) Signature
- (b) Land document
- (c) Trade permit
- (d) Tax on textiles

**Ans- C**

**100.** Which one of the following was primarily associated with 'Dadni' system?

- (a) Textile production
- (b) Warfare
- (c) Payment to officials
- (d) Revenue collection

**Ans- A**

**101.** Consider the following statements about Kanaganahalli archaeological site :

1. It is situated on the bank of Bhima river.
2. The remains of the Kanaganahalli Stupa can be dated between 1st and 3rd centuries CE.
3. Emperor Ashoka's image was found at the site.

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

**Ans- D**

**102.** Which of the following statements about volcanoes are correct?

1. The strength of a volcano is measured by the Volcanic Explosive Index.
2. Iceland and Philippines were created by volcanic activity.
3. Volcanic soils are rich, deep and fertile and allow intensive agriculture to take place.

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

**Ans- D**

**103.** Consider the following characteristics of a cloud type :

1. They are born through convection.
2. Only cloud type that can produce hail, thunder and lightning.
3. They are large cauliflower-shaped towers, often 'anvil tops'.

Identify the type of cloud on the basis of the given characteristics.

- (a) Stratocumulus
- (b) Cumulonimbus
- (c) Cirrocumulus
- (d) Nimbostratus

**Ans- B**

**106.** Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Visakhapatnam Port is a land-locked harbour.
2. Deendayal Port is a tidal port.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**Ans- C**



- 107.** There is an increase in forest cover area of India between 2011 and 2021. However, there is a decrease in forest cover area of India during the same period in
- (a) very dense forest (canopy density of more than 70 percent)
  - (b) moderately dense forest (canopy density between 40–70 percent)
  - (c) open forest (canopy density between 10–20 percent)
  - (d) Both (b) and (c)

**Ans- B**

**108.** Consider the following statements concerning the National Education Policy, 2020 :

1. At least 50 percent of the learners through school and higher education system to get exposure to vocational education by 2025.
2. Secondary schools should collaborate with ITIs, Polytechnics and local industries.
3. Vocational education to be exclusively provided by NGOs.

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

**Ans- B**

110. Which one of the following is **not** a part of Article 51 of the Constitution of India?

- (a) Promote international peace and security
- (b) Maintain just and honourable relations between nations
- (c) Use of UN peacekeeping force for resolution of international disputes
- (d) Encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration

Ans- C

111. Who among the following was **not** in the core leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in its formative phase?

- (a) Kwame Nkrumah
- (b) Gamal Abdel Nasser
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (d) Fidel Castro

Ans- D

**112.** In respect to Balutedars, which of the statements given below are correct?

1. They were village servants and artisans.
2. They were employed by individual peasant family.
3. They existed in the Medieval Deccan and Maharashtra.

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

**Ans- C**

**113.** Which one of the following Viceroys was the first to officially shift his Council to Simla in summer season?

- (a) John Lawrence
- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Mayo
- (d) William Bentinck

**Ans- A**

115. Who among the following founded the Hindu Dharma Sabha in the 19th century?

- (a) Radhakanta Deb
- (b) Ram Mohan Roy
- (c) Dwarkanath Tagore
- (d) Keshab Chandra Sen

Ans- A

116. The resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 3 March, 2021 decided to celebrate the year 2023 as the International Year of

- (a) Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
- (b) Glass
- (c) Millets
- (d) Camelids

Ans- C

118. Which one of the following statements about the Wassenaar Arrangement is **not** correct?

- (a) There are 42 participating nations in the Arrangement.
- (b) It is formed primarily as a nuclear weapon overseer.
- (c) India is the current Chairman of the Arrangement.
- (d) India joined the Arrangement in the year 2017.

Ans- B

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15. Which one of the following is the language of the famous political treatise *Amuktamalyada* ?

- (a) Sanskrit
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Kannada
- (d) Telugu

Ans- D

16. Which one of the following statements about the Shvetambara Sect of Jainism is *not* correct ?

- (a) It refers to monks, who wear white clothes.
- (b) It refers to monks, who migrated to the south of Vindhyas in 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE.
- (c) They recognized the existence of canonical texts including the 12 Angas.
- (d) They believed that women can also attain salvation.

Ans- B

17. Where is the Vikramkhoh Cave located ?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Telangana
- (d) West Bengal

Ans- A

18. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Levallois Technique' :

1. It refers to making perforated Harappa pottery.
2. It refers to making prehistoric flake tools.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

Ans- B

19. Which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. The Bakshali Manuscript written in the Gatha language (a refined version of old Prakrit) using the Sharada script deals with topics such as fractions, square roots, arithmetic and geometric progressions.
2. In the field of geometry, Aryabhata described the various properties of a circle giving a very accurate value for pi ( $\pi$ ) correct to four decimal places at 3.1416.
3. Sharangadhara Samhita is an important text on political system of ancient India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- A**

20. Which one of the following is *not* correct about the Indian Independence Act, 1947 ?

- (a) The Bill for the Indian Independence Act was introduced in Parliament on July 4 and received the Royal Assent on July 18, 1947.
- (b) Act of 1947 laid down the basic framework of the Indian Constitution.
- (c) The Act provided for the establishment of two independent Dominions to be known as India and Pakistan.
- (d) The Act empowered the Constituent Assembly of each Dominion to have unlimited power to frame and adopt any constitution.

**Ans- B**

21. As per the Cabinet Resolution of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015, the NITI Aayog consists of :

- 1. Prime Minister of India
- 2. Governing Council comprising of Chief Minister of all the States and Lieutenant Governors of Union Territories
- 3. Rural Development Minister
- 4. Chief Executive Officer to be appointed by the Prime Minister

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- B**



22. The executive is given an advance grant to meet temporary and running requirements of Government of India in the beginning of the new financial year until the demands are voted by the legislature. This is known as :
- (a) Vote of Credit
  - (b) Vote on Account
  - (c) Appropriation Bill
  - (d) Advance Account

**Ans- B**

23. Which of the following is/are United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s) ?
1. Decent work and economic growth
  2. Peace, justice and strong institutions
  3. Responsible consumption and production
- Select the correct answer using the code given below :
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1, 2 and 3
  - (c) 2 only
  - (d) 1 and 3 only

**Ans- B**

**24.** Consider the following statements on 'Fog' :

1. Fog is simply a cloud that forms close to the ground.
2. Radiation fog is associated with radiation cooling of the land at night.
3. Advection fog forms when moisture is blown over a cold surface and is chilled by contact.

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

**Ans- D**

**25.** Which one of the following landforms is/are formed by wind erosion ?

- (a) Cirque
- (b) Stack
- (c) Zeugen
- (d) Stack and Zeugen both

**Ans- C**

**27.** Which one of the following forms of settlement develops around a lake ?

- (a) Linear
- (b) Cross-shaped
- (c) Circular
- (d) Square

**Ans- C**

30. Which of the following action(s) by the Government would lead to contraction of money supply in the economy ?

1. Purchase of Treasury Bills by the central bank from public
2. Sale of Treasury Bills by the central bank to public
3. Sale of foreign exchange by the central bank
4. Purchase of foreign exchange by the central bank

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

31. Which of the following are included in the definition of Narrow Money ?

1. Currency with the public
2. Demand deposits
3. 'Other' deposits with Reserve Bank of India
4. Banker's deposits with Reserve Bank of India

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

32. Which of the following is/are the effects of devaluation or depreciation of currency ?

1. It leads to increase in imports and decrease in exports.
2. It leads to increase in exports and decrease in imports.
3. It leads to increase in domestic inflation.
4. It leads to decrease in domestic inflation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Ans- C

33. Which one of the following taxes is *not* subsumed under the Goods and Services Tax in India ?

- (a) Customs Duties
- (b) Central Excise Duties
- (c) Service Tax
- (d) Taxes on Petroleum and Petroleum Products

Ans- D

50. Arrange the following events associated with Shivaji in chronological order :

1. Attack on Afzal Khan
2. Capture of Torna
3. Attack on Shaista Khan
4. Annexation of Javli

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Ans- A

51. Who among the following is the author of the book '*The Indian Struggle 1920 - 1942*' ?

- (a) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar
- (b) Subhas Chandra Bose
- (c) Vallabhbhai Patel
- (d) Sarat Chandra Bose

Ans- B

52. Who among the following is *not* a woman Nayanar saint ?

- (a) Karaikkal Ammaiyar
- (b) Mangayarkkarasiyar
- (c) Andal
- (d) Isaignaniyar

Ans- C

53. Which one of the following pairs of terms and their meanings is **not** correctly matched ?

- (a) Nagarakkani : Land owned by the nagaram
- (b) Nattar : Male serpent deity
- (c) Yupa : Sacrificial post
- (d) Viragal : 'Hero stone' in the Tamil Nadu area

Ans- B

54. Where is the famous Gupta period Deogarh Temple situated ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Rajasthan

Ans- A

55. Consider the following statements with reference to the Nataraj bronze sculpture of Chola period :

1. Shiva is shown balancing himself on his right leg representing *tirobhava*.
2. Shiva is shown raising his left leg in *bhujangatrasita* stance, representing kicking away the illusion from the devotee's mind.
3. The main right hand holds the *damaru*, Shiva's favourite musical instrument.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

Ans- D

56. Which of the following statements about ASEAN are correct ?

1. The Chairmanship of ASEAN rotates annually based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States.
2. The Chairmanship is decided by voting among the Member States.
3. "One Vision, One Identity, One Community" is the ASEAN motto.
4. 12<sup>th</sup> August is celebrated as ASEAN Day.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

Ans- B



57. Consider the following statements about the Public Distribution System :

1. The Public Distribution System is operated under the joint responsibility of Centre and State/Union Territories.
2. Food Corporation of India has assumed the responsibility for procurement, storage and transportation of food grains to the State Governments.
3. Both Centre and State have the joint responsibility to identify eligible beneficiaries.
4. Some States also distribute additional items of mass consumption through the PDS outlets such as pulses, edible oil, etc.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

**Ans- B**

58. Which of the following concepts are considered as pillars of Human Development ?

1. Equity
2. Sustainability
3. Productivity
4. Security

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

**59.** Which one of the following pairs of events and years is *not* correctly matched ?

- (a) Launch of the first communications satellite : 1962
- (b) Completion of a continuous around the world fibre-optic cable link : 1997
- (c) Creation of the SWIFT system for worldwide electronic interbank fund transfer : 1977
- (d) Introduction of the World Wide Web (www) : 1995

**Ans- D**

**60.** Identify the type of soil on the basis of given characteristics :

1. They contain a large proportion of sodium, potassium and magnesium, and thus, they are infertile.
  2. Their structure ranges from sandy to loamy.
  3. They are more widespread in western Gujarat, deltas of the eastern coast and in Sunderban areas of West Bengal.
- (a) Peaty soil
  - (b) Laterite soil
  - (c) Arid soil
  - (d) Saline soil

**Ans- D**

**63.** Consider the following statements about clouds :

1. Two major forms of clouds are stratiform and cumuliform.
2. According to the altitude, clouds are classified as high clouds, middle clouds and low clouds.
3. Stratus, nimbostratus and stratocumulus are types of high clouds.
4. Clouds having nimbo attached to their name produce precipitation.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

**Ans- B**

**64.** Which one of the following expenditures is subtracted from Fiscal Deficit to arrive at Primary Deficit ?

- (a) Defence expenditure
- (b) Expenditure on subsidies
- (c) Interest payments
- (d) Pension

**Ans- C**

**65.** The Wholesale Price Inflation has increased in India during 2021 – 2022 due to which of the following factors ?

1. Sharp increase in international prices of crude oil
2. Decrease in economic activity post-Covid
3. Disruption of global supply chain
4. High freight cost

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- B**

**66.** What would be the impact on the economy if people start holding more currency in hand and less in deposits ?

- (a) Money demand will increase
- (b) Money multiplier will decrease
- (c) Money multiplier will increase
- (d) Money demand will decrease

**Ans- C**

67. SDG India Index, developed by NITI Aayog, includes 17 SDGs for each State. Which one of the following is **not** included in that index ?

- (a) Zero hunger
- (b) Reduced unemployment
- (c) Life below water
- (d) Responsible consumption and production

**Ans- B**

68. Other things remaining constant, the market supply for a good increases if :

1. its price increases.
2. price of its factors of production decreases.
3. price of other goods decreases.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

**69.** Consider the following statements regarding poverty in India :

1. While determining poverty line in India, a minimum level of food requirement, clothing, footwear, fuel and light, educational and medical requirements, etc. are determined for subsistence.
2. The accepted average calorie requirement in India is 2400 calories per person per day in rural areas and 2100 calories per person per day in urban areas.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Ans- C**

**70.** Which of the following statements is/are correct ?

1. Shivaji sent an ambassador to Bombay to negotiate an agreement with the English.
2. His chief motive was to secure English aid against the Siddis of Danda-Rajpuri.
3. He wanted a supply of grenades, mortars and other ammunition.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- D**

72. Which of the following statements about the Vaishnava saint of Assam, Shankardeva, is/are correct ?

1. His teachings are often known as the Bhagavati dharma.
2. He encouraged the establishment of satras or monasteries and namghars or prayer halls for the transmission of spiritual knowledge.
3. His major compositions include the Kirtana-ghosha.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

73. Abdur Razzaq, an ambassador of the ruler of Persia, was sent to Calicut in the fifteenth century. He was greatly impressed by the :

- (a) Fortifications of Calicut
- (b) Climatic conditions of the coastal town
- (c) High quality spices of the place
- (d) Musical traditions of the place

**Ans- A**

74. Which of the following statements about the 'Race to Zero Campaign' is/are correct ?

1. One of the main objectives of the Race to Zero Campaign is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy.
2. It is related to the theory of Zero-Sum Game.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**



75. Which of the following statements about National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) with reference to India is/are correct ?

1. It emphasises that maintaining a high growth rate is essential for raising the living standards of the vast majority of the people of India and reducing their vulnerability to the impact of climate change.
2. It was released in 2014.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- A**

76. What does India's "Blue growth" refer to ?

- (a) Upgradation of Indian Air Force
- (b) Discouraging farmers from using pesticides
- (c) A long-term strategy to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors
- (d) Socio-economic empowerment of India's blue collar workers in the unorganized sector

**Ans- C**

77. Which of the following statements about 'Operation Sadbhavana' in Ladakh is/are correct ?

1. Indian Army undertakes welfare activities, such as running of Army Goodwill Schools in remote areas of Ladakh.
2. It aims at building harmonious relationships between religious communities in Ladakh.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- C**

79. Consider the following statements about some planets in the solar system :

1. Mercury has no atmosphere.
2. Venus has two moons.
3. There is no land on Jupiter.
4. Rings of Saturn are composed of lumps of ice and dust.

Which of the statements given above are correct ?

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

**Ans- D**

80. Which one of the following passes is *not* located in Indian Himalayan region ?

- (a) Zojila
- (b) Bolan
- (c) Shipkila
- (d) Lipulekh

**Ans- B**

81. Which one of the following set of trees does *not* belong to Temperate Floral Zone of Himalaya ?

- (a) Cashewnut and Magnolia
- (b) Oak and Maple
- (c) Rhododendrons
- (d) Birch and Laurels

**Ans- A**

82. Which one of the following statements about plantation agriculture is *not* correct ?

- (a) Plantation farm estates are scientifically managed.
- (b) Plantation farming requires heavy capital outlay.
- (c) Plantation farm lands have mainly foreign ownership and local labour.
- (d) Plantation farmers rear the animals for sale.

**Ans- D**

83. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists :

<i>List I</i> (Name of Shifting Cultivation)	<i>List II</i> (Country)
A. Roca	1. Sri Lanka
B. Chena	2. Thailand
C. Masole	3. Brazil
D. Tamarai	4. Zaire

**Code :**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
(a)	2	4	1	3
(b)	2	1	4	3
(c)	3	4	1	2
(d)	3	1	4	2

**Ans- D**

84. Consider the following statements with reference to Paleolithic tools :

1. Isampur was a well-known center of stone tool manufacture located in Gulbarga district of Karnataka and was situated along a small seasonal stream known as Kamta Halla.
2. A Paleolithic blade is a flake tool, the length of which is more than twice its width.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Ans- B**

85. Consider the following statements about science in medieval South India :

1. The Katapayadi system of numerals, which was invented by Vararuchi of Kerala, the author of Chandra Vakyas, was used for calculating the position of Moon on any day of the year.
2. Achyuta Pisharati (1550 – 1621) wrote Uparagakriyakrama, a text on eclipses.
3. Ravi Varma of Mahodayapuram set up an observatory and is also said to have inaugurated the Kollam era.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Ans- C**

86. Which of the following dynasties of South India issued their documents first in Prakrit and later in Sanskrit ?

- (a) The Cholas of Tamil Nadu
- (b) The Pandyas of the post-Sangam Age
- (c) The Pallavas of Tondaimandalam
- (d) The Gangas of Kalinganagara

**Ans- C**

87. Who was the author of the Gwalior Prashasti of Mihira Bhoja ?

- (a) Nagabhata
- (b) Vatsaraja
- (c) Baladitya
- (d) Kakkuka

Ans- C

88. The Sahajiya Cult, which can be traced back to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries, is usually associated with :

- (a) early Bhakti traditions
- (b) a kind of early Sufism
- (c) early Upanishadic philosophy
- (d) Buddhism

Ans- D

89. The landmark Supreme Court judgment in the case *Subhash Sharma v. Union of India* (1991) refers to which one of the following basic features of the Constitution of India ?

- (a) Judicial Review
- (b) Rule of Law
- (c) Free and fair elections
- (d) Fundamental Rights

Ans- D

**90.** Which of the following statements about the Panchayats in India, as per the Constitution of India is/are correct ?

1. There is a provision for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
2. Panchayats are not authorised to collect taxes.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- A**

**91.** Which one of the following statements about Mission Indradhanush, launched by the Government of India in 2014, is correct ?

- (a) It relates to provisions for Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services.
- (b) It meets the diverse health needs of adolescents.
- (c) It aims to increase the full immunisation coverage for children.
- (d) Its objective is to achieve universal access to equitable, affordable, and quality healthcare services.

**Ans- C**



92. Which one of the following amendments to the Constitution of India has introduced reservations in education and in public employment for people from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of society ?
- (a) The Constitution (101<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Act
  - (b) The Constitution (102<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Act
  - (c) The Constitution (122<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Act
  - (d) The Constitution (103<sup>rd</sup> Amendment) Act

Ans- D

93. Which among the following Fundamental Rights is *not* suspended when an Emergency is declared ?
- (a) Protection in respect of conviction for offences
  - (b) Right to constitutional remedies
  - (c) Right to move freely throughout the territory of India
  - (d) Equality before law

Ans- A

94. Any question pertaining to the disqualification of a member of the Lok Sabha on the ground of defection is decided by :
- (a) The President of India
  - (b) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
  - (c) The Supreme Court of India
  - (d) The concerned Political Party

**Ans- B**

- 95.** Which one of the following statements about Indian Maritime University (IMU) is *not* correct ?
- (a) It was established through an Act of Parliament as a Central University.
  - (b) It was established primarily to support the Indian Navy.
  - (c) It is located in Chennai.
  - (d) It was established to extend the benefits of knowledge and skill for development of individuals and society by associating closely with local, regional and national issues of development.

**Ans- B**

- 97.** Which of the following pairs of Isolines and its properties are correctly matched ?
- 1. Isonif : Snowfall
  - 2. Isohel : Sunshine
  - 3. Isohaline : Salinity
  - 4. Isohypse : Cloudiness
- Select the correct answer using the code given below :
- (a) 1, 2 and 3
  - (b) 2, 3 and 4
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 4

**Ans- A**

98. Which of the following is the correct order of clouds in ascending order (lowest to highest) of height from surface ?

1. Cirrocumulus
2. Nimbostratus
3. Cirrus
4. Altostratus

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- B**

99. Which of the following pairs of revolution in agriculture sector and its production are correctly matched?

1. Pink revolution : Shrimp production
2. Yellow revolution : Oilseeds production
3. Black revolution : Biodiesel production
4. Golden revolution : Egg production

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- A**

100. Which one among the following statements about National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is **not** correct ?

- (a) NHAI collects fees on the National Highway.
- (b) NHAI conducts training of Highway Engineers at entry level and in-service.
- (c) NHAI provides consultancy and construction services in India and abroad.
- (d) NHAI regulates and controls the plying of vehicles for its proper management.

**Ans- B**

101. Which of the following statements about the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) are correct ?

- 1. NCGG was set up by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy.
- 2. The National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR) has been rechristened and subsumed into NCGG.
- 3. NCGG is an apex-level autonomous body under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 4. The Chairperson of the Governing Body of the NCGG is the Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans- B**

103. The joint multinational maritime exercise named IBSAMAR is conducted by the Navies of which of the following countries ?

- (a) India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives
- (b) India, Bangladesh and South Africa
- (c) India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Mauritius
- (d) India, Brazil and South Africa

**Ans- D**

105. Under which one of the following rivers has India's first underwater metro rail tunnel been constructed ?

- (a) Yamuna
- (b) Ganga
- (c) Hooghly
- (d) Gomti

**Ans- C**

9. Which among the following is India's longest road tunnel ?

- (a) Atal Tunnel
- (b) Kuthiran Tunnel
- (c) Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Tunnel
- (d) Banihal Qazigund Road Tunnel

**Ans- C**

111. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists :

*List I*  
(Festivals of North  
East India)

*List II*  
(State)

- |                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| A. Hornbill Festival       | 1. Meghalaya |
| B. Chapchar Kut            | 2. Sikkim    |
| C. Nongkrem Dance Festival | 3. Nagaland  |
| D. Saga Dawa               | 4. Mizoram   |

**Code :**

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

**Ans- C**

112. From which one of the following countries has India procured the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system ?

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) U.S.A.
- (c) France
- (d) Russia

**Ans- D**

114. Cheetahs were recently re-introduced to India from Africa. From which language is the name 'Cheetah' derived ?

- (a) Swahili
- (b) Afrikaans
- (c) Somali
- (d) Sanskrit

Ans- D

115. A new species of pit-viper was discovered in 2019 and named after the State in which it was found. Identify the State from among the following :

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (d) Assam

Ans- B

120. Which one among the following correctly represents the theme on which the interiors of the new Parliament Building is based ?

- |     | <i>Lok Sabha</i> | <i>Rajya Sabha</i> |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| (a) | Lotus            | Banyan             |
| (b) | Peacock          | Lotus              |
| (c) | Peacock          | Banyan             |
| (d) | Lotus            | Peacock            |

Ans- B

