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UPSC Prelims Mock Test: 9

Answer Key

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS):

1. It provides fully guaranteed and collateral free credit to borrowers.
2. The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) borrowers are also covered under the scheme.

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

2. Which of the following initiatives have been proposed in the National Education Policy 2020?

1. National Research Foundation (NRF)
2. A Vedic Education Board
3. National Assessment Centre (PARAKH)

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

3. Consider the following statements regarding the report 'Banking on Climate Change 2020':

1. It has been released by Rainforest Action Network.
2. It notes that the total bank financing to fossil fuels industry has consistently reduced since the Paris Agreement of 2015.

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

4. What is the objective of the recently launched ‘Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge’?

- a) Shaping cities for young children and their families
- b) Evaluate data ecosystems of cities
- c) An on-line training programme for City Data Officers
- d) All of the above

5. Which of the following statements correctly defines ‘Avadhanam’?

- a) A literary performance popular from ancient India
- b) A traditional fresco painting culture of rural Andhra Pradesh
- c) Livestock rearing practice in North-East India
- d) Dance performance in front of Rajputana kings

6. Which of the following protected area(s) is/are part of UNESCO’s World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

- 1. Panna Biosphere Reserve
- 2. Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve
- 3. Similipal Biosphere Reserve

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

7. Consider the following statements regarding the ‘Integrated Govt. Online training’ (iGOT) program:

- 1. It is a training module for the capacity building of frontline workers to handle the COVID-19 pandemic efficiently.
- 2. The iGOT module has been launched on the DIKSHA platform of Ministry of Education.

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

8. Consider the following statements regarding FDI in India in 2019-20.

1. Singapore remained the top source of FDI followed by Mauritius.
2. Services sector attracted maximum foreign inflows during 2019-20.
3. In India Greenfield investment is more dominant than in the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

9. Arrange the following agreements between India and USA in its chronological order as they were signed.

1. General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
2. Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)
3. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)
4. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)

Select the correct answer code:

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

10. The Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala

11. Sickle senna, sometimes seen in news is

- a) A rare disease
- b) A new snake eel species discovered recently
- c) Edible weed
- d) Non-oxygen breathing animal

12. Gilgit-Baltistan, recently seen in news borders which of the following regions?

1. Xinjiang region of China
2. Jammu and Kashmir
3. Ladakh
4. Aksai Chin

Select the correct answer code:

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

13. Consider the following statements.

1. Consumer Expenditure Survey is conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to collect information on the consumption spending patterns of households across the country, both urban and rural.
2. There has been consistent increase in the devolution of taxes from the Centre to states during the 11th to 15th Finance Commission periods.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

14. India is the largest emitter of Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) in the world, contributing more than 15 per cent of global anthropogenic emissions, according to a new report by Greenpeace. The reasons for this is/are:

1. Very high Sulphur content in Indian coal.
2. Vast majority of thermal power plants in India lack flue-gas desulfurization (FGD) technology.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. According to recent estimates, the number of Asiatic lions in Gujarat has increased between 2015 and 2020 census years. In this context, consider the following statements.

1. The increase in the number of Asiatic lions in Gir forest in Gujarat between 2015 and 2020 is the highest rise between two census years.
2. Asiatic lions are present only in the Protected Areas of Gir forest.
3. Asiatic Lions are listed as 'Endangered' under the IUCN Red List.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements regarding over-the-top (OTT) platforms.

1. Over-the-top platforms, are audio and video hosting and streaming services offered directly to viewers via the Internet.
2. In India, OTT platforms are currently under the purview of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements regarding Purchasing Managers' Index.

1. Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) gives an indication of the economic health of the manufacturing sector.
2. Services sectors are not covered while calculating PMI.
3. PMI is released by Central Statistics Office (CSO).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements regarding space internet.

1. Starlink network project of SpaceX is one of several ongoing efforts to start beaming data signals from space.
2. Usually, Geostationary orbit is used for placing satellites because satellites in this orbit complete one revolution of the Earth in the same time that the earth rotates once on its axis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements regarding Genetically modified crops.

1. Genetic engineering aims to introduce an alien gene which could be only from a plant, into the seeds to get the desired effects.
2. In India, the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex body that allows for commercial release of GM crops.
3. More than 95 per cent of India's cotton area is under Bt cotton.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

20. Consider the following statements regarding BRICS grouping.

1. Not all BRICS members are the members of G20.
2. Since 2009, the BRICS nations have met annually at formal summits.
3. New Development Bank (NDB) is a multilateral development bank operated by the BRICS countries with each country contributing equally to its equity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21. e-Choupal, sometimes seen news is regarding

- a) Procurement of agricultural products
- b) Tracking of sale of fertilizers at subsidized rates to farmers
- c) Providing subsidy on new solar-powered pumps
- d) Crop insurance scheme

22. Consider the following statements regarding Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

1. The PLI scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing and cut down on imports by providing cash incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in India.
2. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is the single nodal ministry for the implementation of the PLI scheme.
3. Adding any new sector for PLI scheme will require approval of the Union Cabinet.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

23. Consider the following statements regarding Van Dhan Scheme.

1. The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and TRIFED.
2. It seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.
3. The aggregation of tribal produce would be done by SHGs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24. Disqualification from contesting the elections when a person is convicted under the Prevention of corruption act, 1988 is quite often in the news. Who among the following is empowered to remove the disqualification?

- a) President of India
- b) Chief Election Commissioner alone
- c) Parliament for MPs / State Legislature Assembly for MLAs
- d) Election Commission of India

25. Tristan da Cunha Islands, recently seen in news is located in

- a) South China Sea
- b) Artic Ocean
- c) Atlantic Ocean
- d) Indian Ocean

26. Consider the following statements regarding Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

1. Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is an intergovernmental organization of low-lying coastal and small island countries.
2. The main purpose of the alliance is to consolidate the voices of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to address global warming.
3. AOSIS partners with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to effectively influence climate negotiations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

27. Vivad se Vishwas scheme, sometimes seen in news is related to

- a) Pension scheme for the Vyaparis
- b) Partial Credit Guarantee for NBFCs
- c) Direct tax dispute resolution
- d) Enhance loan availability for exporters

28. Consider the following statements.

1. India has become the first country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
2. The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) will be used to assist in the navigation of ships in ocean waters within the area of approximately 1,500 km from the Indian boundary.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

29. Consider the following statements regarding Bru or Reang Community.

1. Bru or Reang community is indigenous to Northeast India, living in Tripura, Mizoram, and Assam.
2. They are recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

30. A new mushrooms species, Roridomyces phyllostachydis which is bioluminescent was recently discovered in which state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Andaman and Nicobar
- d) Meghalaya

31. Special Drawing Rights (SDR) can be used to

1. Supplementing IMF member countries' official reserves.
2. Settle Balance of Payment transactions
3. Bridge fiscal deficit and fund infrastructure projects

Select the correct answer code:

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

32. Consider the following statements regarding Singapore Convention on Mediation.

1. It is the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore.
2. It settles disputes between the members at the Government level and does not involve corporate disputes.
3. India is a signatory to the Convention.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

33. Teaser loan, sometimes seen in news means

- a) Loans which charge lower rates of interest in the first few years after which the rates are increased.
- b) Loans provided to weaker sections of the society with interest rate below the repo rate.
- c) Loans provided to high-net-worth individuals.
- d) None of the above

34. Consider the following statements.

1. As trees grow, they incorporate information about the environmental conditions they are living in in their annual growth rings.
2. Tree rings grow wider in years when soil moisture is high.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

35. Edge computing enables data to be analyzed, processed, and transferred at the edge of a network. Here 'Edge' implies

- a) Local
- b) Global
- c) Cloud computing
- d) Nodal

36. Global Biodiversity Outlook report is published by

- a) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) UN Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD)
- c) World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- d) World Economic Forum

37. Consider the following statements regarding Negative-yield bonds.

1. These are debt instruments that offer to pay the investor a maturity amount lower than the purchase price of the bond.
2. These are generally issued by central banks or governments.
3. Negative-yield bonds attract investments during times of stress and uncertainty as investors look to protect their capital from significant erosion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38. Tharu tribals, recently seen in news, primarily belongs to

- a) Terai Lowlands
- b) Western Ghats
- c) North-eastern India
- d) Bastar region

39. Havana syndrome, recently seen in news is related to

- a) Non-Communicable Diseases
- b) Neurological illness
- c) Tuberculosis
- d) Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)

40. UN convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities includes which of these rights for the differently abled?

1. Rights to accessibility including the information technology
2. Rights to live independently and be included in the community
3. Rights to habitation and rehabilitation

Select the correct answer code:

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

41. Consider the following statements regarding Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

1. It is a United Nations treaty which intends to criminalize all forms of international terrorism and deny terrorists, their financiers and supporters' access to funds, arms, and safe havens.
2. All the members of the United Nations General Assembly have signed the Convention.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

42. APMC Model Act 2003 include which of the following features

1. Facilitating contract farming model.
2. Special market for perishables
3. Allowing farmers and private persons to set up their own market.
4. APMC revenue to be used for improving market infrastructure.

Select the correct answer code:

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

43. Emissions Gap Report 2020, recently seen in news is released by

- a) World Wide Fund for Nature
- b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) Germanwatch

44. Consider the following statements regarding Himalayan serow, recently seen in news

1. Himalayan serow is described as resembling a cross between a goat, a donkey, a cow, and a pig.
2. It is restricted to the Himalayan region.
3. It is listed under Schedule V of The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements regarding ‘Zombie fires’ recently seen in news

1. A zombie fire is a fire that continues to burn underground and then reignites on the surface after a period of time.
2. It burrows deep in organic soils such as peat lands.
3. There are evidences of zombie fires scattered across the Arctic region.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

46. The terms “Pratyush and Mihir” sometimes seen in the news are related to

- a) Fuel cells that finds commercial applications
- b) High Performance Computing (HPC) Systems
- c) Quantum supercomputers of ISRO
- d) Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air missiles

47. What is e-Kuber?

- a) The Core Banking Solution platform of RBI
- b) The Dematerialized account database of SEBI
- c) Foreign Exchange account of RBI
- d) State Government’s account with the RBI

48. Which of the following institution has released the document ‘Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India’?

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Indian Council for Medical Research
- c) National Center for Disease Control
- d) World Health Organisation

49. Which of the following institution has released the report “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trade and Development”?

- a) World Trade Organisation
- b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- d) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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

1. S-400 Triumph – Russia
2. THAAD – United States of America

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

51. Which of the following are part of capital receipts for the Government of India.

1. Loans raised by Government from RBI and public
2. Dividend on investments made by Government
3. Disinvestment receipts
4. Borrowings by Government through sale of Treasury Bills

Select the correct answer code:

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

52. Which of the following statement correctly defines the Core Inflation?

- a) An Inflation measure excluding volatile and transitory price changes
- b) An inflation measure of short-term price changes
- c) Price changes in the core sector industries
- d) Inflation in the fuel and food commodities

53. Which of the following statements best describes ‘fiscal consolidation’?

- a) Strategy of the government to disinvest public sector enterprises to meet deficit.
- b) Policies undertaken by Governments to reduce their deficits and accumulation of debt stock.
- c) Scheduled banks action plan to recover the loans from non-performing assets.
- d) Government agenda to reform loan disbursement mechanism of scheduled banks.

54. Consider the following statements regarding Recession.

1. A recession is a macroeconomic term that refers to a significant decline in general economic activity in a designated region.
2. A significant fall in spending generally leads to a recession.
3. India had been into recession only once since independence i.e., before Liberalization.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

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

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|-----------------|---|
| Index | : Publishing agency |
| 1. WPI | : Office of Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce and Industry |
| 2. CPI-Rural | : Labour Bureau |
| 3. GDP Deflator | : Central Statistical Office (CSO) |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

56. Which of the following is/are the advantages of a fully convertible rupee?

1. Increased liquidity in financial markets
2. Development of onshore rupee market
3. Complete determination of currency exchange rate by the RBI
4. Easy access to foreign capital

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

57. Apart from the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which of the following is/are important sources of industrial statistics in India?

1. Annual Survey of Industries
2. NSSO Survey of Unorganized sector
3. Census of registered SSI units

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

58. Which among the following correctly describes skewflation in an economy?

- (a) It refers to a situation of inflation combined with a slow growth rate and a relatively high unemployment rate.
- (b) It refers to a sustained, across-the-board price increase in the market.
- (c) It refers a price rise in one or a small group of commodities over a sustained period of time along with decreasing prices in others.
- (d) None of the above

59. Consider the following statements regarding Capital Markets:

1. Investment in the capital market necessarily requires a huge financial outlay.
2. The main instruments traded in the capital market are short term debt instruments.

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding Disguised Unemployment:

1. It means that marginal productivity of workers is essentially zero.
2. In India, it is most seen in the agriculture sector.

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

61. Which of the following is/are key difference(s) between fiscal stimulus and monetary expansionism?

1. Fiscal stimulus is given by the government, whereas monetary expansion is done by the Central Bank of the country.
2. Fiscal stimulus necessarily leads to an increase in money supply, whereas monetary expansion generally leads to an increase in high powered money.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Economically Active Population':

1. It is the population in the age group of 15-59 years.
2. It has increased in the last two decades in India.

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

63. Consider the following statements with respect to the worker population ratio in India:

1. The worker population ratio in urban India is more than that in rural India.
2. The worker population ratio of urban women is greater than that of rural women.

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. Which of the following correctly describes the concept of "inflationary gap"?

- (a) It is the difference between current levels of real and nominal GDP
- (b) It is the difference between current level of real GDP and potential GDP when economy experiences full employment
- (c) It is the reduction in inflation caused due to low consumption expenditure
- (d) It is the minimum amount of inflation that is desired in economy to incentivize production of goods and services

65. Consider the following statements regarding Treasury Bills:

1. They are issued at a price which is lower than their face value and repaid at par.
2. They are issued to meet short-term requirement of funds of central government.

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

66. Which of the following has a direct bearing on monetized deficit (that part of fiscal deficit which is financed by the RBI) in India?

1. Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act
2. Fiscal consolidation plans of government
3. Increase in tax base in India

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

67. NIFTY-50 index, often seen in news, captures the movement in:

- (a) Major financial products of India
- (b) Sovereign wealth funds of major developed nations
- (c) Net Banking Base Capital of India
- (d) Financial Stability rankings of India

68. With reference to Gross National Product (GNP), consider the following statements:

1. It represents the monetary value of all goods and services produced within a nation's geographic borders over a specified period of time.
2. It is always greater than Gross Domestic Product.

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

69. Which of the following policy statements are mandated under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003?

1. Medium term fiscal policy statement
2. Fiscal policy strategy instrument
3. Macroeconomic framework statement
4. Gender budgeting

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

70. Which of the following indicator(s) helps in assessing the health of both services and manufacturing sector?

1. Wholesale Price Index
2. Purchasing Manager Index
3. Index of Industrial Production

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

71. With reference to the "value added method" for national income accounting, consider the following statements:

1. Gross Value Added (GVA) at Factor Cost does not include any taxes.
2. GVA at Basic Prices excludes production taxes and includes production subsidies available on the commodity.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

72. Consider the following:

1. Product method
2. Expenditure method
3. Export-Import method
4. Income method

Which of the above are the methods of estimating national income of India?

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

73. With reference to Marginal Standing Facility (MSF), consider the following statements:

1. It allows banks to borrow money from the RBI over and above what is available to them through the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
2. It is a penal rate and is always kept above Repo Rate.
3. Under it, banks can avail funds only by pledging government securities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements.

1. The Reserve Bank of India functions as the custodian and manager of forex reserves.
2. Majority of India's foreign currency reserves are deposited in foreign central banks.
3. Under the Liberalized Remittances Scheme, individuals from India are allowed to remit up to \$25000 every year to another country for investment and expenditure.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

75. The Capital account in the external sector consists of

1. External assistance
2. External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs)
3. Short-term debt
4. NRI deposit
5. Invisibles
6. Portfolio investment

Select the correct answer code:

- a) All except 2, 5 and 6
- b) All except 3 and 4
- c) All except 1 and 6
- d) All except 5

76. Consider the following statements with respect to “Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT)”:

1. DRTs were created to facilitate the speedy recovery of debt payable to banks and other financial institutions by their customers.
2. DRTs were set up after the passing of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

Which of the following codes below given is/are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding “Insolvency and bankruptcy code”:

1. It was introduced in 2016.
2. Under IBC, either the creditor (banks) or the loaner (defaulter) can initiate insolvency proceedings.

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

78. The term “Side Pocketing” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Non-Banking Finance Corporations
- b) Mutual Funds
- c) Insurance Sector
- d) Viability Gap Funding

79. Which of the following is/are part of “revenue expenditure”?

1. Interest payments on loans raised by government.
2. Subsidies forwarded to all sectors by the government.
3. Grants given by the government to Indian states and foreign countries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

80. Consider the following statements regarding “Effective Revenue Deficit” (ERD):

1. It is the difference between revenue deficit and grants for creation of capital assets.
2. It is suggested by the Rangarajan Committee on Public Expenditure.
3. The ERD target for 2020-21 has been set under 1% of GDP.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements regarding the Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

1. The all-India IIP is being released as a monthly series since 1950.
2. The base year of IIP is 2014-15.
3. There is a lag of three weeks in the publication of the IIP index data after the reference month ends.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

82. Which of the following statement is correct about “Call money rate”?

- a) Rate at which government borrow from central bank.
- b) Rate at which central bank borrow from foreign markets.
- c) Rate at which government borrow commercial banks.
- d) Rate at which banks borrow from other banks.

83. The term “randomized controlled trials” is often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) An experiment to test the effectiveness of various policy interventions to alleviate poverty.
- b) COVID – 19 test trials in different countries.
- c) Effective monitoring of endangered species in different countries.
- d) Monitoring tropical monsoon in different countries.

84. Which of the following is/are NOT recommendation (s) of “N K Singh committee” to review the implementation of FRBM?

1. The combined debt-to-GDP ratio of the Centre and states should be brought down to 50 per cent by 2023.
2. Primary Deficit as the operating target to bring down public debt.
3. Centre should reduce its revenue deficit steadily by 0.5% GDP points each year.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

85. “Assets Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)” is the outcome of which of the following acts?

- a) Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions (RDDBFI Act), 1993.
- b) SARFAESI Act, 2002
- c) Financial Regulation Act, 2018.
- d) Banking Regulations Act, 1949.

86. Which one among the following items has maximum weight in wholesale price index (WPI)?

- a) Raw materials
- b) Fuel and electricity
- c) Food items
- d) Manufactured products

87. The “Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS)” is often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) It allows public sector banks to purchase high-rated pooled assets from financially sound NBFCs and housing finance companies (HFCs).
- b) It provides low interest loans to Small and Medium Enterprises (SME’s).
- c) It provides low cost loans on the lines of Mudra Bank to Self-help groups.
- d) It provides low cost capital to start-ups.

88. Consider the following statements regarding the “gig economy”:

1. It undermines the traditional economy of full-time workers who rarely change positions and instead focus on a lifetime career.
2. India is the 5th largest country for flexi-staffing.

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

89. Which of the following is/are the reasons for the currency depreciation?

1. reduced monetary policy interest rates.
2. A surge in exports.
3. Traders and speculators selling currencies on the market.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

90. Consider the following statements.

1. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were formed by an act of parliament, with an objective to provide credit and other facilities to small farmers, agricultural labourers, and artisans in rural areas.
2. As per RBI guidelines, the RRBs have to provide 90 per cent of their total credit under priority sector lending.
3. Co-operative Banks contributed the major share in agricultural and allied credit in India.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

91. Consider the following statements:

1. A cyclical slowdown is a period of lean economic activity that occurs at regular intervals.
2. A structural slowdown is a more deep-rooted phenomenon that occurs due to a one-off shift from an existing paradigm.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

92. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct about Central Public Sector Enterprise Exchange Traded Fund (CPSE ETF)?

- a) It was launched by the government in March 2014 to help divest its stake in select public sector undertakings through the ETF route.
- b) It is based on the Nifty CPSE index that comprises 12 PSEs.
- c) Nippon Life India Asset Management is the manager of the fund.
- d) All of the above

93. Which of the following sector (s) is/are permitted 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)?

1. Coal sector
2. Contract Manufacturing sector
3. Digital Media sector

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

94. Which of the following is/are NOT “mixed economy” characteristics?

1. Co-existence of private and public sector
2. Private property is not allowed
3. Economic planning

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

95. Consider the following statements regarding Open market operations.

1. Open market operations are conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with an objective to adjust the rupee liquidity conditions in the market on a durable basis.
2. These operations are conducted only on quarterly basis in a manner that balances inflation while helping banks continue to lend.
3. RBI carries out the Open market operations through commercial banks and does not directly deal with the public.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

96. Consider the following statements regarding the Farmer Producer Organization (FPO):

1. Farmers, Local representatives and other interested parties are the shareholders of FPO.
2. NABARD has dedicated funds to promote FPOs.

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

97. Which of the following pair (s) is/are correctly matched?

- | Index | : Base Year |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Wholesale price index | : 2014-15 |
| 2. Consumer price index | : 2004-05 |
| 3. Gross Domestic Product | : 2011-12 |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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

Committee/Panel	:	Significance
1. Ranga Rajan Committee	:	Balance of Payments
2. Vijay Kelkar Committee	:	Goods & Service Tax
3. Tarapore Committee	:	Currency Convertibility

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

99. Consider the following statements regarding the Essential Commodities Act (ECA), 1955:

- 1. It was enacted to control the production, supply and distribution of, and trade and commerce in, certain goods considered as essential commodities.
- 2. The Act itself does lay out Rules and Regulations to issue Control Orders related to dealer licensing, regulate stock limits, restrict movement of goods and requirements of compulsory purchases.
- 3. Food and civil supply authorities in States execute the provisions of the Act.

Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?

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

100. Participatory notes (P-notes) investments in the Indian market is allowed in which of the following instruments

- 1. Equity
- 2. Debt
- 3. Hybrid securities
- 4. Derivatives

Select the correct answer code:

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