

Q.1. The Governor can reserve a state bill for the consideration of the President if it

1. Opposes the provisions of Directive Principles of State Policy.
2. Endangers the position of the state High Court.
3. Deals with the compulsory acquisition of property under article 31A.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

2. Which of these are the chief difference(s) between Mesolithic and Neolithic cultures?

1. Hunting-gathering pattern of life began not before the Neolithic period.
2. Mesolithic cultures did not practice domestication of animals unlike Neolithic people.
3. The use of bow and arrow cannot be found in Mesolithic culture, unlike Neolithic culture.
4. Evidence of pottery is absent from the Neolithic culture but is markedly found in Mesolithic culture.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

3. Social Entrepreneurship is running

- A. Any non-profit business
- B. An ecologically sustainable business
- C. An inclusive business that has participation from major social groups and local community

D. A business that makes its money in a socially responsible way.

4. Ashokan inscriptions remain valuable sources for the study of Asoka and the Mauryan Empire. This is because

1. His wooden pillars heralded a new architectural era because most of the monuments before his period were made of stone.
2. Pillar edicts give a summary of his efforts to promote the Dhamma within his kingdom and outside.
3. They often deal with instructions given to his official which is informative of Mauryan polity.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

5. Which of the following is the closest analogy of the Indian Constitution?

- A. Rulebook** B. Anthology
C. Dictionary D. Social Register

6. 'JIGYASA', recently seen in news is a

- A. Interstellar exploration programme of ISRO
- B. Student- scientist connect programme**
- C. Earth core drilling programme of Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. Biodiversity documentation programme in the Western Ghats

7. Which of the following are the discretionary powers of a Governor of a State?

1. Sending a report to the President of India for imposing the President's rule.

2. Appointing Council of Ministers.

3. Reserving certain bills passed by the State Legislature for consideration of the President of India.

4. Making rules for more convenient transaction of the business of a state government.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

8. With reference to unique BRICS countries initiatives, consider the following statements:

1. BRICS Network University (NU) is an open educational project and does not involve establishment of rigid organizational forms such as a secretariat.

2. BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) comprises research organizations from BRICS countries including Observer Research Foundation (ORF) from India.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

9. With reference to the Sangam age, Panar and Viraliyar were

- A. Temple guards B. Bull fighters
C. Singing bards D. Charity donors

10. The 600-year-old Walled City of Ahmedabad was recently declared a World Heritage City. With reference to the World Heritage Cities Programme and associated initiatives, consider the following:

1. It is a thematic programmes formally approved and monitored by the World Heritage Committee.

2. The programme has provisions for technical assistance to States Parties for the implementation of new approaches and schemes for urban heritage conservation.

3. IUCN has set up the 'Historic Urban Landscape initiative' which is an international working group comprising; inter alia, UNESCO as an advisory body to the World Heritage Convention.

4. The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) is an inter-governmental organization of the municipal corporations of cities in which sites of the UNESCO World Heritage list are located.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

11. What argument(s) would you advance to justify that the position of women had become miserable during the Gupta period?

1. Women were prohibited from studying religious texts.
2. The practice of Swyamvara was given up and Manusmriti suggested early marriage for girls.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

12. The year of 2017 marks 25 years of dialogue partnership between India and ASEAN and 15 years of summit-level interaction. With reference to India-ASEAN relations, consider the following:

1. India's relationship with ASEAN is a key pillar of our Act East Policy.

2. AIFTA is a free trade area among the member states of the ASEAN and India.

3. India and ASEAN are yet to upgrade their relationship to a 'strategic partnership'.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

13. Universal suffrage (voting rights to all eligible) was granted to women all over India in

A. 1950 once Indian republic was formed

- B. Morley-Minto Act
 C. Government of India Act, 1935
 D. 1939 General elections

14. Karla is one of the most famous centres of early rock-cut architecture and has received much attention of scholars and commoners alike. What is important about Karla caves?

1. The grand Chaitya griha of Karla is the largest of all the chaitya-grihas of India.
 2. The rock-cut cave was completed without accepting any financial donation from individuals apart from their voluntary labour.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

15. With reference to the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), consider the following statements:

1. President of India serves as the Director General (DG) of NDRF.
 2. NDRF was established under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
 3. It is housed directly under the Prime Minister's Office and functions from there.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

16. With reference to Ancient India, Ashtangasamgraha written by Vagbhata deals with

- A. Astrology
 B. **Medicine**
 C. Law
 D. Economics

Q17. Which among the following is/are executive powers of the Parliament?

1. Making laws for governance of country
 2. Supervision of Executive through committees
 3. Impeachment of President

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

18. Under the 2007 India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty

1. Neither Government will allow the use of its territory for activities harmful to the national security and interest of the other
 2. Both governments allow free trade and commerce between the territories of Bhutan and India.
 3. Bhutanese subjects residing in Indian territories shall have equal justice with Indian subjects.

4. Government of Bhutan is free to export those arms, for commercial purposes that it received via imports through the territory of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q19. The Prime Minister of India is the chairman of:

1. NITI Aayog
 2. Inter-State Council
 3. National Integration Council

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

20. What is the usefulness of Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) being developed by NASA?

1. It will help protect earth from potential cosmic body impacts in the future.
 2. It will lead to the establishment of the first human space station on an asteroid.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

21. He was a follower of Jainism in the early part of his career and converted to Saivism later. He is hailed as 'Vichitrachitta' who constructed a temple for Brahma, Vishnu and Siva without the use of bricks, timber, metal and mortar. Who is the ruler?

- A. Kadambas of Banavasi
 B. Adikavi Pampa
 C. Rajaraja I
D. Mahendravarman I

22. Which of these justify the robust and benevolent system of administration that Cholas had?

1. Chola kings undertook royal tours to increase the efficiency of the administration.
 2. All legal professions were exempt from tax liabilities.
 3. All lands were carefully surveyed and classified for assessment of revenue.
 4. During the hard times, there were remissions of taxes.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

23. What is the significance of Sabarmati Ashram in the modern history of India?

1. It served as the last residence of Mahatma Gandhi.
 2. It has been declared as a national monument by the Indian government.
 3. Salt Satyagraha was started from this Ashram in 1930.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

24. Which of these systems were popularly introduced by Alauddin Khalji?

1. Branding of horses
 2. Maintaining a descriptive list of soldiers
 3. Paying army in kind rather than cash
 4. Market based pricing for all products

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

25. Consider the following statements:

1. Under the Participatory Guarantee System for India (PGS-India), FAO bureaucracy certifies organic products after due inspection.

2. National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) intends to facilitate certification of organic products in conformity with the importing countries organic standards.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

26. Consider the following statements.

Assertion (A): Kushanas banned the use of gold coins taken from their empire on the silk route.

Reason (R): Kushanas could not control the Silk route and were at a loss from its trade.

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.

27. Consider the following about 'Know India Programme (KIP)':

1. KIP is a programme run jointly by IISC, IITs and NITs to inculcate scientific temper and general knowledge in youth.

2. KIP involves compulsory government financed field visits in public schools to places of national importance.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

28 Which of the two key principles/themes of democracy are inseparable or can't exist without each other?

- A. Equity and Justice
 B. Fraternity and Sovereignty
 C. Accountability and transparency

D. Both (a) and (c).

29. Ramananda, Kabir and Nanak

- Were not linked with any particular religious creed
- Did not believe in rituals and ceremonies
- Condemned monotheism and believed in multiple Gods
- Denounced all forms of idolatry

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q. 30 The Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in matters of which of the following election disputes?

- Office of President
- Office of Vice- President
- Election of members of Parliament
- Election of members of state legislatures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

31. Bhimbetka, in present-day Madhya Pradesh, is famous for**A. Hosting prehistoric cave paintings**

- B. Largest Buddha Bronze statues
 C. Monolithic temples
 D. None of the above.

32. Which of these types of trading/agreements in securities markets is NOT permitted in India?

- A. Futures contract
 C. Forward contract
 B. Options contract
D. All are permitted.

33. Which of these earliest cities was located to the east of Indus River?

1. Dholavira
 3. Kalibangan
 2. Rakhi Garhi
 4. Sotkakoh

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

34. The Ministry of Law and Justice has launched the 'Tele-Law' initiative in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Consider the following with reference to it.

1. It would subsume National Legal Service Authority (NALSA) and its State Level authorities to create a Virtual Legal Service Authority (VLSA).

2. It will provide legal aid services to the marginalized communities and citizens living in rural areas.

3. It would help people to seek legal advice from lawyers with the help of video conferencing facility.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

35. The Indian constitution prohibits discrimination between individuals on the basis of

- A. Gender and caste only
B. Gender, caste, religion, race and place of birth
 C. Gender, education, caste and place of birth
 D. Caste, education, religion and race only.

36. With reference to Ancient Southern India, Tolkappiyam refers to the five-fold division of lands.

Consider the following matches with their description.

- Kurinji: Desert
- Mullai: Pastoral
- Neydal: Agricultural
- Marudam: Hilly tracks
- Palai: Coastal

Select the correct matches using the codes below.

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

37 "Kanishka must have conquered the greater part of the Gangetic plain", the evidence of this statement comes from

1. Coins of Kanishka are found in places like Mathura, Sravasti and Benares.

2. His coins exhibit only Buddhist images, and not Hindu gods, a cult that was popular then in the Gangetic plain.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

38. The Government has issued Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 recently.

Consider the following with reference to its provisions:

1. The order applies to manufacturing sector only.
2. Ordinarily, all government procurement shall be based on 100% local content sourcing.
3. Import of non-essential commodities shall be severely regulated to promote domestic manufacturing.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

39. An important item of trade from Ancient India, it was highly valuable in Roman Empire so much that it was known as 'black gold'. What does the item refer to?

- A. Crude oil
 B. Coal
 C. Dark Garnet stones
D. Pepper

40. Consider the following:

1. Temple at Deogarh near Jhansi
2. Giant copper statue of Buddha originally found at Sultanganj
3. Delhi Iron pillar
4. Bagh caves paintings

The above belong to periods of which of these dynasties of India?

- A. Peshwas
 B. Guptas
 C. Paramara
 D. Western Ganga

41. Under the SMARTGRAM initiative of Rashtrapati (President) Bhavan, what is considered as a 'smart gram (village)'?

- A. A village that is on the transition to become a municipal area
 B. A village where a majority of the population is digitally literate

C. A village having required physical and social infrastructure governed with a layer of smart information and communication systems

- D. A village that is close to sub-urban areas of smart cities.

42. Consider the following statistics.

1. India ranks first among the world's milk producing Nations.
2. Most of the milk produced in India comes from cooperatives.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

43. With reference to the Indus Valley civilization, consider the following statements:

1. Indus valley civilization was the biggest exporter of semi-precious stones and a major importer of agricultural products.
2. Fishing was a regular occupation while hunting and bull fighting were banned.
3. Linga worship was prevalent and even natural figures like trees were worshipped.
4. Lothal was an important point of trade between the Harappan civilization and the remaining part of India as well as Mesopotamia.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

- B. 3 and 4 only
 D. 2, 3 and 4 only.

44. Many Chinese Buddhist pilgrims visited Indian subcontinent to visit places associated with the life of the Buddha. Who among the following is NOT one of them?

- A. Fa Xian
 B. Xuan Zang
 C. I-Qing
D. Alan Chen

Q45. The ordinance making power of Governor is co-extensive with the legislative power of the state legislature. This means:

(a) Ordinance can only be promulgated when the Legislative assembly is not in session.

(b) Ordinance can be promulgated only on those subjects on which state legislature can make laws.

(c) Governor can promulgate ordinance only on the advice of Council of Ministers.

(d) An ordinance ceases to operate on the expiry of six weeks after the reassembly of state legislature.

46. With reference to the Vedic civilization, Rajasuya, Asvamedha and Vajpeya were

A. Rituals and sacrifices performed by the King to strengthen his position

B. Mercenary army contingents that were owned by the local landlords

C. Land tax imposed on areas inside the jurisdiction of the Empire

D. Body of officials who maintained a record of the extent of empire, its defeats and successions.

47. Jainism advocates three principles known as Triratnas (three gems) which are right faith, right knowledge and right conduct. On the other hand, Buddhism preaches four noble truths and the eightfold path. What is/are common between the teachings of both religions?

1. Acceptance of the theory that God exists and it has multiple aspects

2. Understanding that no object possesses a soul and is inanimate in the larger flow of life

3. To practice ahimsa and abstain from acquiring precious metals like Gold and Silver

4. Penance and extreme austerity to punish the body

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

- B. 3 only
 D. 1 and 4 only.

48. Which of these is NOT one of the major styles or schools of ancient Indian art?

- A. Amravati
 C. Gandhara

- B. Mathura
D. Sarnath

49. With reference to ANUGA 2017, consider the following:

1. It is an inter-governmental platform organized by UNSC for promoting defense technology cooperation.

2. India was the co-Partner Country in 2017 edition of the event.

3. Agreements signed under the event are mandated to take the place of national laws and impose regulatory burdens on party nations.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

50. Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuel (IROAF) has been recently awarded the coveted National level "Golden Peacock Award for the Year 2017 for Eco-Innovation". The award was given for

1. Substitution of Diesel in passenger trains by environment friendly Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).
2. Installation of open source licensing system for electricity generation and procurement.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

51. The Mauryan state had a well-organized civil service, this is evident from

1. Civil servants called Amatyas who looked after the day-to-day administration were selected based on merit.
2. Adyakshas officers helped control the retail and wholesale prices of goods and ensured their steady supply in the state.
3. All officials were interviewed and appointed directly by the emperor. Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

52. Ptolemy, a Greek writer, mentions many important ports in the Deccan. Among them, the greatest port of the Satavahanas in Western Deccan was

- A. Kalvani**
 C. Satakarni
 B. Ganjam
 D. Pulamayi

53. The National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India intends to

1. Create repository of information about cultural assets
2. Launch massive cultural awareness campaigns
3. Open a direct channel of communication of artists with the Government
4. Hold talent hunt competitions from Block level to National level

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

54. This council held near Srinagar prepared an authoritative commentary on the Buddhist Tripitakas and gave the Mahayana doctrine a final shape. The council was convened by

- A. Kanishka**
 C. Bindusara Amitraghata
 B. Samprati
 D. Devavarman.

55. Consider the following about The Energy Resources Institute (TERI).

1. It is a non-profit policy research organization.
2. It is an attached agency of the International Centre for Climate Governance (ICCG).

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.56. The jurisdiction of Lok Adalats extends to which of the following cases?

1. Land acquisition cases
2. Labour disputes
3. Matrimonial cases

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3**
 (c) 2 only
 (b) 1 and 2 only
 (d) None

57. Consider the following statements.

1. Innovate in India (i3) program offers young entrepreneurs an avenue to engage with the best practices in the domestic financial and banking industry.
2. National Biopharma Mission will concentrate, inter alia, on development of medical devices and biotherapeutics to upgrade India's product development capabilities to globally competitive levels.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

58. In a democratic state, government derives its ultimate sovereignty from

- A. Citizens of the state**
 C. Laws governing the state
 B. Territory of the State
 D. Parliament.

59. Chandragupta II, a ruler of the Gupta Empire, assumed the famous title of 'Sakari'. What did the title imply?

- A. Destroyer of Sakas**
 B. Lord of the world
 C. Well Wisher of masses
 D. Devotee of Shankara.

60. Consider the following statements about the recently established Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC).

1. It was established as a research arm of International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. GFXC will enforce a FX Global Code that will legally regulate the manipulation of floating foreign exchange by Central Banks.
3. It will promote collaboration and communication among the local foreign exchange committees (FXCs) of member nations.
4. It will replace the institution of Bank of International Settlements (BIS).
5. Indian government has boycotted GFXC due to its non-democratic governance structure.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

61. Why the sale of Oxytocin, despite being a natural hormone, is heavily regulated?

1. It was used as a depressant by a large segment of population.
2. Its indiscriminate use by dairy farmers was causing irreversible hormone damage in milch animals.
3. Consumption of food laced with Oxytocin can cause cardiac problems in humans.
4. It is abused to speed up child birth in women.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

62. Consider the following statements.

1. Manimegalai is a Tamil epic that criticizes Buddhism while investigating the strengths of contemporary Hindu traditions.
2. Silappatikaram, produced at Sangam, is a poetic rendition with details of Tamil culture.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

63. Consider the following statements.

1. Harsha prohibited the use of animal food in his kingdom and punished those who killed any living being.
2. Harsha gave away his enormous wealth as gifts to the members of all religious sects during the Allahabad Conference.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

64. With reference to the rights and responsibilities of the Attorney General of India, consider the following:

1. He has right of audience in all courts within the territory of India.
2. He has the right to speak and take part in the proceeding of a joint sitting of the Parliament.
3. He is entitled to vote on crucial national resolutions and motions in Rajya Sabha, excluding legislations.
4. He can be made a member of any parliamentary committee with a right to discuss and vote.
5. He is not allowed to take up private practice as long as he is an incumbent.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

65. In the context of the rule of South Indian dynasties, Devadhana and Brahmadeya referred to?

- A. Pristine land
 B. Divine king rule
 C. Treasure appropriated to the Gods
D. Land grants to the temples.

66. They introduced the art of excavating temples from the rock and the Dravidian style of temple architecture began with their rule. They were?

- A. Cheras
 C. Eastern Chalukyas
B. Pallavas
 D. Jaffna.

67. In Delhi Sultanate, the Sultan was assisted by a number of departments and officials in his administration. Consider the following with reference to these departments:

1. Diwani Insha dealt with the correspondence between the ruler and the officials.
2. Diwani Ariz gave grants for the construction and maintenance of mosques, tombs and madrasas.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

68. In the context of Ancient India, Amogavarsha's work Kavirajamarga is significant because?

- A. It was the first poetic work in Kannada language.**

- B. The largest repository of royal assets was commissioned in this work.
 C. All artists of the empire contributed to this work.
 D. It was a prose written in the middle of a battle ground.

69. Several accords have been signed between the Government of India (GoI) and different groups to bring peace and prosperity to the North-eastern states. Consider the following with reference to them.

1. Mizo accord promised statehood to Mizoram.
2. Assam Accord was reached between GoI and ULFA calming the Assam agitation.
3. Nagaland peace accord between GoI and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) was signed to end the Naga insurgency.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

70. The system of village autonomy with sabhas and their committees developed through the ages and reached its culmination during the Chola rule. A village was divided in several wards, what was/were the qualifications to become a ward member?

1. A woman could not become a ward member.
2. Only those who have completed seventy years of age
3. Have knowledge of Vedas
4. Owns a residence

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

71. In the ancient traditions, traders' voyages often refer which of these lands to Suvarnabhumi (the land of gold)?

- A. Countries of the East Asia**
 B. African nations
 C. Sri Lankan islands
 D. European countries.

72. The system of four ashrams is advocated in

- A. Buddhism
 C. Lokayatas
 B. Jainism
D. Brahmanism.

Q.73. Who among the following can preside over a joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament?

1. Speaker of Lok Sabha
2. Chairman of Rajya Sabha
3. Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

74. In 1329-30 Muhammad bin Tughlaq introduced a token copper currency in place of silver, but banned it later and promised to exchange silver coins for these copper coins. This was done because

- A. Copper was scarce in the empire, but had huge demand in the world.
 B. Token currency was trampled and disrespected by people.

C. Goldsmiths began to forge the token coins on a large scale

- D. Treasury became empty with issue of token coins.

Q.75. With reference to the budgetary process in India, appropriation bill refers to:

(a) Authorization of the withdrawal from the Consolidated Fund of India.

- (b) Taxation proposals of the government.
 (c) Demands for grants by ministries.
 (d) Provision to make any grant in advance for a part of the financial year.

Q.76. Which among the following veto power cannot be exercised by the President of India?

- (a) Absolute veto **(b) Qualified veto**
 (c) Suspensive veto (d) Pocket veto

77. In medieval India, takkavi loans were given in order to

- A. Improve agriculture**
 B. Build religious shrines
 C. Construct flood saving embankments in cities
 D. Serve sovereign debt

78. Consider the following statements.

1. Sankara denounced Hindu revivalist movement citing them as going against rationality and modernity.
2. Ramanuja advocated prabattimarga or the path of self-surrender to God for salvation.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

79. Consider the following statements.

1. A Supernova helps us know about the Universe since they are the longest existing phenomenon in space.
2. Pulsars are de-magnetized neutron stars that neither rotate nor emit electromagnetic radiation.
3. Black hole refers to the remains of a supergiant star that has collapsed into itself.
4. The effects of microgravity can be seen when astronauts and objects float in space.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q. 80. The Lok Sabha can express lack of confidence in the government by which of the following ways?

1. By rejecting a money bill
2. By passing a adjournment motion
3. By passing a cut motion

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

81. The beginning of agriculture can be ascribed most suitably to which of these times?

- A. 2,500 years ago with the onset of Magadha Empire
 B. 4,700 years ago with the appearance of the first cities on the Indus

C. Nearly 8,000-10,000 years ago

- D. About 25,000 years ago in the first Penistone glacial period.

82. With reference to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), consider the following:

1. It is an organ of the United Nations adjudicating disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).
2. Each state party of the ITLOS nominates a representative to become a member of ITLOS.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

83. This archaeological site consists of a number of low archaeological mounds created by generations of superimposed mudbrick structures. Located close to the mouth of the Bolan Pass, it was abandoned by the time of the emergence of the literate urbanised phase of the Indus Civilization. An entry in the UNESCO tentative list it is?

- A. Lothal **B. Mehrgarh**
 C. Inamgaon D. Surkotada

84 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has a bearing on

1. Infant Mortality rate (IMR)
2. Maternal Mortality rate (MMR)
3. Reduction of malnutrition in children
4. Pre-school non-formal education

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.**

Q.85. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the office of Governor in India?

1. A person can be appointed as a Governor of more than one State.
2. He is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Chief Minister of the respective State.

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

86. There are plenty of source materials to reconstruct the history of the Gupta period. Some of the renowned material, in this context, includes

1. Puranas throw light on the royal genealogy of the Gupta kings.
2. Devichandraguptam and Mudhrakshasam provide information regarding the rise of the Guptas
3. Meherauli Iron Pillar Inscription mention their conquests.
4. Fahien's writing gives an account of the social, economic and religious condition of the empire.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

87. Buddhist Viharas are

- A. A monument to meditate and chant for the entire Sangha

B. Permanent shelters or monasteries for dwelling and rest

- C. Divine extensions of stupas
 D. Sites containing relics of Buddha.

88. PRAGATI is a unique integrating and interactive platform to

- Address the grievances of citizens
- Monitoring and reviewing important government projects

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

89. In ancient Southern India, kadaiyiar and adimai were used to refer to

- A. Ordinary ploughmen
 B. **Landless labourers, including slaves**
 C. Tax officials
 D. Large landowners

90. Popularly known Jatakas were

- A. **Stories of previous lives of the Buddha**
 B. Objects of concentration
 C. Donation passed from student to teacher
 D. Arahants who sacrificed their lives for the service of Sangha

91. Consider the following statements.

- The Anguttara Nikaya, a part of Abhidhamma Pitaka, contains thematically linked discourses of Buddha.
- The Majjhima Nikaya, a segment of Vinaya Pitaka, contains the smallest discourses given by the Buddha to his close disciples.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.92. President's rule can be imposed on the failure to comply with which of the following directions given by the Centre to a state?

- Maintenance of railway infrastructure in the state.
- Provision of adequate facilities for instruction in mother-tongue.
- Execution of specific schemes for the Scheduled Tribes in the state.

Select the correct answer using code given below.

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

Q.93. Which among the following statements is not regarding First Past the Post (FPTP) system?

- (a) The winning candidate need not secure more than 50% of the total votes.
 (b) In India, FPTP system is followed in Lok Sabha elections.
 (c) **Every party gets seats in the legislature in proportion to the percentage of votes that it gets.**
 (d) Every constituency elects one representative

94. SATH - 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Human capital' initiative of NITI Aayog focuses on

- A. **Creating 'role model' states for health systems**
 B. Revamping higher education
 C. Building workforce for the future in areas of cutting edge technology
 D. Eradicating manual scavenging.

95. The decision to locate a common well in a particular area of the village can be taken by

- A. Central Government only

- B. State Government only
 C. District bureaucracy only

D. **Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)**

Q.96. With respect to the powers of a High Court, consider the following statements:

- It must confirm a death sentence awarded by a subordinate court even if it is not appealed before it.
- It has the power to review and correct its own judgment.

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. With reference to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), consider the following statements.

- It is a non-profit non-governmental organization comprising private sector ISP representatives.
- It releases the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI).
- It is responsible for allocating global radio spectrum and satellite orbits.
- It develops the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies to seamlessly interconnect.
- NASSCOM is the nodal agency for coordinating with ITU from India, as a member country.
- It strives to improve access to Information and Communication Technology among the underserved communities worldwide.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 4 and 5 only
 B. **2, 3, 4 and 6 only**
 C. 3, 5 and 6 only
 D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

98. Firoz Tughlaq's welfare state included which of these administrative measures?

- Treating Hindus and Muslims alike in terms of political and economic rights
- Abolition of the practice of slavery
- Establishment of government department to take care of orphans and widows

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.

Q.99. With reference to the State Finance Commission, consider the following statements:

- The Governor constitutes a State Finance Commission once in five years.
- It reviews the distribution of revenues between the State and local governments.

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

Q.100. Which among the following Parliamentary Privileges are mentioned in the Constitution?

- Freedom of speech in Parliament
- Right of publication of parliamentary proceedings
- Right to punish for contempt of house

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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