

- 1) Consider the following organizations/bodies in India
 - I. The National Commission for Backward Classes
 - II. The National Human Rights Commission
 - III. The National Law Commission
 - IV. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

How many of the above constitutional bodies?

- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) Only three
 - d) All four
- 2) Which one of the following regions of India has a combination of mangrove forest, evergreen forest and deciduous forest?
 - (a) North Coastal Andhra Pradesh
 - (b) South-West Bengal
 - (c) Southern Saurashtra
 - (d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- 3) With respect to 'Dark Oxygen', consider the following statements

Statement I – Oxygen that is being produced in complete darkness thousands of feet below the ocean surface is termed dark oxygen.

Statement II – Polymetallic nodules in the deep ocean generate oxygen through electrochemical activity even in the absence of light.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- c) Statement-I is correct but statement II is incorrect

d) Statement -I is incorrect but Statement -II is correct

4) Consider the following statements:

- I. No criminal proceedings shall be instituted against the Governor of a State in any court during his term of office.
- II. The emoluments and allowances of the Governor of a State shall not be diminished during his term of office.

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

5) Which of the following are the discretionary powers given to the Governor of a State?

- I. Sending a report to the President of India for imposing the President's rule
- II. Appointing the Ministers
- III. Reserving certain bills passed by the State Legislature for consideration of the President of India
- IV. Making the rules to conduct the business of the State Government

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

6) Which of the following statements about venture capital funds is correct?

- a) Venture capital funds primarily invest in established companies with stable revenues.
- b) Venture capital funds provide funding to early-stage startups with high growth potential.

- c) Venture capital funds only invest in technology companies.
- d) Venture capital funds typically offer low risk and low return investments.

7) Consider the following statements:

- I. World Mangrove Day is celebrated on July 26 to raise awareness about the importance of mangrove ecosystems.
- II. The day was officially designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.
- III. Mangroves are known for their role in protecting coastlines and supporting biodiversity.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None
- 8) Consider the following statements about the Global Mangrove Alliance (GMA):
- I. The GMA aims to restore and conserve mangrove ecosystems globally.
 - II. The GMA was established at the World Ocean Summit in 2018.
 - III. The GMA collaborates with various organizations, including non-profits, governments, and private sectors.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one
 - b) Only two
 - c) All three
 - d) None
- 9) The “Impact of Climate Change on Education” report is published by:
- a) The World Bank
 - b) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- c) The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
d) The World Health Organization (WHO)
- 10) The “World Heritage in Danger” list is published by which of the following organizations?
- a) UNESCO
b) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 11) Which of the following statements about the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) is correct?
- a) The LCR measures a bank's ability to cover its total liabilities with its liquid assets over a 12-month period.
b) The LCR is a regulatory requirement designed to ensure that banks maintain a minimum level of high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) to withstand a 30-day period of financial stress.
c) The LCR is primarily concerned with a bank's ability to meet long-term capital requirements.
d) The LCR calculation includes all types of liquid assets, regardless of their quality.
- 12) Consider the following statements about the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC):
- I. The ADPC primarily focuses on providing immediate relief and recovery aid during disasters.
II. The ADPC is a regional resource centre that focuses on disaster risk reduction and management in Asia.
III. The ADPC was established to coordinate international disaster relief efforts only in Southeast Asia.
- How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13) The Jabiluka uranium site is in which of the following countries?

- a) Canada
- b) Australia
- c) South Africa
- d) Kazakhstan

14) Consider the following statements:

- I. New Development Bank has been set up by APEC.
- II. The headquarters of New Development Bank is in Shanghai.

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

15) Which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) In India, the same person cannot be appointed as Governor for two or more States at the same time
- b) The Judges of the High Court of the States in India are appointed by the Governor of the State just as the Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President
- c) No procedure has been laid down in the Constitution of India for the removal of a Governor from his/her post
- d) In the case of a Union Territory having a legislative setup, the Chief Minister is appointed by the Lt. Governor based on majority support

16) Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report?

- I. Undernourishment
- II. Child stunting
- III. Child mortality

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

17) How do District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) help in the reduction of rural poverty in India?

- I. DRDAs act as Panchayati Raj Institutions in certain specified backward regions of the country.
- II. DRDAs undertake area-specific scientific study of the causes of poverty and malnutrition and prepare detailed remedial measures.
- III. DRDAs secure inter-sectoral and interdepartmental coordination and cooperation for effective implementation of anti-poverty programmes.
- IV. DRDAs watch over and ensure effective utilization of the funds intended for anti-poverty programmes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18) Consider the following statements:

- I. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is appointed by the Central Government.

II. Certain provisions in the Constitution of India give the Central Government the right to issue directions to the RBI in public interest.

III. The Governor of the RBI draws his power from the RBI Act.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

19) What is Cas9 protein that is often mentioned in the news?

- a) A molecular scissors used in targeted gene editing
- b) A biosensor used in the accurate detection of pathogens in patients
- c) A gene that makes plants pest-resistant
- d) An herbicidal substance synthesized in genetically modified crops

20) With reference to agriculture in India, how can the technique of 'genome sequencing', often seen in the news, be used in the immediate future?

- I. Genome sequencing can be used to identify genetic markers for disease resistance and drought tolerance in various crop plants.
- II. This technique helps in reducing the time required to develop new varieties of crop plants.
- III. It can be used to decipher the host-pathogen relationships in crops.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21) Which of the following can be said to be essentially the parts of 'Inclusive Governance'?

- I. Permitting the Non-Banking Financial Companies to do banking

II. Establishing effective District Planning Committees in all the districts

III. Increasing the government spending on public health

IV. Strengthening the Mid-day Meal Scheme

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

22) Along with the Budget, the finance minister also places other documents before the Parliament which include 'The Macro Economic Framework Statement'. The aforesaid document is presented because this is mandated by

- a) Long standing parliamentary convention
- b) Article 112 and Article 110(1) of the Constitution of India
- c) Article 113 of the Constitution of India
- d) Provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003

23) Which one of the following effects of creation of black money in India has been the main cause of worry to the Government of India?

- a) Diversion of resources to the purchase of real estate and investment in luxury housing.
- b) Investment in unproductive activities and purchase of precious stones, jewellery, gold, etc.
- c) large donations to political parties and growth of regionalism.
- d) Loss of revenue to the State Exchequer due to tax evasion.

24) At the national level, which ministry is the nodal agency to ensure effective implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006?

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- c) Ministry of Rural Development
- d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

25) Stiglitz Commission established by the President of the United Nations General Assembly was in the international news. The commission was supposed to deal with

- a) The challenges posed by the impending global climate change and prepare a road map
- b) The workings of the global financial systems and to explore ways and means to secure a more sustainable global order
- c) Global terrorism and prepare a global action plan for the mitigation of terrorism
- d) Expansion of the United Nations Security Council in the present global scenario

26) Consider the following statements:

- I. The Global Ocean Commission grants licences for seabed exploration and mining in international waters.
- II. India has received licences for seabed mineral exploration in international waters.
- III. 'Rare earth minerals' are present on the seafloor in international waters.

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

27) Which one of the following pairs of metals constitutes the lightest metal and the heaviest metal, respectively?

- a) Lithium and mercury
- b) Lithium and osmium

- c) Aluminium and osmium
- d) Aluminium and mercury

28) Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world?

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) UN Human Rights Council
- c) UN Women
- d) World Health Organization

29) With reference to the 'Trans-Pacific Partnership', consider the following statements:

- I. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia.
- II. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of maritime security only.

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

30) With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following statements:

- I. White marble was used in making Buland Darwaza and Khankah at Fatehpur Sikri.
- II. Red sandstone and marble were used in making Bara Imambara and Rumi
- III. Darwaza at Lucknow.

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

31) With what purpose is the Government of India promoting the concept of “Mega Food Parks”?

- I. To provide good infrastructure facilities for the food processing industry.
- II. To increase the processing of perishable items and reduce wastage.
- III. To provide emerging and eco-friendly food processing technologies to entrepreneurs.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

32) Consider the following pairs:

Protected area Well-known for

1. Bhitarkanika, Orissa Saltwater Crocodile
2. Desert National Park, Rajasthan Great Indian Bustard
3. Eravikulam, Kerala Hoolock Gibbon

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

33) Under the Indian Constitution, concentration of wealth violates

- a) the Right to Equality
- b) the Directive Principles of State Policy
- c) the Right to Freedom
- d) the Concept of Welfare

34) Which one of the following categories of Fundamental Rights incorporates protection against untouchability as a form of discrimination?

- a) Right against Exploitation
- b) Right to Freedom
- c) Right to Constitutional Remedies
- d) Right to Equality

35) What is/are the purpose/purposes of Government's 'Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme' and 'Gold Monetization Scheme'?

- I. To bring the idle gold lying with Indian households into the economy.
- II. To promote FDI in the gold and jewellery sector.
- III. To reduce India's dependence on gold imports.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

36) Which of the following statements about India's Act East Policy (AEP) is correct?

- a) The Act East Policy was launched in 1991 to strengthen economic ties with Western Europe.
- b) The Act East Policy aims to improve India's relations with Southeast Asian countries, East Asia, and the Indo-Pacific region.
- c) The Act East Policy focuses primarily on enhancing India's relationships with North American countries.
- d) The Act East Policy replaced the Look East Policy in 2005 to expand India's economic reach in South America.

37) Consider the following statements:

- I. Article 253 empowers the Parliament to make laws for implementing any international treaty, agreement, or convention.
- II. Under Article 253, the Parliament can legislate on subjects in the State List for the purpose of implementing international agreements.¹²
- III. Article 253 restricts the legislative power of the Parliament to only those matters mentioned in the Union List.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3
- 38) Consider the following statements regarding Article 293 of the Indian Constitution:

- I. Article 293 pertains to the borrowing by states within India.
- II. Article 293 allows states to borrow only with the consent of the Government of India.
- III. Article 293 grants the Central Government the power to control the financial borrowing of states only during times of national emergency.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3
- 39) The Report on Currency and Finance 2023-24, recently seen in news is released by
- a) Ministry of Finance
 - b) State Bank of India
 - c) Niti Ayog

d) Reserve Bank of India

40) The State of the World's Mangroves 2024" Report, recently seen in news is released by

- a) UNESCO
- b) UN Environment
- c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- d) None of the Above

41) Consider the following statements regarding Thorium-based nuclear power station.

- I. Russia has built the world's first nuclear power plant using molten thorium salt.
- II. Unlike uranium, thorium must first be converted to U-233 in a reactor to produce nuclear energy
- III. The station's reactor uses carbon dioxide for heat transfer and heavy water for cooling.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

42) Consider the following statements about the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM):

- I. The National Mission for Manuscripts was established by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- II. The mission aims to document and conserve manuscripts in different languages and scripts across India.
- III. The mission also provides training in manuscript conservation and palaeography.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43) The 'White category' sectors, as classified by environmental regulations in many countries, are characterized by which of the following attributes?

- a) High pollution potential and extensive regulatory requirements.
- b) Moderate pollution potential with moderate regulatory oversight.
- c) Low pollution potential and minimal regulatory requirements.
- d) No pollution potential and no regulatory requirements.

44) In the context of the developments in Bioinformatics, the term 'transcriptome', sometimes seen in the news, refers to

- a) a range of enzymes used in genome editing
- b) the full range of mRNA molecules expressed by an organism
- c) the description of the mechanism of gene expression
- d) a mechanism of genetic mutations taking place in cell

45) Consider the following statements.

- I. Charaideo moidams are royal burial sites of the Ahom dynasty.
- II. Charaideo moidams are mainly located in Tripura.
- III. Till now no cultural heritage site in North East India has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites List.

Which of the above statements is/are Not correct?

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

46) Consider the following statements about State of the World's Forests 2024 Report

- I. It is published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- II. According to the report there is a decline in deforestation rates compared to previous decades.
- III. India ranked third globally in terms of forest area gains

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

47) Consider the following statements regarding Agriculture Accelerator Fund.

- I. The Fund encourages Agri-startups by young entrepreneurs in rural areas.
- II. It was setup by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.
- III. The Fund aims to bring in modern technologies to transform agricultural practices and increase productivity.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

48) Consider the following statements regarding Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary.

- I. Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary is home to India's only ape and gibbon species, the hoolock gibbons.
- II. The forest's lower canopy is dominated by evergreen shrubs and herbs.

III. The forest has been fragmented and surrounded by tea gardens.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

49) Atal Innovation Mission is set up under the (2019)

- a) Department of Science and Technology
- b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

50) Consider the following statements regarding Ideas4LiFE portal.

- I. The portal invites innovative ideas to promote environment-friendly behaviours and lifestyles.
- II. It was launched by UNICEF YuWaah.
- III. Ideas4LiFE initiative supports global initiative of Mission LiFE.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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