

1. **Consider the following assertion:** *In the Pleistocene period either the Yamuna once flowed into the Indus, or the Sutlej flowed into the Yamuna and one major tributary of either had shifted from the Ganga to the Indus or vice versa.*

Which of the following is/are the basis of the above assertion?

1. The Nadi-Sukta of the Rigveda
2. The explorations of the Sutlej and the Yamuna by Robert Bruce Foote
3. The presence of the same species of dolphins in both the Indus and the Ganga River systems

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) 1 and 2 D) 3 only

Answer: D — 3

Explanation: The biological occurrence of the same species of fresh-water dolphin (*Platanista*) in both the Ganga and Indus River systems provide strong geological and hydrological evidence that these rivers shared interconnected channels or tributaries during the Pleistocene epoch.

Topic: Ancient Indian Rivers

2. **What does an empty seat represent in early Buddhist iconography?**

- A) The meditation of the Buddha B) The Buddha's First Sermon
C) The Buddha's Mahaparinibbana D) The Buddha's Mahabhinishkramana

Answer: A — The meditation of the Buddha

Explanation: Early Buddhist art utilized aniconic symbols rather than anthropomorphic depictions of the Buddha. In this symbolic scheme, the empty seat or throne represents the Buddha's meditative presence and enlightenment.

Topic: Buddhist Art And Architecture

3. **Which of the following pairs of ancient and modern names of rivers is/are correctly matched?**

1. Vitasta : Chenab
2. Asikni : Jhelum
3. Parushni : Ravi
4. Yavyavati : Beas

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 3 and 4
C) 3 only D) 4 only

Answer: C — 3 only

Explanation:

- *Parushni* is correctly matched with the **Ravi**.
- *Vitasta* refers to the **Jhelum** (not Chenab).
- *Asikni* refers to the **Chenab** (not Jhelum).
- *Yavyavati* is not identified as the Beas (Vipasa is the ancient name for Beas).

Topic: Ancient Indian Rivers

4. **Which of the following statements on the Amaravati Stupa and its relief sculpture is/are correct?**

1. It was located in the lower Krishna valley.
2. In India, it was next only to the Sanchi Stupa in size.
3. The Amaravati school of sculpture made a lasting impact on later South Indian sculpture, and its products were carried to Sri Lanka and South-East Asia.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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| A) 1 only | B) 1 and 3 only |
| C) 2 and 3 only | D) 1, 2 and 3 |

Answer: B — 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct: Amaravati was situated along the lower Krishna River.

Statement 3 is correct: Its art heavily influenced South Indian, Sri Lankan, and Southeast Asian Buddhist traditions.

Statement 2 is incorrect: Amaravati Stupa was larger in scale and dimension than the Sanchi Stupa at its peak development.

Topic: Buddhist Art And Architecture

5. **Which of the following pairs of the king and his dynasty in early historical Tamilakam is/are not correctly matched?**

1. Senguttuvan : Chera
2. Udiyanjeral : Chola
3. Nedunjelidan : Pandya

Select the answer using the code given below:

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| A) 1 and 2 | B) 2 only |
| C) 1 and 3 | D) 3 only |

Answer: B — 2 only

Explanation: Udiyanjeral was a prominent ruler of the **Chera** dynasty, not the Cholas. Senguttuvan (Chera) and Nedunjelidan (Pandya) are both correctly matched.

Topic: Sangam Age

6. Which of the following factors contributed to the formation of the Forward Bloc by Subhas Chandra Bose in 1939?

1. Bose failed to win the confidence of Mahatma Gandhi.
2. The Congress Left was disunited and failed to support Bose.
3. The Communists did not support Bose in his endeavours.
4. The supporters of M.N. Roy and socialist leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan preferred Congress unity to supporting Bose.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 1, 2 and 4
C) 1, 3 and 4 D) 2 and 4 only

Answer: B — 1, 2 and 4

Explanation: Bose formed the Forward Bloc inside the Indian National Congress following ideological differences with Mahatma Gandhi and the Old Guard. His efforts to rally the Left failed because the Congress Left remained fractured, and key leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan and M.N. Roy prioritized Congress unity over supporting an independent leftist grouping.

Topic: Modern Indian History

7. Consider the following statements regarding the British policy in Awadh immediately after its annexation in 1856:

1. The taluqdars were dispossessed of their estates but allowed to retain their arms and forts.
2. A Summary Revenue Settlement was made in 1856 assuming that the taluqdars were outsiders.
3. The British believed in taking revenue directly from the peasants by removing the taluqdars.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 2 and 3 only B) 1 and 3 only
C) 1, 2 and 3 D) 2 only

Answer: A — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Under the Summary Settlement of 1856, the British viewed taluqdars as illegitimate intermediaries and attempted to establish direct revenue assessments with landholders/peasants. As part of this policy, taluqdars were stripped of their forts and forced to disarm, making Statement 1 incorrect.

Topic: Revolt Of 1857

8. **Consider the following assertion:** *The genesis of political alliances based on community lay in the very nature of the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms, 1919.*

Which of the following statements support/supports the above assertion?

1. Reforms retained and extended the principle of separate electorates.
2. Separate electorates were supposed to counter Indian nationalism, which was growing stronger.
3. Deprived classes rallied around the favours inherent in separate electorates.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D — 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: The 1919 Act retained communal electorates for Muslims and extended them to Sikhs, Indian Christians, Anglo-Indians, and Europeans. This policy institutionalized communal identity in elective bodies, serving to check unified national identity and encouraging various social groups to organize politically along communal lines.

Topic: Constitutional Reforms In British India

9. **Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur, the famous classical singer from Karnataka, represented the:**

- A) Agra Gharana B) Gwalior Gharana
C) Patiala Gharana D) Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana

Answer: D — Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana

Explanation: Pandit Mallikarjun Mansur was a doyen of the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana, renowned for his command over complex *aprasiddha* (uncommon) ragas and seamless vocal technique.

Topic: Indian Classical Music

10. **In which one among the following texts does the term *kshetra-patni* ('mistress of the field') originate?**

- A) Rigveda B) Atharvaveda
C) Ashtadhyayi D) Arthashastra

Answer: B — Atharvaveda

Explanation: While *Kshetrapati* (Lord of the Field) appears in the Rigveda, the feminine deity/term *kshetra-patni* is associated with agrarian rituals found within the Atharvaveda.

Topic: Vedic Literature

11. **Which one of the following Carnatic music ragas is similar to Raga Bilawal in Hindustani music?**

- A) Nat Bhairavi B) Kamavardhini
C) Hanumatodi D) Dheera Shankarabharanam

Answer: D — Dheera Shankarabharanam

Explanation: Both *Dheera Shankarabharanam* (Carnatic) and *Raga Bilawal* (Hindustani) correspond to the Western Major scale (Suddha Swaras in Hindustani music).

Topic: Indian Classical Music

12. The artificially fixed rupee-sterling exchange rate prescribed by the Hilton-Young Commission (1926) was adopted by the British Government for which one of the following reasons?

- A) Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness
- B) Providing support to Indian importers
- C) Encouraging export of cotton produce from India
- D) Preventing depreciation of the Rupee in terms of gold

Answer: A — Aiding the flow of remittances from India and maintaining India's creditworthiness

Explanation: The 1s 6d ratio overvalued the rupee, favoring home charges/remittances to Britain and serving British imperial economic stability, despite strong protest from Indian industrialists and economists.

Topic: Colonial Economy

13. Consider the following statements:

1. Pali texts contain the first definite references to coins, e.g., kahapana, nikkha, kamsa, and kakanika.
2. The literary evidence from Pali texts is corroborated by archaeological evidence of punch-marked coins from many sites, most of them made of silver.

The above statements have been associated with which of the following?

- Emergence of urban life
- Transition to money economy

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The archaeological widespread presence of punch-marked silver coins alongside literary evidence in Early Buddhist/Pali literature marks both the **Second Urbanization** in the Ganga Valley and the **transition to a coin-based monetization system**.

Topic: Ancient Indian Economy

14. Which of the following temples has/have a Nagara-style shikhara?

1. Malegitti Shivalaya, Badami
2. Huchimalligudi Temple, Aihole
3. Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh
4. Virupaksha Temple, Pattadakal

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 2 and 3
C) 3 only D) 3 and 4

- **Answer: B — 2 and 3**

- **Explanation:**

- **Huchimalligudi (Aihole)** features an early Nagara curvilinear tower.
- **Dashavatara Temple (Deogarh)** is a classic Gupta-era Nagara temple.
- *Malegitti Shivalaya* and *Virupaksha Temple* are classic examples of Dravida architectural style.

- **Topic:** Temple Architecture

15. Among the four main forms of existence of life recognized in Jainism, which one of the following is not included?

- A) Deva (gods) B) Yaksha (demi-gods)
C) Manushya (humans) D) Tiryancha (animals and plants)

Answer: B — Yaksha (demi-gods)

Explanation: Jain cosmology classifies soul reincarnation into four gatis (destinies):

Deva (Heavenly beings/Gods)

Manushya (Human beings)

Tiryancha (Flora, fauna, animals, sub-humans)

Naraki (Hellish beings) *Yaksha* is a specific sub-category of heavenly beings, not one of the fundamental four main states.

Topic: Jainism

16) The Hallisalasya painting in the Bagh Caves represents:

- A) A joyous folk dance
B) Buddha in a meditative pose
C) The depiction of Shiva and Parvati on Kailasha
D) Samudramanthan (Churning of the Ocean)

Correct Answer: A — A joyous folk dance

Explanation: The Hallisalasya painting in the Bagh Caves is treated as a festive dance scene. Therefore, the accepted interpretation is a joyous folk dance.

Topic: History Of Science In India

17) Consider the following statements relating to the use of the place-value system in India:

1. The earliest epigraphic use of the place-value system in India is found in the Mankani plates from Gujarat (AD 595–596).
2. In the ninth century, place-values became general in inscriptions all over India.
3. The place-values have been found in Sanskrit inscriptions in South-east Asia as early as the seventh century.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only B) 1 and 3 only
C) 2 and 3 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: D — 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: All three statements regarding the use and spread of the place-value system are accurate. Early epigraphic evidence supports its early use, its wider inscriptional presence by the ninth century, and its appearance in seventh-century Sanskrit inscriptions in South-east Asia.

Topic: Harappan Civilization

18) Consider the following statements about the archaeological findings in Harappan towns:

- I. There is a wide occurrence of spindle-whorls in the houses but an absence of spinning wheels.
- II. Weights and measurement scales, complete with graduations, have been discovered.
- III. There are houses built in large part with baked bricks, around relatively spacious courtyards, with their own wells, bathing platforms, and large rooms.

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statements?

1. Statement I suggests that spinning was a laborious activity done at home.
2. Statement II suggests the extent of the scientific knowledge that the Harappans possessed.
3. Statement III suggests the emergence of a common property system.

Select the 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

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Statement I supports the inference that spinning was a household, labor-intensive activity. Statement II highlights the Harappans' developed metrological and scientific understanding.

Statement III points toward private or household-level facilities rather than a common property system. Thus, only inferences 1 and 2 are valid.

Topic: Peasant Movements

19) Which one of the following statements about the Eka Movement and Bardoli Satyagraha is correct?

- A) The Eka Movement was throughout supported and organized by the Congress while Bardoli Satyagraha was initially independent of Congress influence and was only in the last stages supported by the Congress.
- B) The Eka Movement was provided leadership by the taluqdars of Awadh, whereas the Bardoli Satyagraha was a movement of the landless labourers.
- C) The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, while the Eka Movement was a protest against excessive extraction of rents.
- D) The Eka Movement was located in the Varanasi and Mirzapur districts of the present-day U.P., while the Bardoli Satyagraha took place in Saurashtra.

Correct Answer: C — The Bardoli Satyagraha was a campaign against the enhancement of land revenue, while the Eka Movement was a protest against excessive extraction of rents.

Explanation: The Bardoli Satyagraha was launched against the excessive enhancement of land revenue, whereas the Eka Movement was primarily a protest by peasants against high rents and extraction demands by landholders.

Topic: Vedic Period

20) Consider the following statements about the Rigvedic period:

- I. Irrigation from wells allowed agriculture to expand away from flood plains and strips on river margins into the present Punjab and Haryana plains having underground water levels reasonably close to the surface.
- II. Draught-animal power was employed to draw up water out of the wells.

Which of the following information support/supports the above statements?

- 1. There is evidence in the Rigveda of the use of *ashma chakra* (stone pulley wheel) and *ahava* (strapped wooden pails) to draw up water.
- 2. Mention has been made in the Rigveda of the use of implements like *parashu/kulisha* (axe) and *datra/sreni* (sickle).
- 3. There is a history of the use of ox, even before the Rigveda, for ploughing the land and pulling the carts.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 2 and 3
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 3 only

Correct Answer: C — 1 and 3

Explanation: supports the existence of well-irrigation technology through pulley wheels and water-lifting devices.

merely indicates the use of agricultural implements such as axes and sickles. While it reflects agricultural activity, it does **not directly support** the specific claims regarding **well irrigation** or **draught-animal-powered water lifting**.

supports the use of draught animals, making animal-powered water lifting plausible.

Topic: World Geography

21) Tungurahua Volcano, which was declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO in 2025, is situated in which one among the following countries?

- A) Ecuador B) Peru
C) Bolivia D) Colombia

Correct Answer: A — Ecuador

Explanation: Tungurahua Volcano is located in Ecuador and was recognized as a UNESCO Global Geopark.

Topic: Protected Areas In India

22) With reference to Madhav National Park, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in India in 2025.
2. Sakhya Sagar, which is designated as a Ramsar Site, is situated within this National Park.
3. Its area is shared between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: Madhav National Park was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2025 and houses the Sakhya Sagar Ramsar Site. Statement 3 is incorrect because its area is located within Madhya Pradesh and not shared with Rajasthan.

Topic: Indian Climate

23) With reference to the climate of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The climate can be defined as a humid, tropical coastal climate.
2. It receives rainfall from both South-west monsoon and North-east monsoon.
3. Maximum precipitation is between December and May.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: The islands feature a humid, tropical coastal climate and receive rainfall from both the South-West and North-East monsoons. Statement 3 is incorrect as maximum precipitation occurs outside of the December–May period.

Topic: Indian Physiography

24) Which of the following geographical features or phenomena is/are associated with the Peninsular Block of India?

1. Submergence of parts of the western coast due to tectonic activity
2. Presence of residual mountain ranges such as the Veliconda hills and Mahendragiri hills
3. Deep, V-shaped river valleys formed by fast-flowing rivers

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: Coastal submergence along the west coast and the presence of residual mountain ranges (like Veliconda and Mahendragiri) are characteristic of the Peninsular Block. Deep, steep V-shaped valleys are associated with young fold mountains (Himalayas) rather than the mature Peninsular landscape.

Topic: Infrastructure And Ports

25) Consider the following statements with reference to the Sagarmala Programme of the Government of India:

- I. The Sagarmala Programme seeks to achieve port-led economic growth through cost-effective and sustainable coastal infrastructure.
- II. The success of the Sagarmala Programme is reflected in significant growth in coastal and inland waterway shipping, along with improved global port rankings.
- III. Sagarmala 2.0 aims to position India as a global maritime innovation hub aligned with Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047 visions.

Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?

1. Statement II validates the effectiveness of the strategies envisioned in Statement I.
2. Statement III extends the objectives of Statement I by embedding them into a future-oriented innovation framework.
3. Statement I contradicts Statement III by focusing only on traditional infrastructure instead of modern innovation.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: Statement II provides evidence of positive outcomes from the strategies in Statement I. Statement III expands the foundational goals into future-oriented goals. Statement I does not contradict Statement III.

Topic: Biodiversity

26) Consider the following statements about *Rhynchostylis retusa* (Foxtail orchid):

1. It is an epiphytic orchid.
2. The species is endemic to North-east India.
3. It is the State flower of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 3
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 3

Explanation: *Rhynchostylis retusa* is an epiphytic orchid and serves as the state flower for both Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. It is not strictly endemic only to North-east India.

Topic: World Heritage Sites In India

27) Which one of the following statements with regard to the Moidams, built by the Tai-Ahom kingdom and inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is correct?

- A) They acted as army fortresses.
B) They were recreation centres of the Royals and Nobles.
C) They were burial grounds of the Royals and Nobles.
D) They were battle drill centres of the Royals and Nobles.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 3
C) 3 only D) 2 and 4

Correct Answer: C — 3 only

Explanation: Moidams are the historic vaulted mound burial systems/burial grounds used by the kings and royalty of the Tai-Ahom dynasty.

Topic: Blue Economy

28) At the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) held in June 2025 in France, the FAO demonstrated its leading voice on "Blue Transformation". Which of the following combinations about the "Four Betters" proposed by FAO is correct?

- A) Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better ocean
- B) Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life
- C) Better coral reefs, better nutrition, better environment and better life
- D) Better estuaries, better nutrition, better environment and better mangrove vegetation

Correct Answer: B — Better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life

Explanation: The FAO's strategic framework relies on the "Four Betters": Better production, Better nutrition, Better environment, and Better life.

Topic: World Lakes

29) Which of the following statements with reference to Lake Turkana is/are correct?

- 1. It is the largest desert lake in the world.
- 2. The lake is situated in South Sudan along the eastern fringe of the Sahara desert.
- 3. The lake is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is also referred to as the 'Jade Sea'.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Lake Turkana is the world's largest permanent desert lake and a UNESCO World Heritage site known as the 'Jade Sea'. Statement 2 is incorrect because Lake Turkana is located primarily in Kenya (with its northern tip in Ethiopia), not South Sudan.

Topic: Forest Conservation

30) Which one of the following is the first Plan Vivo certified REDD+ project in India?

- A) Uttarakhand REDD+ project
- B) ICFRE-ICIMOD Transboundary REDD+ project in North-Eastern Himalayas
- C) Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project
- D) Sikkim Mamley Kamrang Community REDD+ project

Correct Answer: C — Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project

Explanation: The Khasi Hills Community REDD+ project in Meghalaya is recognized as India's first community-based REDD+ project certified under the Plan Vivo Standard.

Topic: General Studies / Forest Conservation

Here is the formatted list arranged according to your specified criteria, with question numbers matching the source and each question placed on the same line as its number:

31) Consider the following statements with reference to India's response to climate change:

I. India's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) is a crucial tool for achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

II. India's 4th Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) submitted in December 2024 recorded around 8% decrease in Greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 over 2019.

III. Climate-resilient development necessarily depends on quick and short-term achievement of emission reduction targets.

Which of the following relationships among the above statements is/are correct?

1. Statement I is empirically supported by Statement II.
2. Statement III contradicts the approach implicit in Statement I.
3. Statement I and Statement III together establish the premise of long-term sustainability.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: Statement I is accepted as a valid description of LT-LEDS in the context of India's long-term climate strategy. Statement II is empirical support for current climate-response performance. Statement III is rejected because climate-resilient development is not depending necessarily on only quick short-term emission achievements. Therefore relationships 1 and 2 are accepted.

Topic: Wildlife Conservation

32) With respect to the Western Hoolock Gibbons, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. A Sanctuary in North-east India is home to this ape species listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List.
2. They have specialized brachiation and can easily swing between trees.
3. They possess a strong and heavy build like gorillas, yet are remarkably agile tree climbers.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2

Explanation: The Western hoolock gibbon is an endangered ape found in a sanctuary in North-east India. Its brachiating tree-swinging locomotion is accepted. Hoolock Gibbons are specialized for brachiation and lightweight arboreal agility. Statement 3's claim of a "heavy gorilla-like build" is factually incorrect and excluded.

Topic: Mangrove Ecosystems

33) Which of the following best explain(s) the rationale for protecting mangrove ecosystems in the context of climate resilience?

1. Mangroves reduce tidal energy and store freshwater, making them ideal sites for paddy cultivation in saline estuarine belts.
2. Their salt-sensitive roots filter seawater, making mangroves key to converting coastal land into freshwater aquaculture zones.
3. By withstanding tidal surges and offering biomass resources, mangroves function both as natural bio-shields and livelihood bases for rural communities.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: D — 3 only

Explanation: Mangroves are accepted as natural bio-shields and livelihood bases because they withstand tidal surges and provide useful biomass resources. Therefore, statements 1 and 2 are not correct.

Topic: Ports And Maritime Logistics

34) In what way(s) does the Vizhinjam International Seaport represent a structural shift in India's maritime trade and logistics policy?

1. By functioning exclusively as a domestic cargo hub to reduce reliance on coastal shipping and eliminate the need for foreign collaborations.
2. By focusing primarily on passenger cruise tourism and heritage shipping to increase Kerala's profile as a maritime heritage destination.
3. By leveraging its natural deep draft and strategic location to reduce dependence on foreign trans-shipment ports, enhance revenue retention, and reposition India in regional maritime trade.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: D — 3 only

Explanation: Vizhinjam is structurally important because of its natural deep draft and strategic location. It reduces dependence on foreign trans-shipment ports and helps retain revenue within India. The other two descriptions are not accepted.

Topic: River Systems Of Indian Subcontinent

35) Identify the river of the Indian sub-continent on the basis of the following information:

- It has an antecedent drainage system.
- It flows through three countries.
- It originates in the Tibetan Plateau and is an important river for irrigation.
- It does not form distributaries.

Select the answer from the following:

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| A) Brahmaputra | B) Indus |
| C) Sutlej | D) Teesta |

Correct Answer: C — Sutlej

Explanation: The reasoning note matches Sutlej to all four cues. It is antecedent. It is flowing across Tibet/China, India, and Pakistan. It is presented as important for irrigation and as not forming an independent distributary system before entering the sea.

Topic: Indian Political Geography

36) Which of the following with reference to Indian States is/are not correct?

1. Uttar Pradesh shares its boundary with the highest number of other Indian States.
2. Rajasthan shares the longest international border among all Indian States.
3. Sikkim is the only State that shares its boundary with just one other Indian State.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- | | |
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| A) 1 only | B) 1 and 2 |
| C) 2 and 3 | D) 3 only |

Correct Answer: C — 2 and 3

Explanation: The question asks which statements are not correct. Statement 1 is correct because Uttar Pradesh borders the highest number of Indian states. Statement 2 is incorrect because West Bengal, not Rajasthan, is taken to have the longest international land border among states. Statement 3 is incorrect because Meghalaya, like Sikkim, borders only one other Indian state.

Topic: Bird Migration

37) Which of the following statements with regard to the arrival of Amur Falcons at Doyang Lake in Nagaland each year from Mongolia is/are correct?

1. It showcases how sustained local conservation efforts can contribute to the arrival and protection of international migratory birds.
2. It reflects the global success of advanced tracking technologies that guide migratory birds back to their stopover sites.
3. It confirms that Amur Falcons have adapted to permanent residency in India due to favourable habitat changes.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: A — 1 only

Explanation: The annual arrival of Amur Falcons at Doyang is evidence of successful local conservation support for migratory birds. The claim that advanced tracking technology guides them back is not accepted as the basis of the phenomenon. The claim that they have become permanent residents in India is also rejected.

Topic: Sustainable Agriculture

38) Which among the following is/are the objective(s) of the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) initiative under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)?

1. Encouraging monoculture in rainfed areas
2. Increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions
3. Enhancing productivity and minimising climatic risks through Integrated Farming Systems (IFS)

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 only

Correct Answer: D — 3 only

Explanation: The Rainfed Area Development initiative is promoting productivity and reducing climatic risk through Integrated Farming Systems. It is not encouraging monoculture. It is also not about increasing rice cultivation in irrigated regions.

Topic: Textile Certification

39) Which of the following is/are the most significant implication(s) of obtaining Oeko-Tex certification for Eri Silk in the global textile industry?

1. It allows Indian exporters to compete in high-end markets that prioritise chemical-free products.
2. It confirms that Eri Silk meets international safety, environmental, and quality standards, enabling its entry into premium eco-conscious markets.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: Oeko-Tex certification is helping Indian Eri silk compete in premium, safety-conscious, eco-conscious markets. It is also confirming conformity with international safety, environmental, and quality expectations. Therefore both implications are accepted.

Topic: International Waterways

40) Ships from which of the following countries have to cross the Strait of Hormuz to reach out to the Indian Ocean?

1. Bahrain
2. Syria
3. Qatar
4. Egypt

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 1 and 3
C) 2 and 3 D) 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 3

Explanation: Bahrain and Qatar lie in the Gulf and require passage through the Strait of Hormuz to reach the Indian Ocean. Syria and Egypt do not fit that requirement in the same way.

Topic: International Organisations

41) Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I (INTERPOL Notice)

- A. Silver Notice
B. Blue Notice
C. Black Notice
D. Green Notice

List II (Description)

1. To seek information on unidentified bodies
2. To collect additional information about a person's identity, location, or activities in relation to a criminal investigation

3. To provide warning about a person's criminal activities, where the person is considered to be a possible threat to public safety
4. To identify and trace criminal assets

Codes:

- A) A->3, B->1, C->2, D->4 B) A->3, B->2, C->1, D->4
C) A->4, B->2, C->1, D->3 D) A->4, B->1, C->2, D->3

Correct Answer: C — A->4, B->2, C->1, D->3

Explanation: Silver Notice is matched with tracing and identifying criminal assets. Blue Notice is matched with collecting additional information about a person's identity, location, or activities. Black Notice is matched with seeking information on unidentified bodies. Green Notice is matched with warning about a person's criminal activities and possible threat to public safety.

Topic: Environmental Governance

42) Which of the following statements in relation to NIRANTAR (a platform under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) is/are correct?

1. Ecosystem Survey and Analysis is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata.
2. Research and Management of Ecosystem Service is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Central Zoo Authority, New Delhi.
3. Capacity Development Support is a vertical under this platform, the lead institute of which is Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 1 and 3 only
C) 2 only D) 3 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Ecosystem Survey and Analysis is matched with BSI, Kolkata. Capacity Development Support is matched with IIFM, Bhopal. Therefore, the ecosystem-services vertical is not paired with the Central Zoo Authority.

Topic: India Germany Relations

43) The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany visited India in January 2026. Which of the following is/are not correct in terms of outcomes of this visit?

1. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the All India Institute of Ayurveda and the University of Hamburg
2. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Youth Hockey Development between Hockey India and the German Hockey Federation
3. Establishment of a bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Indo-Pacific

4. Opening of an Honorary Consul of Germany in Lucknow

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 2 and 3 B) 1 and 4
C) 3 and 4 D) 1 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 4

Explanation: The reasoning note treats the All India Institute of Ayurveda-Hamburg MoU and the Lucknow honorary consul point as not part of the official visit outcomes. It treats the youth hockey and Indo-Pacific outcomes as the actual outcomes. Since the question asks for what is not correct, the accepted pair is 1 and 4.

Topic: Semiconductors

44) Which of the following statements about DHRUV64 is/are correct?

1. It is the third chip fabricated under the DIR-V Programme with an overall aim to enable the creation of microprocessors for India.
2. It is India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: DHRUV64 is the third chip fabricated under the DIR-V programme. It is also India's first homegrown 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor. Therefore both statements are accepted.

Topic: Internal Security Technology

45) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) recently introduced a national standard to test and assess bomb disposal systems. Which of the following statements with regard to this system is/are correct?

1. The new standard is known as IS 19445 : 2025.
2. It will improve interoperability of equipment across agencies.
3. It was developed by TBRL, DRDO in collaboration with the 30th Central Scientific Research Institute, Russia.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1 only

Correct Answer: C — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: The new BIS standard is IS 19445 : 2025. It is also improving interoperability of bomb disposal equipment across agencies. Therefore, the Russia-linked development statement is not correct.

Topic: General Studies / Internal Security Technology

46) 'X', born in the UK, was conferred the Nobel Prize in 2025. He was a professor in an American university when this prize was announced. Identify 'X':

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| A) Michel H. Devoret | B) Richard Robson |
| C) John Clarke | D) Joel Mokyr |

Correct Answer: C — John Clarke

Explanation: John Clarke is the 2025 Nobel Physics laureate fitting the clue set. He is described as UK-born and serving at the University of California, Berkeley when the prize was announced.

Topic: Sports Governance

47) Which of the following statements with regard to the Grand Slam Tennis Tournaments is/are correct?

1. The tournaments have a shared governance structure establishing the partnership among the four Grand Slam tournaments.
2. They are open for entry to all internationally ranked tennis players above the age of 14.
3. There is a limitation on the number of 'Wild Cards' a player may receive to compete in a Grand Slam Tournament.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| A) 1 and 2 only | B) 2 and 3 only |
| C) 1 only | D) 1, 2 and 3 |

Correct Answer: C — 1 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is accepted because the Grand Slam tournaments are having a shared governance structure. Statement 2 is rejected because entry is not described as a simple blanket rule for all ranked players above 14; actual entry is mediated through pro ranking systems and tournament entry rules. Statement 3 is rejected because no single universal global wildcard cap of the kind described is accepted.

Topic: Semiconductor Industry

48) Which one of the following pairs of semiconductor plants in India and their locations is not correctly matched?

- A) CG Power and Industrial Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in partnership with Renesas Electronics and STARS Microelectronics : Gujarat
- B) Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt. Ltd. : Assam
- C) HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. : Madhya Pradesh
- D) SicSem Pvt. Ltd. : Odisha

Correct Answer: C — HCL-Foxconn Joint Venture India Chip Ltd. : Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The reasoning note states that the HCL-Foxconn OSAT facility is to be set up in Uttar Pradesh, near Noida/Jewar. Therefore pairing it with Madhya Pradesh is the mismatch.

Topic: Weather Forecasting Technology

49) Which of the following statements with regard to India's indigenous new high resolution weather model, the 'Bharat Forecast System', is/are correct?

- 1. Its objective is to generate forecasts at the Panchayats cluster level.
- 2. It was developed by IIT Delhi.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: A — 1 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is accepted because the Bharat Forecast System is described as targeting highly localized forecasting down to panchayat-cluster level. Statement 2 is rejected because the system was developed by IITM Pune, not IIT Delhi.

Topic: Cinema And Awards

50) Consider the following statements with regard to the film 'Boong':

- 1. The film has recently won the BAFTA Award in the Children's and Family Film category.
- 2. The film is directed by Lakshmipriya Devi.
- 3. This is the first Indian film to win a BAFTA award in the Children's and Family Film category.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 2 only
- D) 3 only

Correct Answer: A — 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: The reasoning file contains an earlier draft arguing for (b), but later corrects itself. The later settled note says statement 1 is actually correct because the question itself already specifies the Children's and Family Film category. Statement 2 is accepted because the film is directed by Lakshmi Priya Devi. Statement 3 is accepted because the film is the first Indian winner in that category.

Topic: Blockchain Technology

51) Which of the following statements regarding the features of blockchain technology are correct?

1. Records stored in the database may be made visible to relevant stakeholders without risk of alteration.
2. Copies of the entire database are stored on multiple computers on a network, syncing within seconds.
3. Consortium blockchain is a blend of public and private blockchains allowing selective data access.
4. Mathematical algorithms make it impossible to change or delete any data once recorded and accepted.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 3 B) 2 and 4 only
C) 1, 2 and 4 D) 1 and 4 only

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 3

Explanation: Statement 1 is accepted as a valid blockchain feature. Statement 2 is rejected because synchronization "within seconds" is too absolute for distributed blockchain systems. Statement 3 is accepted because consortium blockchains are allowing selective access across a grouped control structure. Statement 4 is rejected because "impossible" is considered too strong; data alteration is computationally difficult, not logically impossible.

Topic: E Commerce Models

52) An e-commerce revenue model where the seller has control over pricing but doesn't keep products in stock and instead transfers customer orders and shipment details to a third-party supplier, who then ships the goods directly to the customer, is called:

- A) Dropshipping Model
B) Affiliate Revenue Model
C) Transaction Fee Revenue Model
D) Agency Revenue Model

Correct Answer: A — Dropshipping Model

Explanation: In dropshipping, the seller controls the storefront and pricing but does not keep inventory. Customer order and shipment details are passed to a third-party supplier. The supplier ships the product directly to the buyer, which matches the description exactly.

Topic: Financial Inclusion

53) Which one of the following correctly represents the three key sub-indices of the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Credit access, Insurance depth, and Pension coverage
- B) Banking access, GDP contribution, and Financial literacy
- C) Access, Usage, and Quality
- D) Access, Affordability, and Transparency

Correct Answer: C — Access, Usage, and Quality

Explanation: The RBI Financial Inclusion Index is built around the three broad dimensions of access, usage, and quality. The other options add indicators such as GDP contribution, affordability, or pension coverage that are not the named three sub-indices.

Topic: Digital Commerce

54) Which one of the following best describes the key objective of India's 'Open Network for Digital Commerce' (ONDC) initiative?

- A) To allow government control over all digital commerce transactions
- B) To replace private e-commerce players
- C) To break the dominance of large e-commerce platforms by enabling interoperability across networks
- D) To mandate UPI-based payments for all online transactions

Correct Answer: C — To break the dominance of large e-commerce platforms by enabling interoperability across networks

Explanation: ONDC is designed as an open interoperable network rather than a single government-run marketplace. Its core aim is to reduce platform concentration by letting buyers and sellers interact across different digital commerce networks. It is not meant to eliminate private firms or mandate one payment mode.

Topic: Digital Payments

55) Which one of the following statements about Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (Digital Rupee) is not correct?

- A) UPI is a real-time payment system but Digital Rupee is akin to sovereign paper currency.
- B) In case of UPI, settlement for end users happens instantly as the money gets immediately debited or credited but in case of Digital Rupee, there is no settlement as the wallet balance gets transferred to another wallet.
- C) UPI transactions are recorded by banks and reflected in bank statements but in case of Digital Rupee, no data is captured in bank statements as transactions are from one wallet to another.
- D) In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and their respective banks.

Correct Answer: D — In both the cases (UPI and Digital Rupee), the liability lies with the users and their respective banks.

Explanation: The question asks for the statement that is not correct. Statements 1, 2, and 3 fit the usual distinction between account-based UPI transfers and wallet-based retail CBDC transfers. Statement 4 is rejected because Digital Rupee is a liability of the central bank, not simply of users and their respective banks in the same way as UPI-linked bank balances.

Topic: Asset Tokenization

56) Which of the following statements about Real-World Assets (RWA) Tokenization are correct?

- 1. Tokenization is the process of turning real world assets into digital tokens using blockchain technology.
- 2. Tokenization of real world assets offers 24×7 access, promoting financial inclusion.
- 3. Tokenization of real world assets will allow the access to high growth investment opportunities for individuals in India.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 2 only
- D) 1 and 3 only

Correct Answer: A — 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: Tokenization means converting ownership or value in a real-world asset into digital tokens on a blockchain. Such structures can support round-the-clock access and fractional participation, which is why statement 2 is accepted. Statement 3 is also correct because tokenization can widen access to investment opportunities that were earlier harder for small investors to enter.

Topic: Sustainable Finance

57) A bond whose proceeds are used only to finance or refinance a combination of both environmental and social projects is called:

- A) Green Bond
- B) Social Bond
- C) Sustainability Bond
- D) Sovereign Bond

Correct Answer: C — Sustainability Bond

Explanation: A green bond is for environmental projects only. A social bond is for social projects only. A sustainability bond combines both environmental and social use of proceeds, which matches the question.

Topic: MSME Financing

58) Which of the following statements about M1xchange's role in MSME financing is/are correct?

1. M1xchange provides collateral based loans to MSMEs.
2. M1xchange facilitates discounting of invoices and Bills of Exchange for MSMEs.
3. M1xchange functions as a credit rating agency for MSMEs.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 2 only
C) 2 and 3 only D) 1 only

Correct Answer: B — 2 only

Explanation: M1xchange is a trade receivables discounting platform for MSMEs. So statement 2 is accepted because it facilitates invoice and bill discounting. It is not a collateral-loan provider or a credit-rating agency, so statements 1 and 3 are rejected.

Topic: Fiscal Policy

59) Which one of the following best describes the 'Crowding Out Effect' in the context of fiscal policy?

- A) A situation where private investment increases due to increased Government spending
B) A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment
C) A situation where an increase in taxes leads to increased private sector investment
D) A situation where Government spending has no impact on aggregate demand

Correct Answer: B — A situation where Government borrowing leads to higher interest rates, which reduces private investment

Explanation: The crowding out effect refers to public borrowing absorbing available funds in financial markets. That pressure can push interest rates upward. Higher borrowing costs then discourage private investment, which is exactly what option (b) says.

Topic: Critical Minerals

60) Which of the following statements about Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and Critical Minerals is/are correct?

1. Modern technological innovations including Artificial Intelligence, robotics and space exploration extensively utilise Rare Earth Elements (REEs).
2. China has the highest share in mining of REEs followed by India.
3. The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to establish a robust framework for self-reliance in the critical mineral sector.
4. Rare Earth Elements are a set of 13 metallic elements.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 3 only B) 3 only
C) 1, 3 and 4 D) 1, 2 and 4

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is accepted because REEs are widely used in advanced technologies. Statement 2 is rejected because India is not the country immediately following China in REE mining share. Statement 3 is accepted in the final answer set. Statement 4 is rejected because rare earth elements are not just a set of 13 metallic elements in the usual classification.

Topic: General Studies / Critical Minerals

Here is the formatted list starting from Question 61, arranged with question numbers and questions on the same line, no bullet points, and using standard alphanumeric labels for options:

61) Which of the following statements about insurance in the aviation sector is/are correct?

1. 'Aviation Hull Insurance' covers the physical aircraft, including the body, engine, and on-board equipment.
2. Under the Montreal Convention, adopted in 1999 by over 130 countries including India, airlines are strictly liable to pay compensation to the family/nominee of every deceased passenger without requiring the family to prove fault.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: Aviation Hull Insurance covers the aircraft itself, including its structure, engines, and onboard equipment. The Montreal Convention framework accepts carrier liability for passenger death without requiring the family to first prove fault up to the applicable threshold. Therefore both statements are correct.

Topic: Crowdfunding

62) Which of the following statements about Crowdfunding is/are correct?

1. Crowdfunding is solicitation of funds (small amount) from multiple investors through a web-based platform or social networking site for a specific project.
2. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are able to raise funds at lower cost of capital without undergoing rigorous procedures.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
 C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: Crowdfunding is correctly described as raising small amounts from many people through online platforms for a specific project or venture. It is also a way for SMEs to access funds more easily and often with lower procedural barriers than traditional fundraising routes. Hence both statements are accepted.

Topic: Economic Committees

63) With reference to different Committees in India, consider the following details:

Sl. No.	Committee	Objective	Organisation under which it was formed
1.	R.N. Malhotra Committee	Comprehensive reforms of Insurance sector in India	Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
2.	L.C. Gupta Committee	Preparing a roadmap for the introduction of derivatives trading in India	Securities and Exchange Board of India
3.	Urjit R. Patel Committee	Preparing a roadmap for reforming bank lending to the Housing sector	Reserve Bank of India
4.	Y.H. Malegam Committee	Preparing a roadmap for reforms in Microfinance sector in India	Reserve Bank of India

In which of the above rows are all the details correctly matched?

- A) 2 only B) 2 and 3
 C) 1, 3 and 4 D) 2 and 4

Correct Answer: D — 2 and 4

Explanation: Row 2 is accepted because the L. C. Gupta Committee is associated with the roadmap for derivatives trading under SEBI. Row 4 is accepted because the Y. H. Malegam Committee is linked with microfinance reform under the RBI. Row 1 is rejected because the R. N. Malhotra Committee predates IRDAI and was not formed under it. Row 3 is rejected because the Urjit Patel Committee is associated with monetary policy and inflation-targeting reform, not housing-sector bank lending reform.

Topic: Non Banking Financial Companies

64) Consider the following statements about Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India:

1. NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits.
2. All the NBFCs operating in India have to be registered with the RBI.
3. NBFCs form part of the payment and settlement system and can issue cheque drawn on itself.
4. Deposit insurance facility of DICGC is not available to the depositors of deposit taking NBFCs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 4 B) 1, 2 and 3
C) 4 only D) 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 4

Explanation: NBFCs do not accept demand deposits, so statement 1 is correct. Statement 2 is not accepted as universally true in the absolute form used in the question. Statement 3 is rejected because NBFCs are not banks and cannot issue cheques drawn on themselves as part of the payment and settlement system in that manner. DICGC insurance is not available to depositors of deposit-taking NBFCs, so statement 4 is correct.

Topic: Poverty Measurement

65) Consider the following statements about Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):

1. MPI is calculated using Alkire-Foster methodology.
2. MPI calculated by NITI Aayog has a total of twelve indicators.
3. Maternal Health and Bank Account are common indicators in the MPI of NITI Aayog and MPI of UNDP.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only B) 1, 2 and 3
C) 1 and 3 only D) 2 only

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: MPI is calculated using the Alkire-Foster methodology. It also accepts that NITI Aayog's MPI uses 12 indicators. Statement 3 is rejected because Bank Account is a NITI-specific addition, not a common indicator shared with the global UNDP MPI.

Topic: Genetic Medicine

66) Which of the following statements with regard to genetic medicine is/are correct?

1. Genetic medicines correct/compensate for the faulty genes responsible for disease.
2. Engineered viruses and lipid nanoparticles are used as carriers of the genetic medicine.
3. Genetic medicines alter the entire DNA sequence.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: C — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Genetic medicine is meant to correct, replace, silence, or compensate for faulty genes involved in disease. Delivery systems such as engineered viral vectors and lipid nanoparticles are commonly used carriers. Statement 3 is rejected because these therapies do not alter the entire DNA sequence.

Topic: Artificial Intelligence

67) Which of the following statements with regard to Large Language Models (LLMs) used in machine learning is/are correct?

1. LLMs assign probabilities to the next possible words and then pick the one with the highest probability.
2. LLMs process data through mathematical optimization to minimise prediction errors.
3. LLMs produce unbiased outputs.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 1 and 2 only
C) 2 and 3 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: LLMs model probabilities over likely next tokens or words, so statement 1 is accepted in the simplified exam sense. They are trained using optimization methods that minimize prediction error, so statement 2 is also correct. Statement 3 is rejected because LLM outputs can reflect bias present in training data and system design.

Topic: Defence Technology

68) Which of the following statements with regard to stealth technology is/are correct?

1. Stealth objects have a very small radar cross-section and are coated with Radar Absorbing Material.
2. Stealth objects can be detected using specific frequencies.
3. Stealth objects are coated with metamaterials to increase the scattering of electromagnetic radiation.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: C — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Stealth platforms aim to reduce radar cross-section and often use radar-absorbing materials, so statement 1 is accepted. They can still be detected under some conditions or frequency bands, so statement 2 is accepted. Statement 3 is rejected because stealth design aims to reduce or control reflection and scattering, not increase electromagnetic scattering.

Topic: Aviation Safety

69) Which of the following statements with regard to Black Boxes used in modern aircrafts is/are correct?

1. They carry a beacon emitting red light pulses to facilitate underwater detection.
2. They record both the cockpit voice and flight data.
3. Their memory units are made using either stainless steel or titanium.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because black-box underwater locator beacons emit acoustic pulses, not red light. Statements 2 and 3 are accepted because the system records cockpit voice and flight data and uses hardened protective materials like stainless steel or titanium.

Topic: Green Hydrogen

70) Which of the following statements with regard to Green Hydrogen is/are correct?

1. It is decarbonized hydrogen obtained from natural gas reforming combined with carbon capture and storage (CCS).
2. It is produced using electrolysis of water with electricity generated by renewable energy.
3. National Green Hydrogen Mission of India aims for abatement of nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 describes hydrogen from natural gas reforming with carbon capture, which is generally classified as blue hydrogen, not green hydrogen. Green hydrogen is produced by electrolysis using renewable electricity, so statement 2 is correct. The National Green Hydrogen Mission is also targeting roughly 50 MMT annual greenhouse-gas abatement by 2030, so statement 3 is accepted.

Topic: Space Sector Reforms

71) Consider the following statements with regard to involvement of private entities in India's space programme:

1. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) is an autonomous agency formed to facilitate participation of private entities.
2. Agnikul Cosmos launched the world's first flight using 3D-printed rocket engine.
3. Skyroot Aerospace has developed liquid fuel for GSLV.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: C — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: IN-SPACe is the autonomous body created to promote and authorize private-sector participation in India's space ecosystem. Agnikul Cosmos is accepted for its milestone involving a 3D-printed rocket engine. Statement 3 is rejected because Skyroot Aerospace has not developed liquid fuel for GSLV.

Topic: Drone Technology

72) Which of the following statements with regard to drone swarms is/are correct?

1. They use Terahertz band of frequency to communicate with the command centre.
2. Individual drones in the swarm can communicate with other drones in the swarm.
3. GPS Spoofing is a commonly used technique to counter drone swarm attack.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because terahertz-band communication is impractical for normal command-and-control of drone swarms. Statement 2 is accepted because inter-drone communication is a core property of swarms. Statement 3 is accepted because GPS spoofing is a common anti-drone or anti-swarm countermeasure.

Topic: Genomics

73) Which of the following statements with regard to GenomeIndia Project is/are correct?

1. It is a part of the Human Genome Project.
2. The project is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India.
3. Its primary aim is to build a catalogue of genetic diversity of the Indian population.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: GenomeIndia is not a part of the original Human Genome Project, so statement 1 is rejected. It is funded by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. Its main purpose is to build a catalogue of Indian genetic diversity, so statements 2 and 3 are accepted.

Topic: Quantum Technology

74) Which of the following statements with regard to the National Quantum Mission (NQM) is/are correct?

1. It aims at developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50–1000 physical qubits.
2. Its implementation includes setting up of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in academic and national R&D institutes across India.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Correct Answer: C — Both 1 and 2

Explanation: The National Quantum Mission is framed around developing intermediate-scale quantum systems in the 50-1000 physical qubit range. Its implementation also includes four thematic hubs in academic and national R&D institutions. Therefore both statements are accepted.

Topic: Deep Ocean Mission

75) Which of the following statements with regard to India's Deep Ocean Mission is/are correct?

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India.
2. Matsya-6000 has been designed to carry 3 people for deep sea exploration.
3. Samudrayaan is a project under this mission.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 only B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because the Deep Ocean Mission was launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, not Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Matsya-6000 is accepted as a submersible designed to carry three people for deep-sea exploration. Samudrayaan is also accepted as a project under the mission.

Topic: General Studies / Deep Ocean Mission

76) Mr. X, a senior officer, was overseeing a critical vaccination programme during a pandemic. He found that a private service provider responsible for vaccine distribution was compromising on quality to make profits. Despite immense pressure to manage the issue due to vested interests, he raised his voice and reported the issue to the appropriate vigilance authority and halted the contract to ensure citizen welfare. Which one among the following principles of public administration was most strongly demonstrated by Mr. X's actions?

- A) Esprit de corps B) Equity
C) Accountability D) Delegation

Correct Answer: C — Accountability

Explanation: The officer identified wrongdoing affecting public welfare and reported it to the proper vigilance authority. He also acted to stop the compromised contract instead of ignoring pressure from vested interests. That most strongly reflects accountability in public administration.

Topic: Tribal Rights

77) In a multi-ethnic district, a Government decision to allocate land for a waste management facility near a tribal hamlet has sparked protests by the tribal community, which claimed that the land was sacred and critical to their cultural identity. As a responsible Government official, you are tasked with resolving the situation through mediation. Consider the following statements with reference to the above:

1. A successful conflict resolution process must begin with acknowledging the cultural concerns of the protesting tribal community before discussing technical alternatives.
2. The Government should move ahead with the project without delay to address urban health concerns, which outweigh the sentiments of a small group.
3. Creating a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform — including tribal leaders, environmental experts, and municipal representatives — to build mutual understanding and help de-escalate tensions.
4. Conducting an independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and sharing findings transparently with both sides to facilitate evidence-based decision-making.

Which of the statements given above would contribute to the resolution process?

- A) 1, 3 and 4 only B) 2, 3 and 4 only
C) 1 and 2 only D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: A — 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation: A sound mediation process begins by recognizing the tribal community's cultural concerns, so statement 1 is accepted. Multi-stakeholder dialogue and an independent ESIA both support trust-building and evidence-based resolution, so statements 3 and 4 are accepted. Statement 2 is rejected because pushing the project ahead without addressing the community's concerns would escalate conflict rather than resolve it.

Topic: Administrative Ethics

78) Ms. X is a mid-level civil service official working in the urban development department. She received confidential information indicating that one of the shortlisted contractors for a public infrastructure project had a history of poor workmanship and allegations of corruption in other cities. The Head of the Department, Mr. Y, advised her not to disclose this information. However, Ms. X believed that withholding such information compromised transparency and public trust. What amongst the following should Ms. X do now?

1. Immediately disclose the information to the project committee and the public
2. Recommend removing the contractor from the shortlist to protect the project's integrity
3. Propose a 'limited disclosure' to an oversight committee, while keeping the information confidential from the public for the time being

Select the answer using the code given below:

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| A) 1 and 2 only | B) 3 only |
| C) 2 and 3 only | D) 1, 2 and 3 |

Correct Answer: B — 3 only

Explanation: This is best resolved as a procedural-integrity question. Action 2 is rejected because immediate contractor removal based only on allegations is seen as violating natural justice. Action 3 is accepted because limited disclosure to an oversight body preserves due process and institutional hierarchy. Therefore the file argues that the safer UPSC-style answer is 3 only.

Topic: Fundamental Rights

79) 'X' was addressing a seminar on the meaning of the term 'law' as provided under Article 13, Part III of the Constitution of India. 'X' explained that the meaning of the term 'law' was very comprehensive — including ordinances, orders, rules and regulations. 'Y' pointed out that the term 'law' in Article 13 also included custom or usage having in the territory of India the force of law, to which 'X' was not convinced. Based on the above, select the correct conclusion from the options given below:

- A) 'X' is correct in the interpretation of law, including the view on non-inclusion of custom.
- B) The view of 'Y' that 'law' included custom is not correct.
- C) The views of both 'X' and 'Y' are correct.
- D) The view of only 'Y' is correct.

Correct Answer: D — The view of only 'Y' is correct.

Explanation: Article 13(3)(a) is explicitly including ordinances, orders, rules, regulations, customs, and usages having the force of law. Y is therefore correct in saying custom or usage is included. X is taken as incorrect overall because X refuses to accept the inclusion of custom.

Topic: Basic Structure Doctrine

80) Consider the following statements with reference to the Constitution of India:

1. There is no Article in the Constitution of India that specifies that the Constitution of India will be officially called the 'Constitution of India'.
2. There is no Article in the Constitution of India that specifies that the Indian Independence Act, 1947 and the Government of India Act, 1935 stand repealed.
3. There is no Article in the Constitution of India that mentions 26th January, 1950 as the date of the commencement of the Constitution of India.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- A) All three statements are correct.
- B) There is no correct statement.
- C) There are two correct statements that include statement 3.
- D) There is only one correct statement.

Correct Answer: B — There is no correct statement.

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because Article 393 explicitly gives the short title Constitution of India. Statement 2 is rejected because Article 395 explicitly repeals the relevant pre-Constitution enactments. Statement 3 is rejected because Article 394 explicitly mentions commencement on 26 January 1950.

Topic: Rights Of Persons With Disabilities

81) Which of the following statements with regard to persons with disabilities in India is/are correct?

1. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, an Act passed by the Parliament of India in 2018, mandates reservation in education and employment, places a legal duty on Governments to ensure accessibility and non-discrimination.
2. The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan focuses on achieving universal accessibility for Persons with Disabilities across three key domains — built infrastructure, transport systems and information and communication technology.
3. The National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) is a public sector organisation set up by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as a not-for-profit company to promote entrepreneurship among Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Select the answer using the code given below:

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| A) 1 and 2 | B) 2 only |
| C) 1 and 3 | D) 1 only |

Correct Answer: B — 2 only

Explanation: This question is flawed and has no valid option. Statement 1 is rejected because the RPwD Act was passed in 2016, not 2018. Statement 2 is accepted because Sugamya Bharat covers built environment, transport, and ICT accessibility. Statement 3 is rejected because universal accessibility across all central government buildings is an unfulfilled goal.

Topic: Scheduled Areas And Tribal Administration

82) Consider the following statements about the provisions pertaining to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in India:

1. Provisions regarding the administration of the Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram are given in the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India.
2. Some tribes of India are entitled to exemption from paying Income Tax on certain incomes.
3. The Constitution of India provides for reservation of seats in Panchayats for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- A) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.
- B) There are two correct statements, that are statements 1 and 3.
- C) There is only one correct statement.
- D) All three statements are correct.

Correct Answer: A — There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because administration of Tribal Areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram falls under the Sixth Schedule, not the Fifth Schedule. Statement 2 is accepted because certain tribal communities enjoy income-tax exemptions on specified incomes under applicable legal provisions. Statement 3 is also accepted because the Constitution provides reservation in Panchayats for SCs and STs, including women belonging to those categories.

Topic: Parliamentary Procedures

83) Consider the following statements in respect of questions asked by the Members in the Parliament of India:

1. Unstarred questions are those to which a Member desires an oral answer in the House.
2. Starred questions are those to which a Member desires a written answer.
3. No supplementary question can be asked on an unstarred question.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- A) All the three statements are correct.
- B) There are two correct statements, that include statement 2.
- C) There is only one correct statement.
- D) There is no correct statement.

Correct Answer: C — There is only one correct statement.

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect because unstarred questions receive written, not oral, answers. Statement 2 is also incorrect because starred questions are meant for oral answers. Statement 3 is correct because supplementary questions are not allowed on unstarred questions.

Topic: Parliamentary Committees

84) Consider the following statements about the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the Parliament of India:

1. Although members of this Committee are elected from both Houses of Parliament, the Chairperson of this Committee is appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.
2. Twenty members are elected by the Rajya Sabha and ten members by the Lok Sabha.
3. No Minister, except for the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, is eligible to be a member of this Committee.
4. Members are elected for a fixed term of two years from the date they enter their office.

Which one of the following conclusions based on the above statements is correct?

- A) There are four correct statements.
- B) There is only one correct statement, that is statement 2.
- C) There are two correct statements, that include statement 1.
- D) There is no correct statement.

Correct Answer: D — There is no correct statement.

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because the chairperson is not appointed by the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha in the manner described. Statement 2 is incorrect because the strength split between the two Houses is reversed from what the question states. Statement 3 is incorrect because ministers are generally not eligible to serve, and no such special exception applies here. Statement 4 is rejected because the committee term is not a fixed two-year term as stated.

Topic: Defence Systems

85) Consider the following statements about Mission Sudarshan Chakra of India:

1. It aims to enhance India's air defence, ballistic missile defence and aerial offensive capabilities.
2. This Mission is being designed to enhance rapid, precise, and powerful defence responses, reinforcing India's strategic autonomy.
3. One of the aims of this Mission is to cover all public places of India by an expanded nationwide security shield by 2035.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3
- B) 1 and 2 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) 1 only

Correct Answer: B — 1 and 2 only

Explanation: Statements 1 and 2 are accepted, while statement 3 is rejected. The underlying theme is that Mission Sudarshan Chakra concerns strategic defence capability, not a nationwide public-place shield by 2035.

Topic: India Neighbourhood Connectivity

86) Consider the following statements about river bridges connecting India with neighbouring countries:

1. 'Maitri Setu', built over Feni river, connects Ramgarh in India with Sabroom in Bangladesh.
2. Jhulaghat suspension bridge connects India with Myanmar.
3. Mechi bridge and its approaches connect Panitanki Bypass in India with Kakarvitta in Nepal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 B) 2 and 3
C) 1 only D) 3 only

Correct Answer: D — 3 only

Explanation: The reasoning note rejects statement 2 because Jhulaghat connects India and Nepal, not India and Myanmar. The later settled key also accepts statement 3 and rejects the other claims.

Topic: Criminal Procedure

87) Which of the following statements about a Zero First Information Report (Zero FIR) under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 is/are correct?

1. A Zero FIR can be lodged at a police station, even though the place of commission of a cognizable/non-cognizable offence is outside the territorial jurisdiction of that police station.
2. The Officer-in-Charge of the police station where a Zero FIR has been lodged may, with the permission of the competent authority, initiate a preliminary enquiry.
3. Under Zero FIR, it is obligatory for the informant to furnish information electronically.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 only D) 2 only

Correct Answer: D — 2 only

Explanation: Zero FIR applies to cognizable offences, not as a general arrangement covering cognizable and non-cognizable offences together. That makes statement 1 problematic. It accepts the procedural enquiry point and rejects the claim that electronic filing is mandatory.

Topic: Government Organisations

88) With reference to the organisations under the Government of India, consider the following details:

Sl. No.	Organisation	Function	Controlling Union Ministry
1.	Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)	To coordinate between various law enforcement agencies	Ministry of Home Affairs
2.	Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)	To investigate complex corporate frauds	Ministry of Finance/MCA
3.	Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	To preserve values in public life and ensure the health of the national economy	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension

In how many of the above rows are the given details correctly matched?

- A) 1 B) 2
C) 3 D) None

Correct Answer: A — 1

Explanation: The key point is that CEIB belongs under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, not the Ministry of Home Affairs. That leaves only one correctly matched row in the table.

Topic: International Labour Conventions

89) Which of the following international conventions have not been ratified by India?

1. Employment Policy Convention
2. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention
3. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
4. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War
5. Convention on Reduction of Statelessness

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 2 and 4 B) 1 and 2
C) 3 and 4 only D) 3, 4 and 5

Correct Answer: D — 3, 4 and 5

Explanation: Conventions 1 and 2 are taken as ratified by India. It treats the Migrant Workers Convention and the Convention on Reduction of Statelessness as not ratified. Item 4 is also placed in the non-ratified set.

Topic: Artificial Intelligence Governance

90) Consider the following statements with respect to the AI Impact Summit, 2026 held in New Delhi:

1. The Summit's intellectual framework was based on three foundational Sutras: People, Planning, and Progress.
2. The Preamble of the Summit stresses Democratising AI Resources, which acknowledges the Charter for Democratic Diffusion of AI as a binding framework to support locally relevant innovation and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws.
3. The New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact was structured around seven Chakras (Pillars), which included Access for Social Empowerment, AI for Science, and Secure and Trusted AI.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 1 and 2 only
C) 2 and 3 only D) 3 only

Correct Answer: A — 1, 2 and 3

Explanation: All three statements are correct. This note remains brief because the earlier material preserved the answer more clearly than the step-by-step derivation.

Topic: General Studies / Artificial Intelligence Governance

Here is the formatted content starting from Question 91 through Question 100, arranged with question numbers and questions on the same line, no bullet points, and using standard alphanumeric labels for options:

91) Which of the following connectivity projects is/are a part of cooperation between India and the ASEAN member countries?

1. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project
2. IMT Trilateral Highway
3. Agartala-Akhaura Rail Line

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 2 and 3
C) 1 and 3 D) 2 only

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 2

Explanation: The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project links India with Myanmar, which is an ASEAN member. The IMT Trilateral Highway also connects India with Myanmar and Thailand and

is part of India-ASEAN connectivity cooperation. The Agartala-Akhaura rail line is an India-Bangladesh project, and Bangladesh is not an ASEAN member.

Topic: India's Development Partnerships

92) Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I (Project Supported by India)	List II (Country)
A. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project	1. Maldives
B. Restoration of Stor Palace	2. Afghanistan
C. District Hospital at Dickoya	3. Bhutan
D. Institute of Security and Law Enforcement Studies	4. Sri Lanka

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) A->1, B->4, C->2, D->3 B) A->3, B->2, C->4, D->1
 C) A->3, B->4, C->2, D->1 D) A->1, B->2, C->4, D->3

Correct Answer: D — A->1, B->2, C->4, D->3

Explanation: The correct matching is option (d). This note remains brief because the earlier material preserved the final mapping more clearly than the full derivation.

Topic: Defence Manufacturing

93) Which of the following items of defence hardware is/are manufactured in India?

1. Su-30 MKI Fighter Jets
2. T-90 MK-III Tanks
3. Akula Class Submarine

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 1 and 3
 C) 1 only D) 2 only

Correct Answer: A — 1 and 2

Explanation: Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft are manufactured in India under licensed production. T-90 tanks are also produced in India. Akula-class submarines are not domestically manufactured Indian platforms in this question.

Topic: Multilateral Forums

94) Consider the following statements about platforms for multilateral co-operation:

1. The 'Colombo Process' is a regional consultative process in which member states take binding decisions by consensus.
2. The 'Abu Dhabi Dialogue' is a voluntary non-binding consultative process among Asian countries of labour origin and destination to facilitate regional cooperation on contractual labour mobility.
3. The 'Global Forum for Migration and Development', created upon the proposal of a former UN Secretary General, is a voluntary forum whose decisions are non-binding in nature.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3 B) 1 and 3 only
C) 2 and 3 only D) 2 only

Correct Answer: C — 2 and 3 only

Explanation: Statement 1 is rejected because the Colombo Process is a consultative platform and not one that takes binding decisions by consensus. Statement 2 is accepted because the Abu Dhabi Dialogue is a voluntary, non-binding consultative process on labour mobility. Statement 3 is also accepted because the Global Forum for Migration and Development is a voluntary, non-binding forum.

Topic: United Nations Agencies

95) Consider the following UN organisations/agencies:

1. World Food Programme
2. United Nations Children's Fund
3. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
4. International Labour Organisation

How many of the above has/have been awarded the Nobel Prize twice?

- A) 1 B) 2
C) 3 D) 4

Correct Answer: B — 2

Explanation: The correct answer is option (b). Statement 2 is the accepted answer.

Topic: UN Peacekeeping

96) Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I (UN Peacekeeping Operation)	List II (Period of Operation)
A. UNMIL	1. 2007-2010
B. MINURCAT	2. 2002-2005
C. MINUSTAH	3. 2003-2018
D. UNMISSET	4. 2004-2017

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) A->3, B->4, C->1, D->2
- B) A->3, B->1, C->4, D->2
- C) A->2, B->1, C->4, D->3
- D) A->2, B->4, C->1, D->3

Correct Answer: B — A->3, B->1, C->4, D->2

Explanation: UNMIL corresponds to 2003-2018. MINURCAT corresponds to 2007-2010. MINUSTAH corresponds to 2004-2017. UNMISSET corresponds to 2002-2005.

Topic: BIMSTEC

97) Match List I with List II and select the answer using the code given below the Lists:

List I (BIMSTEC Centre/Establishment)	List II (Location)
A. BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory	1. NOIDA
B. BIMSTEC Energy Centre	2. Bengaluru
C. BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate	3. Colombo
D. BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility	4. Thimphu

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) A->3, B->2, C->1, D->4
- B) A->3, B->1, C->2, D->4
- C) A->4, B->2, C->1, D->3
- D) A->4, B->1, C->2, D->3

Correct Answer: A — A->3, B->2, C->1, D->4

Explanation: The correct matching is option (a). The accepted matching is A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4.

Topic: Indian Army Commands

98) Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

Indian Army Corps	Headquarters
(a) 3 Corps	Dimapur
(b) 4 Corps	Tezpur
(c) 14 Corps	Leh
(d) 33 Corps	Srinagar

- A) 3 Corps -> Dimapur B) 4 Corps -> Tezpur
 C) 14 Corps -> Leh D) 33 Corps -> Srinagar

Correct Answer: D — 33 Corps -> Srinagar

Explanation: The question asks for the pair that is not correctly matched. 3 Corps with Dimapur, 4 Corps with Tezpur, and 14 Corps with Leh are accepted as correct. 33 Corps is not headquartered at Srinagar, so option (d) is the mismatch.

Topic: Local Governance

99) Which of the following statements with respect to the Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is/are correct?

1. The period of its implementation is 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2026.
2. The key objective of the Revamped RGSA is to develop the governance capabilities of the Panchayati Raj Institutions to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. The share of the Central funding for the Revamped RGSA is 100% for all States and Union Territories.

Select the answer using the code given below:

- A) 1 and 2 B) 2 only
 C) 1 and 3 D) 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B — 2 only

Explanation: Non-alignment is about strategic autonomy and independent judgement on the merits of each issue. It explicitly rejects reducing non-alignment to passive neutrality or rigid equidistance. That is why it settles on option (b).

Topic: European Union

100) Which of the following countries are members of the European Union?

1. Belarus
2. Poland
3. Germany
4. Switzerland

Select the answer using the code given below:

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| A) 1, 2 and 4 | B) 1 and 4 only |
| C) 2 and 3 | D) 2 and 4 only |

Correct Answer: C — 2 and 3

Explanation: Poland and Germany are members of the European Union. Belarus is not an EU member. Switzerland is also not a member of the European Union.

Topic: General Studies / European Union