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8. Sheet for rough work are appended in the Test Booklet at the end.

1. Consider the following about thermal batteries, seen in news recently.

1. It is a non-rechargeable, single use battery that is completely inert before being activated.
2. A thermal battery provides its power by converting thermal energy to electrical energy and not from a reactive electrochemical couple as in the case of Lithium-ion cells.
3. Thermal batteries are classified as highly explosive and cannot be destroyed by conventional means.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

2. Consider the following statements about Three-dimensional (3D) face recognition technology.

1. It can also identify a face from a range of viewing angles.
2. An important advantage of 3D face recognition is that it is not affected by changes in lighting.
3. Face recognition is not significantly affected even if the subject changes facial expressions.

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 and 3 only

3. Bhoomi Rashi was recently in news. It is a portal that

1. Comprises the entire revenue data of the country right down to the village level
2. Provides approximate market price of land in any part of India

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

4. The '8888' uprising of Myanmar was recently in news. Which of the following issues/concerns/activities were NOT central to the movement?

- A. Challenging the grip of the then ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party's grip on the general affairs of the country
- B. Transfer of power from the military to a civilian leadership
- C. Change of regime from an authoritarian regime to a multi-party democracy
- D. Opposing the intrusion of East Asian countries in the mainstream economic development of Myanmar

5. Anantnag, Baramula, and Pahalgam are well known for

- A. Production of Kashmiri willow Cricket Bats
- B. Cave paintings of Sonbhadra and Chitrakoot
- C. Fabrics like chiffon, muslin and organza

D. Metalwork of Badohi and decorated terracotta horse

6. Recently adopted Xiamen

Declaration of BRICS forum is seen as a triumph for Indian diplomacy. The Xiamen declaration talks about?

1. It explicitly calls out several Pakistan-based terror organisations and expresses concern on the security situation in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region.

2. It exhorts the BRICS countries to work together to promote most effective use of fossil fuels and wider use of gas, hydro and nuclear power.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

7. With reference to the Right of First Refusal (ROFR), see in news recently, consider the following statements.

1. Right of first refusal is a contractual right, but not obligation, to enter into a business transaction with a person or company before anyone else can.

2. If the entity with the right of first refusal declines to enter into a transaction, the owner of the asset who offered the right is free to open the bidding up to other interested parties.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

8. Which of the following diseases is an occupational hazard?

- A. Silicosis

B. Tuberculosis

C. Meningitis

D. Arthritis

9. The 2+2 Dialogue recently seen in news involves which of these countries as participants?

- 1. India
- 2. USA
- 3. China
- 4. Russia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

10. Consider the following statements.

1. The major objective of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation.

2. A Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF) has been established under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare for funding of Central and State share for the identified ongoing projects under PMKSY.

3. One of the primary objectives of the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) is to prepare National Perspective Plans (NPP) for inter-linking rivers to reduce water shortage.

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

11. Net National Product (NNP) is obtained after

- A. Adding Net factor income from abroad to the Net Domestic Product (NDP)
- B. Discounting depreciation from Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- C. Adding net capital formation to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- D. Summing the consumption expenditures of all individuals residing within the economy

12. Global Innovation Index (GII) is released by

- A. Cornell University
- B. INSEAD
- C. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
- D. All of the above jointly

13. The 2018 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) was published by

- A. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- B. World Bank
- C. United Nations Sustainable Solutions Network
- D. UNEP

14. Match the following initiatives/exercises with their descriptions:

- 1. Maitree: All Women mountain expedition
- 2. Xingkong-2: A hypersonic flight vehicle
- 3. Manirang: Indo-Thai military exercise

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

- D. 2 and 3 only

15. The powers to make laws in the residuary list is vested in the

- A. Central government
- B. State governments
- C. Supreme Court and High courts
- D. Rajya Sabha alone

16. International Maritime Organization (IMO) is mandated to regulate

- A. Hydrocarbon extraction from disputed territories
- B. Resolving jurisdiction issues related to maritime claims
- C. Shipping in international waters
- D. Climate related parameters in ocean currents, tides and waves

17. Which of these South Asian nations is/are constitutional monarchy?

- 1. Nepal
- 2. Bhutan
- 3. Myanmar
- 4. Maldives

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18. Consider the following about the history of the Justice party – Dravidian Movement – and its ideology.

- 1. Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy transformed the Justice Party into the social organisation Dravidar Kazhagam.

2. The party helped established the non-cooperation movement in South India with the support of C. Rajagopalachari.

3. The organization opposed Annie Besant and her Home rule movement.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1 and 2 only

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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

23. 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

24. 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

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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

30. 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.

31. Which of the following is/are the key principles of 'Zero Budget Natural Farming'?

- 1. Seed Treatment using local cow dung and cow urine
- 2. Mulching to ensure favourable microclimate in the soil
- 3. No use of chemicals fertilizers or chemical pesticides in the soil
- 4. Soil aeration

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

32. With reference to the observations made in the recent International Labour Organization (ILO)

Publication - India Wage Report - consider the following statements.

- 1. Daily wages in urban areas also remain more than twice as high as those in rural areas.
- 2. Minimum wages are presently set uniformly only by the Central government which is a hindrance in achieving purchasing power parity across different states.
- 3. The gender wage gap has consistently increased post-1991.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

33. What are the key features of Microcrystallites, that were recently seen in news?

- 1. They exhibit a deformed cubic structure unlike normal Gold.
- 2. They readily dissolve in mercury and Aqua regia which is a mixture of nitric acid and hydrochloric acid.
- 3. Microcrystallites are chemically more stable than normal gold.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

34. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The option of None of the Above (NOTA) in Rajya Sabha (RS) polls was introduced by the Election Commission (EC) in 2014, and India was the second such country to introduce NOTA in any polls.
- 2. As per a recent order of the Supreme court, the NOTA option is meant only for universal adult

suffrage and direct elections and not polls held by the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote as done in the Rajya Sabha.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

35. The Regional coalition known as the 'Quad' includes which of these nations?

- 1. India
- 2. Indonesia
- 3. Australia
- 4. Russia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

36. The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2017 was passed by the Lok Sabha to

- 1. Extend the facility of 'proxy voting' to overseas Indians
- 2. Enable out of station voting for armed personnel

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

37. PARIVESH is a single window hub for the clearance of projects related to

- A. National Highways

- B. Environmental and Wildlife clearances
- C. Public Private
- D. Smart cities

38. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order of 1968 requires a party to swear to uphold the principles of socialism, secularism, democracy, sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.
- 2. The Supreme Court may direct the Election Commission to insist that parties get new members to declare in an affidavit their criminal antecedents and publish them so that they can estimate the extent of criminalization in a political party.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

39. Consider the following about OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft of NASA.

- 1. The mission will help scientists investigate how planets formed and how life began.
- 2. It will improve our understanding of asteroids that could impact Earth.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

40. NABARD has released its report on All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey 2016-17. Consider the following about the findings of this report.

- 1. More than half the agricultural households in the country have outstanding debt, and their average outstanding debt is almost as high as the

average annual income of all agricultural households.

2. The average debt of an indebted agricultural household is higher than that of an indebted non-agricultural household.

3. The highest incidence of indebtedness comes from those owning farms bigger than fifty hectares of land (large farmers).

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

41. With reference to the Kanyashree scheme of the West Bengal government, consider the following statements.

1. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme aiming at improving the status and well being of the girl child.

2. It aims at reduction in child marriage.

3. It received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2017.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

42. With reference to Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES), consider the following statements.

1. It is India's only research facility engaged in conservation and preservation of wildlife and its resources.

2. LaCONES has developed universal DNA based marker for identification of wild animals from parts and remains.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

43. The Lok Sabha has passed the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2018. Consider the following about it.

1. The Act contains provisions to deal with domestic and international arbitration.

2. The Bill seeks to establish an independent body called the Arbitration Council of India (ACI) for the promotion of arbitration.

3. Under the Bill, the judiciary is now prohibited from designating arbitral institutions for the appointment of arbitrators, which was allowed in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1 and 2 only

44. The Uighurs are a Muslim ethnic minority mostly based in

A. China's Xinjiang province

B. Western Afghanistan

C. Close to international borders of Punjab, India

D. Central Myanmar

45. Consider the following statements.

1. The Giant Metre wave Radio Telescope (GMRT) is an array of several steerable parabolic radio telescopes observing at metre wavelengths.

2. Radio galaxies are colossal galaxies with are at equidistant from two supermassive black holes and are usually devoid of inert gases.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

46. With reference to ‘Parens patriae’ doctrine, in news recently, consider the following statements.

1. The doctrine grants the court inherent power and authority to act as guardian for those who are unable to take care for themselves.
2. The Supreme Court has never taken cognizance of the doctrine of Parens Patriae.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

47. Nanoflares are related to

- A. Hazards of developments of nanotechnology
- B. Corona of the Sun
- C. Nano coating used in Anti UV glasses
- D. Bouncing back of the Solar insolation

48. Fragile Five was a term coined in August of 2013 by a research analyst at Morgan Stanley to

Represent emerging market economies that have become too dependent on unreliable foreign investment to finance their growth ambitions. It does NOT include which of these countries?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Brazil
- D. South Africa

49. Consider the following statements about cyber security.

1. A virus is a program that can infect other programs by modifying them to include a possible evolved copy of itself.
2. A network worm can make copies of itself throughout a network disrupting an entire network.
3. Trojan horse is a program that generally impairs the security of a system as the program is self-replicating.
4. Spyware invades a computer and monitors a user’s activities without consent.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

50. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which has released the Global Liveability Index 2018 ranking global cities based on their living conditions, is affiliated to which of these famous parent organizations?

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. Financial Action Task Force
- C. The Economist Group
- D. World Bank

51. Consider the following statements.

Assertion (A): Most living organisms can only make use of reactive nitrogen, and not the diatomic nitrogen present in the atmosphere.

Reason (R): Breaking the triple bond holding the two nitrogen atoms together requires a large amount of energy which can be mustered only by select microorganisms or processes.

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.

52. Consider the following statements.

Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework

- 1. Is applicable only to private sector banks
- 2. Allows RBI to supersede a bank's board
- 3. Can cap a bank's lending limit to a single entity or single sector

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

53. With reference to the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, consider the following statements.

- 1. The scheme is 100% centrally funded for the project components undertaken for public funding.
- 2. It aims to leverage the voluntary funding available for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of Central Public Sector Undertakings and corporate sector.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

54. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Solar winds are a flow of ionized gases from the sun that streams past Earth at speeds nearly close to that of light.
- 2. Disturbances in the solar wind shake Earth's magnetic field and pump energy into the radiation belts.
- 3. Space weather can change the orbits of satellites and even shorten their lifetimes.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

55. Consider the following terminologies used in Medieval India and its depiction.

- 1. Parwana was an order issued by higher authorities.
- 2. Siyaha huzur was proceedings of the provincial court.

3. Andarz-o-chihra were documents on personnel and horses.

4. Roznamcha-i-waqai was daily news report.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

56. The Mahadai Water Disputes Tribunal has been hearing the tussle over sharing of the Mahadai or Mandovi river between

- A. Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- C. Kerala, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh
- D. Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala

57. With reference to the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) prestigious Strategic Partnership (SP) Model, consider the following statements.

1. The model seeks to identify Indian private companies as Strategic Partners who would tie up with a few shortlisted foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to manufacture important military platforms in India.
2. Any applicant company interested in participating in the selection process for strategic partners must be owned and controlled by resident Indians.
3. Existing Strategic Partners would have the advantage of being the automatic choice for the relevant future contracts of the Ministry of Defence.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

58. What is the Standard model of physics?

1. It describes how particles and forces interact.
2. It does not accept the fundamental forces of nature on a subatomic scale.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

59. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Programme seeks to address the housing requirement of urban poor including slum dwellers through

1. Slum rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers with participation of private developers using land as a resource.
2. Promotion of Affordable Housing for weaker section through credit linked subsidy.
3. Affordable Housing in Partnership with Public & Private sectors.
4. Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

60. Consider the following statements about Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS).

1. It is an autonomous governmental agency under the Wildlife Trust of India.
2. BNHS is the partner of BirdLife International in India.

3. It has been designated as a 'Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation' by the Department of Science and Technology.

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

61. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Photons make up Electromagnetic radiation.
- 2. Electron-neutrinos are produced in large numbers during supernova explosions.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

62. With reference to the writ of Certiorari, consider the following statements.

- 1. It can be issued only by the Supreme Court, and not by High courts.
- 2. Certiorari can be issued to call for the record or papers and proceedings of an Act or Ordinance.
- 3. It is not applicable to tribunals.
- 4. It cannot be issued for cases when the case has not been even heard by a court of law.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

63. It is a compulsory termination of Indian citizenship by the Central government, if

- 1. The citizen has shown disloyalty to the Constitution of India
- 2. The citizen has been ordinarily resident out of India for four years continuously

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

64. The Constitution confers which of the following rights and privileges on the citizens of India but denies the same to aliens?

- 1. Right to education
- 2. Right to freedom of speech and expression
- 3. Right against exploitation

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

65. The government cannot impose restrictions on the practice of freedom of religion on which of the following grounds?

- A. Public order
- B. Public health
- C. Morality
- D. National Integrity

66. The Karakoram pass, a mountain pass between India and China, is closest to

- A. Tawang
- B. Kargil
- C. Srinagar
- D. Kathgodam

67. The Tashkent Agreement contained the provisions of:

- 1. A no-war pact between India and Pakistan
- 2. Non-interference in each other's internal affairs

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

68. Consider the following statements.

- 1. Under the leadership of Pandit Nehru, India convened the Asian Relations Conference right after its Independence.
- 2. India was one of the participants in the Bandung Conference that over the years led to the establishment of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM).

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

69. During the suzerainty of the British crown, princely States covered what portion of the land area of the British Indian Empire?

- A. one-third
- B. one-tenth
- C. one-fifth
- D. two-third

70. Consider the following statements.

- 1. In the Nagpur session of Congress in 1920, the linguistic principle was recognised as the basis of the reorganisation of the Indian National Congress party.
- 2. A few days after Independence, the Maharaja of Manipur, signed the Instrument of Accession with the Indian government on maintaining the internal autonomy of Manipur.
- 3. The Nizam of Hyderabad did not immediately enter an Instrument of Accession with India right after independence and instead signed a Standstill Agreement in 1947.

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 only

71. Which of the following principles related to international peace and security are found in the Constitution?

- 1. Maintain just and honourable relations between nations
- 2. Provide required assistance to Least Developed Nations (LDCs)
- 3. Encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

72. The Indian National Army (INA) was created by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose near the

- A. Swadeshi Movement
- B. First World War
- C. Second World War
- D. Civil Disobedience Movement

73. The India-Pakistan Indus Waters Treaty was negotiated and signed

- A. Immediately after India's independence
- B. After the Indo-Pak 1965 War
- C. After the 1999 Kargil War
- D. In the year 1960

74. India has opposed the international treaties aimed at non-proliferation because

1. India was kept out of all the negotiations leading to these agreements.
2. Nations that were not part of the treaties were not allowed to enrich Uranium.
3. India believed that these treaties were discriminatory in nature and biased towards the major nuclear powers.

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

75. Consider the following statements.

1. He was the first Indian Governor General of India.
2. He founded Swatantra Party.
3. He was the first recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. Rajendra Prasad
- B. C. Rajagopalachari
- C. Satyendra Nath
- D. Surendranath Bose

76. Consider the following statements. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

1. Had been a Congress Leader
2. First Home Minister of independent India
3. Was a member the committee of the Constituent Assembly on Fundamental Rights

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

77. Consider the following statements about the Bombay Plan that was published in 1944-1945.

1. It proposed state intervention in the economic development of the nation after independence.
2. It was accepted and approved by the interim government of India in 1946.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

78. Consider the following statements.

1. Indian National Congress (INC) passed a resolution in Avadi Session (1955) declaring 'socialist pattern of society' as its goal.
2. The Second Five-year plan (FYP) stressed on heavy industries in the development of India.
3. P. C. Mahalanobis emphasized the importance of shifting resources from the manufacturing to the agricultural sector.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

79. Consider the following statements about the Indo-China conflict in 1962.

1. After the conflict in 1962, full diplomatic relations were restored between both the nations only in 1984.
2. An important cause of the war was a dispute over the sovereignty of the widely separated Aksai Chin and North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) border regions.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

80. Which of these regions lies closest to the Indo-China international border?

- A. Demchok
- B. Itanagar
- C. Darjeeling
- D. Dehradun

81. The salient features of Kerala model include

1. A set of moderate material quality-of-life indicators coinciding with high per-capita incomes, both distributed across nearly the entire population of Kerala.
2. High levels of political participation and activism among ordinary people along with substantial numbers of dedicated leaders at all levels
3. Considerable intervention of developed countries in the form of aid, technical support and policy direction

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

82. Jayaprakash Narayan was associated with which of the following parties?

1. Congress Socialist Party
2. Socialist Party
3. Janta Party

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

83. The roots of the Non Alignment Movement draw upon

1. Growing Cold War tensions
2. Entry of many newly decolonised African countries into the international arena
3. The realization of a bloc of countries to stay out of any involvement in wars

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

84. Countries that were members of the Warsaw Pact among the following are

- 1. Hungary
- 2. Poland
- 3. Germany
- 4. Italy

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

85. Consider the following about important treaties signed during the Cold War era.

- 1. The Limited test ban treaty (LTBT) banned nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water.
- 2. The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT-I and II) were conducted between USA and China.
- 3. The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty I (START-I) was negotiated between USSR France and USA.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

86. The 'shock therapy' in post-communist regimes was related to a transition from

- 1. Authoritarian to a democratic political order
- 2. Hardline Socialist ideology to a capitalist economic ideology

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

87. The United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) has been housed under

- A. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
- B. United Nations Trusteeship Council
- C. United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESOSOC)
- D. United Nations Peace Committee (UNPC)

88. The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) was created by the Secretary-General of the UN to improve the effectiveness of UN development activities at the country level. It consists of which of these organizations?

- 1. World Health Organization
- 2. United Nations Children's Fund
- 3. International Labour Organization
- 4. United Nations Women

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

89. Arrange the following in chronological order:

1. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
2. Fall of the Berlin Wall
3. Disintegration of the Soviet Union
4. Russian Revolution

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 4132
- B. 4123
- C. 4231
- D. 2341

90. Consider the following with reference to the “veto power” exercised by the Permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

1. Veto power cannot be used on "substantive" resolutions raised within the UNSC.
2. Abstention from the vote by a permanent member also amounts to a veto.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

91. With reference to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), consider the following statements.

1. It sets the rules for global trade.
2. It was set up in 1995 as the successor to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) created after the Second World War.
3. The voting rights and weightage of WTO members depend on their share of global trade.

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

92. The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) is a/an

- A. Non-governmental organization giving legal assistance to the poor
- B. An autonomous organization working under the aegis of the Ministry of Law and Justice
- C. Organ of the International Court of Justice
- D. A pressure group of Bar Council of India

93. Consider the following about the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

1. It was set up as a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN).
2. It is dedicated to eradicating poverty and hunger in rural areas of developing countries.
3. It provides low interest loans and grants to finance innovative agricultural projects.
4. India, being an agricultural surplus nation, has not received any financial support from IFAD till date.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

94. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of

the United Nations (UN). Consider the following about it.

1. The ICJ judges are elected for terms of office of nine years by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.
2. The Court can take suo moto cognizance of disputes between nation-states.
3. The seat of the Court is in the Hague.
4. ICJ gives advisory opinions on legal questions at the request of the organs of the United Nations.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

95. Consider the following statements about the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

1. It was created in the aftermath of World War II.
2. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another state.
3. UNHCR maintains a database of refugee information.

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

96. Consider the following about the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

1. It is known as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization.
2. It was setup along with the United Nations (UN) in 1945.
3. It provides technical assistance where nuclear technology can offer significant advantages.
4. It has established the International Nuclear Information System (INIS).

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

97. Consider the following statements.

1. The World Bank was created immediately after the Second World War in 1945.
2. The WB not only provides loans and grants to the member-countries but also assists countries in human and rural development.
3. WB forms an agency of the United Nations.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

98. Consider the following about the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

1. NATO membership is open to any country that is willing to accept the terms of the military alliance.
2. All decisions are taken by consensus in NATO.
3. The Membership Action Plan (MAP) of NATO is a military code that prohibits attack on member countries by any of the NATO members.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

C. 2 only

D. None of the above

99. Which of these groups help member countries to identify those exports which need to be controlled so as not to contribute to the spread of chemical and biological weapons?

A. Australia Group

B. Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)

C. Wassenaar Arrangement

D. Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)

100. The Presidency of the Security Council of United Nations is

A. Fixed by a vote of the General Assembly for a period of two years

B. Decided by majority vote amongst the permanent members for a given period of the term

C. Rotated every month among all the members and non-members of the UNSC

D. None of the above