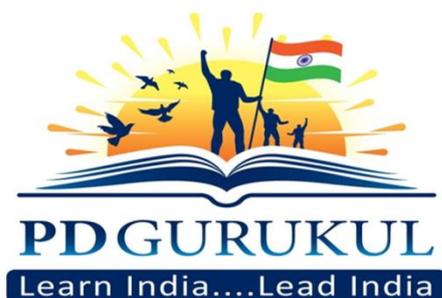


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TEST 4

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1 Consider the following statements about 'M3'-type electronic voting machines (EVMs).

1. It is "tamper-detect" meaning that it will stop functioning if someone tries to open it or tinker with it.
2. These machines are being imported from Canada, which has a reputation for producing such machines and their use in general elections.
3. The machine can automatically detect any fault with the software or system and will show it in the display.
4. The Control Unit and Ballot Unit of the EVM cannot communicate with each other making it less vulnerable to hacking.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

2. Which of the following factors make Helium – 3 a fuel for the future?

1. It is not radioactive and waste-free nuclear energy can be generated using Helium.
2. It can be used for fusion reactions without obtaining dangerous nuclear by-products.
3. Helium – 3 is abundant on earth, similar to other emerging fuels like Thorium.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

3. India was declared a sovereign state from

- A. January 26, 1950 with the coming of the Constitution in force
- B. November 26, 1949 with the completion of the Constitution
- C. August 15, 1947 with India's Independence
- D. September 2, 1946 with the formation of the first interim Cabinet from the newly elected Constituent Assembly

4. What are denotified tribes?

- A. Tribes that are on the fringe of extinction and efforts are being made to save them
- B. Tribes that were labelled as criminals through a legislation by British government and were denotified post-independence
- C. Tribes that do not enjoy property rights under the Forest Rights Act
- D. Tribes that are not recognized by the government

5. For a Fundamental right to be amended in the Lok Sabha, how many members, at least, should be present; assuming that all of them vote in favour of the bill?

- A. 100
- B. 273
- C. 364

D. The bill cannot be passed in any of the above quoroms.

6. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently validated which of these South Asian countries for having eliminated trachoma as a public health problem?

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

7. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2018 report was recently published by

- A. The United Nations
- B. Oxfam International
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. World Bank

8. Which of these provisions of the Constitution reveal the secular character of the Indian State?

- 1. Preamble
- 2. Directive Principles of State Policy
- 3. Fundamental Rights

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

9. The Fundamental Rights promote the idea of political democracy as

- 1. They limit the authority of the Central government.
- 2. They secure vital political rights to the citizens of India.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

10. The only operational trade agreement linking China and India is

- A. The Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)
- B. Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- C. Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
- D. Extended South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)

11. The Global Slavery Index 2018 was published by

- A. Transparency International
- B. Amnesty International
- C. Human Rights Watch
- D. Walk Free Foundation

12. Polavaram Project is a multi-purpose irrigation project which has been accorded national project status by the central government. It is being built across which of the following rivers?

- A. Krishna
- B. Godavari
- C. Cauvery
- D. Mahanadi

13. The idea of Residuary powers in the Indian Constitution was borrowed from the Constitution of

- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. UK
- D. Canada

14. Jews are NOT recognized as a religious minority in which of the following states of India?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal

15. PAT (pad abort test), recently conducted by ISRO, is likely to be useful in

- A. Future space manned missions
- B. Conserving solid onboard fuel of rockets
- C. Auto-recovery of orbiting spacecrafts
- D. Harnessing solar power in geo-synchronous orbits

16. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are owned by

- A. The Central Government
- B. The Reserve Bank of India
- C. Jointly by the Central, State governments and the sponsor banks
- D. Jointly by the State Government and Sponsor Banks

17. Which of the following state/UT governments has introduced school

curriculums focussed on happiness, has a Happiness government department and aims to evaluate its citizen's happiness based on a "Happiness Index"?

- A. Delhi
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala

18. The country that shares its international borders with the largest number of neighbours in the world is

- A. Brazil
- B. China
- C. Switzerland
- D. India

19. The major difference in standards between the existing BS-IV and the new BS-VI auto fuel norms is with regards to the reduction of

- A. Sulphur
- B. Carbon dioxide
- C. Arsenic
- D. Lead

20. Consider the following statements about the Northeast gas pipeline grid project.

1. The project is being implemented under the Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project.
2. The proposed gas pipeline grid will connect Guwahati to the major Northeast cities and major load centers.
3. The pipeline is proposed to connect with the National Gas Grid.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

21. What are the benefits enjoyed by ‘Institutions of Eminence’?

1. Both public and private institutions will get financial assistance up to Rs. 1000 Crore over a period of five years.
2. They will be able to offer all their courses online apart from the offline classroom programmes.
3. They will be able to recruit foreign faculty and admit foreign students.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

22. What is the difference between Formaldehyde and Formalin?

1. Formaldehyde in its basic form is liquid whereas Formalin is a gas.
2. Formaldehyde can be disposed of via the sanitary sewer system, but formalin must be disposed in hazardous chemical wastes.
3. Formaldehyde is inflammable whereas Formalin is flammable.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only

- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 only
- D. 1 and 2 only

23. Consider the following statements about National Register of Citizens.

1. The NRC was first prepared in 1972 to identify illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.
2. Present legislation authorizes NRC to contain no more data than is contained in the Aadhaar of an individual.
3. Assam is the only state having an NRC.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. None of the above
- D. 3 only

24. Consider the following statements about the Nipah virus recently seen in news.

1. It is transmitted from animals to humans.
2. Human-to-human transmission has not been observed.
3. Currently, there are no vaccines for both humans and animals.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

25. Which of these forms a land bridge between Asia and Africa?

- A. Persian strait

- B. Ismailia Peninsula
- C. Sinai Peninsula
- D. Somalian strait

26. Consider the following social indicators of India and the right numbers associated with them:

1. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR): 55
2. Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR): 230
3. Under-5 Mortality Rate: 26

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

27. The Reserve Bank of India has decided to set up a public credit registry (PCR) in a modular and phased manner. How this decision would be helpful to the Indian economy?

1. A PCR would fill in the credit information gap since there are no privately-owned credit information companies C.ICs) in India.
2. The PCR will serve as a registry of all credit contracts for all lending in India and any lending by an Indian institution to a company incorporated in India.
3. It can help banks and regulators in early intervention and effective restructuring of stressed bank credits.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only

- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

28. Nations that have the capability to launch Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) are

- A. China, France, Russia, the United States and India
- B. China, France, Russia, the United States, Britain, Israel and India
- C. Germany, Russia, China, the United States, Britain, Israel and India
- D. China, France, Russia, the United States, Britain and Israel

29. Consider the following statements about the Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) that was recently seen in news.

1. It is aimed at the resolution of loan accounts with a size of Rs.50 crore or less and that are under the control of a group of lenders.
2. It is part of the “Sashakt” plan approved by the government to address the problem of resolving bad loans.
3. The agreement is based on a recommendation by the Deepak Parekh committee that looked into a problem related to the agreement.
4. Consensus between all creditors is a core value of the ICA.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- B. 2 only
- C. None of the above
- D. 2 and 4 only

30. Consider the following statements.

1. 2018 FDI Confidence Index was recently released by global consultancy firm A T Kearney.
2. The FDI Confidence Index is based on the actual production trends and profitability of the industries concerned in the host countries.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

31. The production possibility frontier will NOT be influenced even if the following factor changes in the economy:

- A. Technology
- B. Total resources
- C. Change in consumer preferences
- D. None of the above will bring a change in the PPF.

32. In two consecutive years if we see that the figure for GDP of the latter year, at market prices, is twice that of the previous year, we may conclude that

- A. The volume of production of the country must have doubled
- B. The volume of production of the country may have doubled without any increase in prices
- C. The general price level in the country may have doubled with some increase in production
- D. Either (b) or (c)

33. Idate Commission, which was recently seen in news, was established to deal with

- A. Illiteracy among rural adolescents
- B. Power distribution in Panchayats
- C. Use of non-LPG fuel
- D. Denotified nomadic tribes

34. The two states that have the highest tribal populations are

- A. Jharkhand and Odisha
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
- C. Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
- D. Chattisgarh and Maharashtra

35. The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs usually announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif crops around the month of

- A. March
- B. July
- C. September
- D. November

36. The logo of 'International Yoga Day' includes which of these elements?

1. Earth
2. Leaves
3. Elephant
4. Sun

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

37 What are the characteristics of transfer payment?

1. It does not directly absorb resources or creates output.
2. It signifies redistribution of income made without goods or services being received in return.
3. All subsidies forward by the government are included under transfer payments.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

38. Consider the following statements about the writ of Quo Warranto.

1. The writ of quo warranto is used to judicially control executive actions in the matter of making appointments to public offices under relevant statutory provisions.
2. The writ is also used to protect a citizen from the holder of a public office to which he has no right.

Select the correct answer using the codes below

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None of the above

39 Article 31A saves five categories of laws from being challenged and invalidated on the ground of contravention of the fundamental rights conferred by Article 14 and Article 19. They are related to

1. Agricultural land reforms
2. Industry and commerce

3. International aid and development

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

40. It is the only scaly mammal on earth. Some of its species are found in India as well. It is

- A. Leapin Lizard
- B. Alligator
- C. Pangolin
- D. Aldabra Tortoise

41. The Constitution of India declares it as “fundamental in the governance of the country”

- A. Judicial review
- B. Fundamental Rights
- C. Universal Adult Franchise
- D. Directive Principles of State Policy

42. Consider the following statements about the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act that was recently in news.

1. The Act provides for a Court of Session to be a Special Court to try offences under this Act in each district.
2. Breaking the self-respect and esteem of the scheduled castes and tribes community is considered an offence under the Act.

3. It was enacted after the enactment of the Forest Rights Act.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

43. Ebola virus disease (EVD), formerly known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, is a severe, often fatal illness in humans. Consider the following about it.

1. Wild animals may carry the bacteria that cause Ebola.
2. It can spread through human-to-human transmission.
3. There is no licensed treatment proven to neutralise the disease pathogen.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

44) With reference to the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES), consider the following statements.

1. The idea of RIMES was conceived in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.
2. RIMES helps members in hazard monitoring, forecasting and application of tailored risk information in decision-making.
3. RIMES operates from its regional early warning center located in Mumbai.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

45) Consider the following statements.

Assertion (A): An observer standing at sea level on either pole is closer to Earth's central point than if standing at sea level on the Equator.

Reason (R): A rotating body tends to form an oblate spheroid rather than a sphere.

In the context of the above, which of these is correct?

- A. A is correct, and R is an appropriate explanation of A.
- B. A is correct, but R is not an appropriate explanation of A.
- C. A is correct, but R is incorrect.
- D. Both A and R are incorrect.

46) The Gondwana system of sediments from India is known to have its counterparts in six different landmasses. These landmasses do not include

- A. Africa
- B. Falkland Island
- C. Madagascar
- D. Mongolia

47) Consider the following statements.

1. Mid-Atlantic ridge is an example of convergent boundary.
2. A subduction zone cannot be formed between an Oceanic and a continental plate.

3. Transform faults are the planes of separation generally perpendicular to the mid-oceanic ridges.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

48) 2018 Earth Overshoot Day will fall on August 1. If the Day is celebrated on the September 1, next year in 2019, it implies that

- A. Earth has necessarily increased its carrying capacity.
- B. Human ecological footprint as compared to earth's bio-capacity has reduced considerably.
- C. The amount of natural resources generated by Earth in 2019 has reduced.
- D. Humanity's consumption of Earth's natural resources for that year has increased compared to 2018.

49) Which of the following is/are example(s) of organically formed sedimentary rocks?

- 1. Limestone 2. Coal
- 3. Basalt 4. Shale

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

50) Consider the following statements.

1. Decaying plant and animal matter help in the production of humic, carbonic and other acids which enhance decay and solubility of some elements in the soil.

2. Biomes and biodiversity is basically a result of forests and forests depend upon the depth of weathering mantles.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

51) Alluvial fans are formed when

- 1. Streams flowing from higher levels break into foot slope plains of low gradient
- 2. The river does not carry much load or carries only fine sediments
- 3. A river is nearing the sea

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

52) Lagoons can be formed in

- 1. High rocky coasts
- 2. Low sedimentary coasts

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

53) Western Asia is located directly south of Eastern Europe. The region is

surrounded by seven major seas which include?

1. Black Sea
2. Red Sea
3. Aegean Sea
4. Caspian Sea

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

54) Consider a triangle that is formed from the following.

- Southernmost point of Mediterranean Sea
- Northernmost point of Black Sea
- Southernmost point of Caspian Sea

Which of these nations would such a triangle partially or fully encompass?

1. Syria
2. Turkey
3. Iran

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

55) What is the present status of Golan Heights, which is sometimes seen in news?

- A. Internationally recognized as Syrian territory occupied by Israel

B. Internationally recognized as Israeli territory occupied by Egypt

C. Internationally recognized as Egyptian territory occupied by Israel

D. Internationally recognized as Israeli territory occupied by Syria

56) Which of these East Asian Countries has a larger latitudinal spread than India?

1. Japan
2. North and South Korea combined
3. Mongolia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. None of the above

57) The waters of the Oyashio Current, near Japan, form probably the richest fishery in the world owing to the

1. Extremely high-nutrient content of the warm water
2. Very high tides in some areas which enhances the availability of nutrients

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

58) Consider the following statements.

1. Basalt is an example of an intrusive igneous rock.

2. Igneous and sedimentary rocks can change into metamorphic rocks under great heat and pressure, but metamorphic rocks cannot change into either of them.

3. Granite rocks were formed due to cooling down of magma inside the earth.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. None of the above
- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

59) Consider the following statements.

1. Lithospheric plates carry both continents and ocean floor.
2. Lithospheric plates are prone to movement because of movement of molten magma inside the earth.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

60) With reference to Loess, consider the following statements.

1. It can be created by wind as well as movement by glaciers.
2. It mostly tends to accumulate at the edges of coasts.
3. It is devoid of mineral deposits.
4. It is the fastest eroding soil deposit among all different types of soil.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3 only

61) Based on International Monetary Fund (2017) estimates, which of the following is the closest “Per Capita Income (Nominal) or GDP (Nominal) per capita” figure of India?

- A. Slightly than \$1000
- B. Slightly less than \$2000
- C. Between \$2500-\$3000
- D. Between \$3000-\$4000

62) Why are avalanches more common in the Northern Himalayas than in the Nilgiris?

1. Due to difference in rock structure and tectonic stability
2. Due to higher rainfall and a higher temperature gradient experienced in the Himalayan region

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

63) Consider the following statements about soil structure.

1. Soils will usually develop to be thin on steep slopes and thick over flat upland areas.
2. Soils over flat areas may develop a thicker layer of clay with good accumulation of organic matter giving the soil dark colour, as compared to in hilly areas.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

64) The major tributaries of Mahanadi are

1. Gandak
2. Son
3. Seonath
4. Ong

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

65) With reference to Glaciers in India, consider the following statements.

1. Among the Northern states of India, Uttarakhand does not host a glacier.
2. Bhagirathi river is fed by meltwaters from under the snout of the Gangotri glacier.
3. Rivers Alkananda and Bhagirathi join to make river Ganga near Deoprayag.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

66) Boundary currents are ocean currents with dynamics determined by the presence of a coastline.

Which of the following distinguish western boundary currents and eastern boundary currents?

1. Eastern boundary currents are relatively deeper, narrower and faster-flowing than western boundary currents.

2. Eastern boundary currents transport organisms long distances rapidly, unlike Western boundary currents that are slow and relatively still.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

67) What evidence is proposed in support of the Continental Drift Theory?

1. Jigsaw fit of the coastlines on either side of the Southern Atlantic Ocean
2. Belt of ancient rocks of from Brazil coast matches with those from western Africa
3. Occurrence of rich placer deposits of gold in the Ghana coast and the absence of any such source rock there

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

68) Tidal force experienced by Oceans would, theoretically, change if

1. If a new celestial body, comparable to the size of earth, is to be introduced between the earth, moon and the sun

2. If the Earth, moon and Sun change their alignments with respect to each other

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

69) Arrange these major East Asian cities from North to South

- 1. Beijing
- 2. Tokyo
- 3. Seoul
- 4. Shanghai

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1324
- B. 2143
- C. 2134
- D. 1243

70) The modern convention for the land boundary between Asia and Africa runs along the

- A. Isthmus of Suez and the Suez Canal in Egypt
- B. Persian Gulf
- C. The narrow strait that joins Caspian and Black Sea
- D. Saudi Peninsula

71) Consider the following statements.

- 1. Mid-Oceanic ridges are likely to be found in the approximate gravitational centre of continental or oceanic plates.
- 2. The mid-ocean ridges of the world are connected and form the Ocean Ridge, a single

global midoceanic ridge system that is part of every ocean.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

72) The thinnest of all layers on earth is

- A. Crust
- B. Upper Mantle
- C. Lower mantle
- D. Core

73) Which of the following is NOT considered to be a Major tectonic plate?

- A. Pacific Plate
- B. Eurasian Plate
- C. Arabian Plate
- D. Antarctica and the surrounding oceanic plate

74) About 98 per cent of the total crust of the earth is composed of eight elements. These eight elements most likely do NOT include

- A. Oxygen
- B. Carbon
- C. Silicon
- D. Iron

75) Consider the following statements.

- 1. A mineral is a naturally occurring inorganic substance.
- 2. Minerals cannot be formed from a single element.
- 3. The basic source of all minerals is the hot magma in the interior of the earth.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

76) Which of these nations is keen to set up a border 'haat' (market) on its border with India and an official team from this neighbouring country recently visited Kasba market in Tripura to study the functioning of border haats?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Laos
- C. Myanmar
- D. Vietnam

77) Which of the following geographical features separate West Asia (in Eastern Iran) from rest of the Asia?

- A. Anatolian plateau
- B. Taurus mountains
- C. Lut desert
- D. Zagros mountains

78) Which of the following can be classified as endogenic geomorphic processes?

- 1. Weathering
- 2. Wind Erosion and deposition
- 3. Diastrophism
- 4. Volcanism

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 3 and 4 only

D. 1 and 4 only

79) Located in Gujarat's Patan, the 900-year-old structure, Rani-ki-Vav, is a major tourist attraction, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and was awarded as the cleanest iconic place in India in 2016. It is located on the banks of the mythical

- A. Saraswati River
- B. Vaitarni River
- C. Triveni River
- D. Dungamatra River

80) The term "Arctic Shelf" is often used to refer to

- A. Oil and gas deposits
- B. Major fishing zones
- C. Large ice-free docking areas
- D. Continental shelves

81) Meanders are most likely to be formed in which of the following stages of the river?

- A. Youth stage
- B. Mature stage
- C. Old Stage
- D. They are equally likely to be formed in all three stages.

82) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar resigned from the interim cabinet of independent India was triggered over an issue related to

- A. Dominance of centre in the Indian union

- B. Hindu Code Bill
- C. Constitutional rights of Dalits
- D. Extreme socialist bias of Congress

83) Who was leading the protests against the supposedly unfair election of Indira Gandhi in 1975 that led to proclamation of National Emergency?

- A. Ram Manohar Lohia
- B. Jay Prakash Narayan
- C. C. P. Mazumdar
- D. A. N. Ray

84) Consider the following statements.

1. The Kangra fort includes richly carved temples with idols embossed in their walls.
2. Dilwara temples are famous for their use of marble and intricate marble carvings.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

85) 'Kamraj plan' was related to the reformation of the ranks of which of the following parties?

- A. Labour party
- B. Indian National Congress
- C. Bharatiya Jan Sangh
- D. Congress Socialist Party

86) Sanskrit language can be found to be written in which of these languages in various manuscripts found in India?

1. Oriya script

2. Grantha script
3. Bengali script
4. Telugu script

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

87) Who came to be known as the Father of Communal Electorate in India?

- A. Montague
- B. Minto
- C. Cornwallis
- D. Wellesely

88) Consider the following statements about Partition of India.

1. Punjab and Bengal were the two provinces divided or separated on the basis of religion.
2. The scheme of Partition included an overall plan for transfer of population across the border.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

89) Consider the following statements.

1. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur was the Minister for Health in independent India's first ministry and a member of constituent assembly.

2. Acharya Narendra Dev was a founding President of the Congress Socialist Party.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

90) The constitution of which of these countries permits only a single party to rule the country?

- 1. Republic of Cuba
- 2. People's Republic of China
- 3. Republic of Iran
- 4. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- 5. Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

91) Located in Gujarat's Patan, the 900-year-old structure, Rani-ki-Vav, is a major tourist attraction, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and was awarded as the cleanest iconic place in India in 2016. It is located on the banks of the mythical

- A. Saraswati River
- B. Vaitarni River
- C. Triveni River
- D. Dungamatra River

92) The term "bipolarity" and "multipolarity" often used in the context of international relations refers to

- A. Liberal vis-à-vis conservative trends in international negotiations
- B. Success of democracy in modern world
- C. Ideological tilt of international bureaucracy
- D. Balance of power in the world

93) The only Asian member of the G-7 is

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. Japan
- D. Singapore

94) As per the Constitution of this country, war is unconstitutional. But, the provision was re-interpreted by the government few years ago and now the country can send material support to allies engaged in combat internationally. The country is

- A. Mexico
- B. Spain
- C. Sweden
- D. Japan

95) The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has free trade agreements with which of these partners?

- 1. People's Republic of China
- 2. Japan
- 3. India
- 4. Australia and New Zealand

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

96) Maastricht Treaty is related to the formation of

- A. Soviet Union
- B. Warsaw Pact
- C. European Union
- D. North-Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

97) Which of the following ideologies is closest to the “ASEAN Way”?

- A. Forming formal supra-national structures and institutions
- B. Settling disputes by informal cooperative methods
- C. Relying on cultural rather than economic force
- D. Assisting the development of Least Development Countries (LDCs)

98) Consider the following statements.

1. The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) is an annual summit of non-state actors to promote cooperation between ASEAN, SAARC and GCC members.
2. The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) is a forum for security dialogue concerning the Asia Pacific region.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None

99) Which of the following arguments, usually, are advanced against economic blocs?

1. They tend to erode sovereignty of member nations.
2. They increase mutual economic dependence between member countries leading to widespread repercussions of economic shocks.
3. They promote Economies of Scale.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

100) Operation Gibraltar was the codename given to the

- A. Strategy of Pakistan to infiltrate Jammu and Kashmir
- B. India’s Kargil operation
- C. Sino-Indian border negotiation post-1962 war
- D. Invasion of China in Tibet