

1. Consider the following assertion and reason:

Assertion: The climate of India has been described as Monsoon type.

Reason: Due to India's location in the tropical region, most of the rain is brought by monsoon winds.

- a) Both the Assertion and the Reason are correct and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- b) The Assertion and the Reason are correct but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- c) The Assertion is correct but the Reason is not correct.
- d) The Assertion is not correct but the Reason is correct.

2. Match List - I with List - II and select the correct answer:

List-I

List-II

A. Rosewood, Mahogany

B. Peepal, Neem

C. Khair, Babool

D. Pine, Deodar

1. Mountain Vegetation

2. Tropical Evergreen Forests

3. Thorny Bushes

4. Tropical Deciduous Forests

Code:

A B C D

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

3. How many Indian states share their boundaries with at least two countries?

- a) 8 states
- b) 9 states
- c) 7 states
- d) 6 states

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The rivers Mahanadi, Godavari, Narmada and Kaveri drain into the Bay of Bengal.
2. The Andaman and Nicobar islands are coral islands located off the coast of Kerala.

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. With reference to South America continent, consider the following statements:

1. The Pacific Ocean in the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west of this continent.
2. The Andes, world's longest mountain range, runs through its length from north to south
3. The Amazon River, the largest river in the world, flows in this continent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6. Consider the following assertion and reason:

Assertion: The coastline of Atlantic Ocean provides ideal location for natural harbors and ports.

Reason: The coastline of the Atlantic Ocean is straight and wide

Code:

- a) Both the Assertion and the Reason are correct and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- b) The Assertion and the Reason are correct but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- c) The Assertion is correct but the Reason is not correct
- d) The Assertion is not correct but the Reason is correct.

7. With reference to the Equinox, consider the following statements

1. In this position, direct rays of the sun fall on the equator.
2. The whole earth experiences equal days and equal nights.
3. Neither of the poles is tilted towards the sun.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

Code:

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

8. With reference to the Winter Solstice of Northern Hemisphere, consider the following statements:

1. The South Pole tilts towards the sun.
2. The rays of the sun fall directly on the Tropic of Capricorn.
3. In the southern hemisphere, there are seasons with longer nights and shorter days.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

9. Consider the following assertion and reason:

Assertion: Those places east of Greenwich will be ahead of Greenwich Time and those to the west will be behind it.

Reason: The Earth rotates around its imaginary axis from east to west.

- a) Both the Assertion and the Reason are correct and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- b) The Assertion and the Reason are correct but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- c) The Assertion is correct but the Reason is not correct.
- d) The Assertion is not correct but the Reason is correct.

10. Moon can be seen sometimes during the day because?

- a) The moon is brighter than the sun.
- b) Moon has apparent luminosity
- c) Moon does not have light of its own.
- d) None of the above

11. Which of the following is the shape of the population pyramid of a country in which birth and death rates both are high?

- a) It is broad at the base and rapidly narrow towards the top.
- b) It is broad at the young age group.
- c) It is narrow at the base on broadening towards the top.
- d) None of the above.

12. Consider the following assertion and reason:

Assertion: Only one side of the moon is visible to us on the earth.

Reason: The time taken to complete one rotation of the earth through the Moon is more than the time it takes to complete one revolution on its axis.

- a) Both the Assertion and the Reason are correct and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- b) The Assertion and the Reason are correct but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- c) The Assertion is correct but the Reason is not correct.
- d) The Assertion is not correct but the Reason is correct.

13. Match — List-I with List-II:

List I

List II

A. Intrusive igneous rocks

1. Slate

B. Extrusive igneous rocks

2. Basalt

C. Sedimentary rocks

3. Granite

D. Metamorphic rocks

4. Limestone

Code:

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

14. Consider the following statements:

1. In thermosphere temperature rises very rapidly with increasing height.
2. Troposphere helps in radio transmission.

Which of the above assertions is/are true?

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

15. Read the following assertions carefully:

1. Horizontally the distribution of air pressure is influenced by temperature of air at a given place.
2. The low pressure area is associated with cloudy sky and wet weather.
3. High pressure is associated with clear and sunny skies.
4. Air always moves from high pressure areas to low pressure areas.

Which of the above assertions is/are true?

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

16. What is the required condition for the occurrence of spring tides?

- a) When the sun, moon and earth are all in a same line.
- b) When the sun and moon make right angles on the earth.
- c) When the temperature of the ocean surface is high.
- d) When very fast winds run.

17. In the context of ocean currents, which of the following statements is/are false?

- a) In general, warm ocean currents originate near the equator and move towards the poles.
- b) The cold currents carry water from polar or high latitudes to tropical or lower latitudes.
- c) The Labrador Ocean current is hot current.
- d) The ocean current influence the temperature conditions of the area.

18. In the context of the characteristics of tropical evergreen forests, consider the following assertions:

1. These thick forests occur in the regions near the equator and close to the tropics.
2. These regions are hot and receive heavy rainfall throughout the year.
3. The thick canopies of the closely spaced trees do not allow the sunlight to penetrate inside the forest even in the day time.
4. The trees of these forests shed their leaves in the dry season.

Which of the above assertions is/are correct?

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

19. In which part of the continents are Mediterranean vegetation found?

1. Western part
2. Eastern part
3. Southwestern part
4. Northern part

Code:

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

20. Match List I to List II in accordance with forests and their trees.

List I

- A. Pine, Cedar
- B. Ash, Beech
- C. Sal, Shisham
- D. Ebony

List II

- 1. Tropical evergreen forest
- 2. Tropical deciduous forests
- 3. Temperate deciduous forest
- 4. Coniferous forest

Code:

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

21. Consider the following grasslands:

- 1. Savanna
- 2. Veld
- 3. Campos
- 4. Llanos

Which of the above are examples of tropical grasslands?

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

22. In the context of temperate deciduous forests, which of the following assertions is/are true?

- 1. As we go towards higher latitudes, more temperate deciduous forests are found.
  - 2. They are found mostly in the northeastern part of USA, and coastal regions of Western Europe.
  - 3. They shed their leaves in the dry season.
- a) 1 and 2
  - b) 2 and 3
  - c) 1 and 3
  - d) All of the above

23. In the context of temperate grasslands, consider the following assertions:

1. These grasslands are found in the mid-latitudinal zones and in the interior part of the continents.
2. Usually, grass here is short and nutritious.

Which of the above assertions is/are true?

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

24. Regarding the waterways, consider the following statements:

1. Waterways are the cheapest for carrying heavy and bulky goods over long distances.
2. Only rivers are used for inland waterways.

Which of the above assertions is/are true?

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

25. In what areas are the scattered settlements found?

1. In mountainous areas
2. In the field
3. In coastal areas
4. In dense wild areas

Use the code given below to choose the correct answer:

Code:

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

26. In the context of the rainforest of Amazon River basin, what is 'Maloca'?

- a) A specific type of organism found here.
- b) The main food items of its inhabitants.
- c) The houses built by the people living here.
- d) Agricultural system adopted by the people here.

27. In the fresh waters of which river/river basins, the variety of dolphin, Susu is found?

- 1. Ganges
- 2. Brahmaputra
- 3. Chambal
- 4. Kaveri

Code:

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

28. In the context of the Amazon River Basin, which of the following assertions is/are true?

- 1. The Amazon Basin stretches directly on the equator and is characterized by hot and wet climate throughout the year.
- 2. Both day and nights are almost equally hot and humid.
- 3. It rains almost every day, that too without much warning.

Code:

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

29. Consider the following assertions:

1. 'Oasis' is the area of deserts where large quantities of animal husbandry is done.
2. In the depressions where underground water reaches the surface, an oasis is formed. These areas are fertile.
3. A fertile area around the desert which is gripped by the dispersal of the desert, such areas are called oasis.
4. The areas of the desert where the plains of the gravel and the elevated plateau of naked rocky surface are found are called the oasis.

Which of the above assertions correctly defines/define an oasis?

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

30. In the context of Ladakh, situated on the eastern side of Jammu and Kashmir, which of the following assertions is/are true?

- a) The Karakoram Range in the east and Zaskar mountains in the west enclose Ladakh.
- b) The Nanga Mountain is present in north of Ladakh and there are Pir Panjal mountain ranges in the south.
- c) Nanga Mountain is present in the north of Ladakh and Karakoram mountain ranges in the south.
- d) The Karakoram Range in the north and the Zaskar mountains in the south enclose it.

31. Regarding the Ladakh region, consider the following assertions:

1. Groves of willows and poplars are seen in the valleys.
2. Most of the people here are Hindus or Buddhists.
3. Several Buddhists monasteries dot the Ladakh landscape with their traditional 'gompas'.

Which of the above mentioned assertions is/are correct?

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

32. Match the following shifting cultivation with regions where they are known so.

List-I

1. Jhum
2. Milpa
3. Roca
4. Ladang

List-II

- A. Mexico
- B. Brazil
- C. Malaysia
- D. India

Code:

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

33. Match the following:

List-I

1. Open Cast Mining
2. Shaft mining
3. Drilling
4. Quarrying

List-II

- A. Deep bores to reach minerals at great depth.
- B. Digging out of minerals near the surface
- C. Minerals at shallow depth taken out by removing the surface layer.
- D. Boring deep wells to take out minerals from far below the earth crust.

Code:

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

34. Consider the following pairs:

City : Prominent Industry

1. Pittsburg : Iron and Steel
2. Manchester : Cotton textile
3. Detroit : Automobile

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?

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

35. A naturally occurring substance that has definite chemical composition is a mineral. Choose the correct statement/s regarding minerals

1. Iron ore, bauxite, manganese ore and mica are examples of metallic minerals.
2. Metallic minerals are always ferrous.
3. Minerals that lie at shallow depths are taken out by removing the surface layer by the process called shaft mining.
4. A rock is an aggregate of one or more minerals with definite composition of constituent minerals.

Code:

- a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) All the above
- d) None of the above

36. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding major crops in the world?

1. India is the second largest producer of rice after China.
2. India and Bangladesh are the leading producers of Jute.
3. Brazil is the leading producer of coffee followed by Columbia and India.

Code:

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

37. Following pair represent the sites of Nuclear power plants and corresponding states in India.

1. Kalpakkam – Tamil Nadu
2. Tarapur – Karnataka
3. Narora – Maharashtra
4. Kaiga – Uttar Pradesh

Which of the above pair is/are not correctly matched?

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

38. Which of the statements is/are correct?

1. The first successful mechanized textile mill was established in Ahmadabad in 1854.
2. Ahmadabad is known as Manchester of India.
3. Osaka is known as Manchester of Japan whose Textile industry depends completely upon imported raw material.
4. About one third of the Indian textile industry's total production is exported.

Code:

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

39. Vultures in the Indian subcontinent are disappearing very fast. Which of the following reasons can be attributed to this

- a) Killed by farmers and poachers
- b) Dwindling of prey on which they survive
- c) Dying due to kidney failure shortly after scavenging livestock treated with diclofenac
- d) All of the above

40. Which of the following is/are an example of Plantation Crop?

1. Cashew
2. Coffee
3. Sugarcane
4. Banana
5. Cotton

Code:

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

41. Consider the following statements about various non-conventional sources of energy

1. The site of the world's first solar and wind powered bus shelter is in Scotland
2. In India, geothermal plants are located in Manikaran in Utrakhand and Puga valley in Ladakh

Which any the above statements is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements:

1. CITES is an international agreement between governments
2. It aims to conserve the species that are threatened or declared endangered under IUCN

Which any the above statements is/are not correct?

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

43. Sustainable Development is defined as the type of development that meets the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Consider the following in the context of Sustainable Development.

1. Caring all forms of life.
2. Conserving the earth's vitality.
3. Empowering the Communities.
4. Minimize the depletion of natural resources.

Which of the above are the principles of Sustainable Development?

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

44. With reference to population pyramid, consider the following statements:

1. The numbers of children are shown at the bottom.
2. In a country low birth rates make the pyramid narrow at the base.
3. In India, the pyramid is broad in the younger age groups.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. The thin layer of grainy substance covering the surface of the earth is called soil. Consider the following statements about soil formation

1. Parent rock determines the color, texture, chemical properties and mineral content of the soil
2. Sub-soil below the top layer is rich in humus content
3. Temperature and rainfall play a crucial role in determining rate of weathering and humus formation

Which among the above statements is/are correct?

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

46. The organic waste is decomposed by bacteria in bio-gas digesters to emit biogas, which is essentially a mixture of?

- a) Methane and Ethane
- b) Methane and Oxygen
- c) Methane and Hydrogen
- d) Methane and Carbon Dioxide

47. Consider the following statements:

1. Millets can be grown on less fertile and sandy soils.
2. Maize requires high temperature and high rainfall.
3. Cotton grows well in black and alluvial soil.

Which any the above statements is/are correct?

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

48. Nuclear energy is dependent on the availability of naturally occurring radioactive elements like uranium and thorium. Consider the following statements in this context:

1. In India, Rajasthan and Jharkhand have large deposits of Thorium.
2. Uranium is found in large quantities in the Monazite sands of Kerala.

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

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

49. Which of the following places in India houses both Mangroves and Tropical Evergreen forests?

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2. Sunderbans
3. Bhitarkanika
4. Pichavaram
5. Gulf of Kutchh

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

50. Which of the following fresh water reserve is available and fit for human consumption?

1. Glaciers
2. Ice-sheets
3. Water in rivers and lake
4. Water vapor
5. Ground water

Code:

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

51. On the basis of the development and use, the natural resources are classified into the following groups:

1. Actual and potential resources
2. Abiotic and biotic resources
3. Domestic and commercial resources

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

52. Which of the following are mitigation techniques of landslide?

1. Mapping of the areas prone to landslides.
2. Construction of retention wall.
3. Increasing the vegetation cover.

Select the correct answer using the codes given:

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

53. Equator receives comparatively less insolation than the tropics. Why?

- (a) Because of more cloudiness at the equators
- (b) Because of the heat transfer by trade winds from equator to tropics
- (c) Because of the presence of more vegetation at equators
- (d) None of the above

54. Consider the following statements:

1. Metallic minerals are found generally in the sedimentary rock formations.
2. Non metallic minerals are found generally in the igneous rock formations.
3. Mineral fuels are found generally in metamorphic rock formations.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below?

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

55. Africa is the largest producer of which of the following minerals in the world?

1. Gold
2. Diamond
3. Platinum
4. Oil

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

56. Which of the following are correctly matched?

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Sardar Sarovar Dam  | : Narmada river |
| 2. Bhakhra Nangal Dam  | : Sutlej river  |
| 3. Indira Sagar Dam    | : Tapti river   |
| 4. Nagarjuna Sagar Dam | : Kaveri river  |

Select the correct answer using the codes given below?

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

57. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Organic manure and natural pesticides are used in the organic farming.
- 2. In organic farming, genetic modification is done to increase the yield.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

58. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Intensive subsistence agriculture includes shifting cultivation and nomadic herding.
- 2. In primitive subsistence agriculture the farmers cultivate small plot of land using simple tools and more labor to cultivate more than one crop annually.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

59. Which of the following are the specific conditions for jute cultivation?

- 1. Alluvial soils
- 2. High temperature
- 3. More than 210 Frost free days
- 4. Heavy rainfall

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

60. Which of the following are small scale industries?

1. Handicraft industries
2. Silk weaving industries
3. Pig iron industries

Select the correct answer using the codes given below?

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

61. With reference to the National Register of Citizens (NRC), which of the following is/are correct?

1. NRC is a citizen register, containing the names of every citizen of India.
2. It has been prepared only once after the Census of 1951.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

62. Which of the following was determined by the Gadgil-Mukherjee Formula?

- a) Distribution of Central Plan Assistance to States
- b) Poverty Line estimation
- c) Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management parameters
- d) External commercial borrowing limits

63. Consider the following statements regarding the PM- Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyaan (PM KUSUM):

1. Renewable power plants will be setup by individual farmers, cooperatives, panchayats, farmer producer organisations (FPO) on their barren or cultivable lands.
2. Individual farmers will be supported to install standalone solar pumps.

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

64. In which of the following tiger reserves the world's largest and oldest teak tree named Kanimara is located?

- a) Dandeli Tiger Reserve
- b) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- c) Nagarhole Tiger Reserve
- d) Parambikulam Tiger Reserve

65. Which of the following country(s) has/have recently proposed a Supply Chain Resilience in Indo-Pacific initiative?

- 1. United States of America
- 2. Japan
- 3. Australia

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

66. With reference to the Question Hour, consider the following statements:

- 1. Question Hour in Rajya Sabha is held only on alternative days of the session.
- 2. There is no Question Hour on the day the President addresses MPs from both Houses in the Central Hall.

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

67. With reference to the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme consider the following statements:

1. It is introduced under New Import Export Code (IEC).
2. It seeks to provide duty benefits to exporters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 and 2

68. With reference to UNSC Resolution 1267 Sanctions Committee, consider the following statements:

1. The committee under resolutions 1267 can designate a person as global terrorists.
2. It is one of the most important and active UN subsidiary bodies working on efforts to combat terrorism.
3. Even a permanent five (P-5) member of UNSC cannot use Veto against the decision of this committee.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI):

1. It is an umbrella programme of Department of Science and Technology (DST) for nurturing ideas and innovations.
2. Entrepreneurs-in-Residence (EIR) Programme under NIDHI provides subsistence grant to entrepreneurs for pursuing a promising technology business idea.

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

70. With reference to the India Bangladesh inland waterways, consider the following statements:

1. The opening of the new river route from Daudkandi in Bangladesh to Sonamura in Tripura follows the signing of the 2nd addendum to the Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT) in May 2020 which opened two new routes.
2. The PIWTT was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972 to connect the two countries through inland waterways.

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

71. With reference to the Official Languages in India, consider the following statements:

1. Hindi & English are the only languages for transactions of business in parliament.
2. Part XVII of the Indian Constitution deals with the official languages.
3. English is an official language under Eighth schedule.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

72. With reference to the draft of Data Empowerment and Protection Architecture (DEPA), which of the following is/are correct?

1. It is a draft released by the RBI which aims at empowering individuals with control over their banking data.
2. It will involve the creation of new market players known as User Consent Managers.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

73. Consider the following statements regarding the Group of Twenty or G20:

1. The G-20's primary mandate is to prevent future international financial crises and shape the global economic agenda.
2. India has proposed development of voluntary 'G-20 Principles on Coordinated Cross-Border Movement of People'.

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

74. With reference to the Priority Sector Lending guidelines, consider the following statements:

1. In the revised guidelines, higher weightage have been assigned to incremental priority sector credit in identified districts where priority sector credit flow is comparatively low.
2. Loan limits for renewable energy have been decreased under the revised guidelines.

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

75. With reference to the Indo-Pacific club, consider the following statements:

1. Germany has joined the Indo-Pacific club.
2. Germany will be the first European nation to formally adopt a strategy for the Indo-Pacific region.

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

76. 'Nord Stream 2' is a gas pipeline between which of the following two countries?

- a) Russia and France
- b) Russia and Germany
- c) Germany and Sweden
- d) Sweden and Poland

77. Recently the Yanomami Tribe has been in the news. It belongs to which of the following geographical regions?

- a) Amazon forests
- b) Naga hills
- c) Papua New Guinea
- d) Falkland Islands

78. Consider the following statements regarding the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR):

- 1. It forms part of the International Bill of Human Rights.
- 2. India has acceded to the ICCPR.

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

79. Consider the following statements regarding the Scramjet engines:

- 1. It operates by combustion of fuel in a stream of air compressed by the forward speed of the aircraft itself.
- 2. The airflow through the engine remains supersonic, or greater than the speed of sound.

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

80. Which of the following location(s) is/are in Ladakh Union Territory?

- 1. Chusul
- 2. Spanggur Lake
- 3. Depsang Plains

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

81. With reference to recently released report 'Household Social Consumption: Education in India' as part of NSO Survey (2017-18), consider the following statements:

1. More than 50% of the households in India had internet access.
2. Gross Attendance Ratio (GAR) at primary level was nearly 100%.

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

82. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Health in India' report recently published by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO):

1. More than 90 percent of children in India are vaccinated against tuberculosis.
2. Across the country, three-fourth of children under five years are fully immunised,

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

83. With reference to Jnanpith Award, consider the following statements:

1. The award is given for literary work in Indian languages only.
2. The award is open only for Indian citizens.

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

84. With reference to the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), consider the following statements:

1. Department of Science and Technology is the nodal agency for the MPI.
2. The Global MPI is part of the government's decision to monitor the performance of the country on 29 select global indices.

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

85. Which of the following statement correctly defines a 'Status of forces agreement' (SOFA)?

- a) Agreement to maintain status quo at border region between two nations
- b) A regional agreement to maintain nuclear-weapon-free zone
- c) Agreement of mutual defense in case of external aggression
- d) Agreement between a host country and a foreign nation for stationing military forces

86. Consider the following statements regarding the Jigyasa programme:

1. It is a student-scientist connect programme focusing on research laboratory-based learning.
2. It is being implemented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

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

87. Which of the following institution has recently released the 'Ecological Threat Register' report?

- a) Institute for Economics and Peace
- b) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- c) International Union for Conservation of Nature
- d) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

88. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. RECOVERY trial – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
2. Solidarity trial – World Health Organization
3. COVAX – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

89. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. Serathang – Arunachal
2. Nathu La pass – Sikkim
3. Lipulekh Pass – Uttarakhand

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

90. Which of the following is/are not covered by the definition of 'foreign source' under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010?

1. Government of any foreign country
2. International Monetary Fund
3. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

91. Consider the following statements regarding the Solar Cycle 25:

1. It has concluded in 2019 and the Solar Cycle 26 has begun.
2. The beginning of the solar cycle is the solar maximum, when the Sun has the most sunspots.

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding the Charter of the United Nations:

1. General Assembly (UNGA) elects the non-permanent members of the Security Council.
2. The UNGA cannot make recommendations on peace and security matters which are at that time being addressed by the Security Council.

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

93. Consider the following statements regarding the Blue Flag certification:

1. It is an eco-label awarded to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boating tourism operators.
2. The certification is accorded by UN Environment Program under Ramsar Convention.

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

94. Which of the following strategic agreements has India signed with the United States of America?

1. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement
2. Communications, Compatibility and Security Agreement
3. Industrial Security Agreement

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding the CRISPR technology:

1. It is used to alter DNA sequences and modify gene function.
2. The Tata CRISPR test is the world's first diagnostic test to deploy a Cas9 protein to successfully detect the SARS-COV-2.

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

96. Which of the following is/are determinants of Minimum Support Price (MSP)?

1. Demand and supply
2. Inter-crop price parity
3. Cost of production

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

97. Consider the following statements regarding the membership of the UN Security Council:

1. Every member of the United Nations has at least once been member of the Security Council.
2. Ten non-permanent members of UNSC are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly.

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

98. Consider the following statements regarding the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC):

1. China has an observer country status at SAARC.
2. South Asian University (SAU) is an international university established by the SAARC members.

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

99. Which of the following is/are listed as essential commodities under the Schedule of Essential Commodities Act?

1. Fertilizers
2. Petroleum and petroleum products
3. Drugs

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

100. Which of the following report(s) and publisher(s) is/are correctly matched?

1. Freedom in the World – Amnesty International
2. Human Development Report – United Nations Development Programme
3. World Happiness Report – Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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