

1. Supreme Court (SC) is the final interpreter of the Constitution. But, the Parliament may disagree with the SC on the interpretation of the constitution. In such a case, which of these follows?

A. Parliament declares the ruling of SC as unconstitutional.

**B. Parliament can amend the constitution to nullify the view of the judiciary.**

C. Parliament is bound to accept the views of the Judiciary, and cannot do anything in this matter.

D. A Joint Parliamentary Committee can pass a resolution against the SC judgment declaring it as invalid

2. The largest human source of carbon dioxide emissions is from

A. Industrial manufacturing

**B. Combustion of fossil fuels**

C. Agricultural fields

D. Clearing of forests

3. The Mekong is a trans-boundary river in Southeast Asia. It does NOT pass through which of these countries?

**A. India**

B. China

C. Vietnam

D. Myanmar

4. Friends of the Earth International (FoEI)

1. Is an international network of environmental organizations?

2. Was founded as an anti-nuclear group

3. Picks up causes of economic justice and supports human rights

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

A. 2 only

B. 1 and 3 only

C. 1 only

**D. 1, 2 and 3**

5. Lithospheric plates move around very slowly – just a few millimetres each year. What is the reason behind this movement?

A. Ocean currents

**B. Movement of magma inside earth**

C. Formation of folds on earth's crust

D. Rotation of earth

6. A Communist economy advocates

1. State ownership of all properties including labour in the economy

2. Absolute power to state in running and managing the economy

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

**C. Both 1 and 2**

D. None

7. GOLF (Global Oscillations at Low Frequency) instrument, a joint project of ESA and NASA, studies the

**A. Internal structure of the sun**

B. Movements of underwater ocean currents

C. Natural satellites of newly discovered exo-planets

D. Black holes and supernovas

8. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) is the principal source of industrial statistics in India. Consider the following with reference to it.

1. It does not cover unorganized or unregistered or informal sector enterprises.

2. It is conducted by Central Statistics Office (CSO)

3. Data from ASI comes with a lag of two years.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 3 only

**D. 1, 2 and 3**

9. The Government has introduced 'The Code on Wages' Bill in the Lok Sabha that will consolidate which of the following laws?

1. Payment of Wages Act, 1936

2. Minimum Wages Act, 1998

3. Payment of Bonus Act, 1923

4. Equal Remuneration Act, 1919

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

**A. 1 only**

B. 2, 3 and 4 only

C. 3 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

10. Among the following, the South-east Asian region that is closest to equator is?

A. Bangkok

**B. Singapore**

C. Manila

D. Yangon

11. With reference to climate change financing, the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility' evolved from the notion of

1. Nature as the common heritage of mankind

2. Equity in international law

3. Difference in economic and technical capacity of nations to tackle climate change

4. Historical differences in the contributions of developed and developing States in creating environmental problems

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

A. 1 and 4 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

**D. 1, 2, 3 and 4**

12. The Lok Sabha has passed the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2017. The bill provides for

1. Increase in the capital base of NABARD

2. Denationalization of NABARD

3. Delinking SHG finance from NABARD's functions

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

**A. 1 only**

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 2 only

D. 3 only

13. Eleventh and Twelfth schedule of the Constitution deal with

**A. Panchayat Raj institutions (PRIs) and Municipalities**

B. Land and tenure reforms

C. Powers of the Union and the States

D. Provisions for special administration of tribal areas

14. With reference to the governance of Indian forests, consider the following:

1. Indian Forest Act, 1927 empowers the government to declare any area to be a reserved forest or a protected forest.

2. Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 allows any area to be constituted as a "protected area".

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

15. Line joining which of these would give us the shortest route?

- A. Tirupati – Madurai  
B. **Tirunelveli – Kochi**  
C. Mysuru – Nizamabad  
D. Rajkot – Nanded

16. Consider the following statements.

1. The chairman of the Council of States is elected directly by the Rajya Sabha.
2. The chairman of the Inter-State Council is nominated by the Union Cabinet.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

17. Consider the following with regard to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

1. It provides for Special Courts for the trial of atrocities against SCs/STs.
2. It penalises anyone who wrongfully occupies or cultivates any land allotted to a member of a SC or a ST.
3. It applies to all the states of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

18. The credit of bringing the upper Ganges - Jamuna valley under large-scale cultivation goes to the Painted Grey Ware people. They could achieve this mainly because of

1. Their iron technology
2. The exclusion of resource intensive rice from the basket of crops

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

19. Consider the following statements about the following technologies in news.

1. CubeSats are miniature satellites that weigh few nanograms.
2. Film-Evaporation MEMS Tunable Array (FEMTA) uses pure water as the propellant for a spacecraft.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

20. If a state government decides not to allow any laborers from other states to get public employment in its state, then it impinges on which of the following fundamental rights of an individual?

- A. **Right to equality**  
B. Right to freedom of movement  
C. Right to public employment  
D. This case is not a violation of fundamental rights.

Q.21. The Government has launched a new scheme namely "Financial Support to MSMEs in ZED Certification Scheme". The objective(s) of the scheme includes

1. Promote adaptation of energy efficient manufacturing
2. Drive manufacturing with adoption of Zero Defect production processes and without impacting the environment.
3. Establish a MSME Product Certifying Authority (MPCA) to assess quality of their products
4. Support 'Make in India' campaign.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.22. Ministry of Tourism has released Guidelines for promotion of Medical and Wellness Tourism as Niche Tourism Product. As per the guidelines

1. Ministry of Tourism offers financial support to accredited Medical and Wellness Tourism Service Providers
2. Medical tourists from any country shall be provided Visa on arrival and e-visa facilities

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.23. The VAJRA scheme was launched by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) to

**A. Connect the Indian academic and research and development (R&D) systems to the best of global science and scientists**

- B. Develop anti-neurotoxins that can be used to neutralize agents used in a potential chemical warfare  
C. Provide mobile air-defence guards to marine ships used as warships  
D. Increase participation from local ground level innovations to mainstream science and Technology.

Q.24. What is the importance of Kanchi in context of Ancient India?

1. Ghatika at Kanchi was an ancient centre of learning attracting students from India and abroad.
2. Founder of the Kadamba dynasty, Mayurasarman, studied Vedas at Kanchi.
3. Dharmapala, who later became the Head of the Ancient Nalanda University, belonged to Kanchi.
4. It was known as the religious capital of the Southern India.
5. Kanchi hosts Kailasanatha which is one of the largest and most ornate ancient temples in the whole of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.25. Pancha Siddhantika, a work of Varahamihira, deals with

- A. Geographical domains of India  
B. **Astronomical systems**  
C. Occult and mysticism  
D. Principles of social living.

**Q.26. In India, the safety aspects of genetically modified crops are assessed by which of these bodies?**

1. Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBSCs)
2. Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM)
3. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC)
4. National Biopiracy authority (NBA)

*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. 2, 3 and 4 only.

**Q.27. With reference to Ancient India, who introduced the Pattini cult in Tamilnadu?**

- A. Cheran Senguttuvan**                      B. Rajaraja II  
C. Pulakesin I                                D. Narasinghvarmana.

**Q.28. Family Participatory Care (FPC) as an important concept of health care mainly focuses on**

- A. Newborn healthcare**  
B. Geriatric population  
C. Urban sanitation and hygiene  
D. Health insurance in India.

**29. The NITI Aayog has approved several high-tech mass rapid transport proposals to improve public transport. Consider the following about them.**

1. Hyperloop is a high air pressure tube connecting cities at speeds matching that of an aircraft.
2. Freight rail road's will be elevated corridors with rail lines where freight trucks can move on rails at high speed.
3. Pod taxis are underground transit systems that run entirely on solar power.
4. Hybrid electric buses combine a conventional internal combustion engine with an electric propulsion system.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.30. Aadhaar is presently being used as an identifier in respect of following school education related schemes?**

1. Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)
2. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
3. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)
4. Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS)

*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, 2, 3 and 4.**

**Q.31. The Satavahanas patronized Buddhism and Brahmanism. The evidence of this is clear from the fact that**

1. They built several chaityas and viharas.
2. They prohibited Buddhist monks from acquiring land to help in their spiritual pursuit.
3. They persecuted Brahmanism.
4. They patronized the Prakrit language and literature.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.32. With reference to Ancient India, in the northern part of the country, the village headman was known as the**

**A. Gramabhojaka**

C. Dhammsurna

B. Agrahara

D. Sentokwara.

**Q.33. Sangam poems mention the term muvendar. It was used for**

- A. Land allotted to temples by Kings
- B. Administrative arrangements made to felicitate scholars of Tamil

**C. Heads of three ruling dynasties of Southern India**

D. Classical commentary on Vedas.

**Q.34 .Which of these developments can be attributed to Later Vedic age, as against the practice in the Vedic age?**

1. Women lost their political rights of attending assemblies.
2. Child marriage were banned and the practice of sati was absent.
3. Women were not allowed to wear garments made of cotton.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.35. With reference to Ancient texts, consider the following statements.**

1. The Brahmanas are the law texts under Manusmriti that helped establish the predominance of Brahmana community.
2. Upanishads are treatises relating to prayer and sacrificial ceremony.
3. Aranyakas are called forest books and they deal with mysticism.
4. Yajurveda deals with music, chanting and medicine.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.36. Irula people**

1. Are a tribe of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2. Practice iron smelting as the main occupation
3. Do not speak any known dialect

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.37. Buddhmitra was known for**

1. Writing virasoliyam which is a work on Tamil Grammar
2. Erecting inscriptions on images of bodhisattvas and the Buddha near Ganges river

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**Q.38. Adipurana written by Gunabhadra is a work on the**

A. Commentary of esoteric aspects found in the Vedas

**B. Life stories of various Jain saints**

C. Sanskrit Grammar

D. Verses used in sacrificial ceremony.

**Q.39. The images of Shiva represented in various forms like Nataraja, Gangadhara, Ardhanareesvara, Somaskanda and Trimurthi can be found in**

- A. Elephanta caves**      B. Ajanta caves  
C. Karla caves      D. Kanheri rock-cut caves.

**Q.40. If you compare the socio-economic life of Cholas and Sangam age, what is/are the chief similarities in these periods with respect to the position of women in society?**

1. The practice of Sati was present.
2. Devadasi system was abolished.
3. Women were not allowed to write or study literature.
4. Love marriage was forbidden.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.41. With reference to Chola Education and Literature, consider the following:**

1. Temples and mathas served as the only educational centres.
2. Not only Vedas and Epics, but subjects like mathematics and medicine were also taught.
3. Endowment of lands was made to run educational centres.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.42. Vanavaramban, Vanavan, Kuttuvan, Irumporai and Villavar were famous titles assumed by**

- A. Chera kings**  
B. Sangam poets  
C. Thiruvalluvar, a tamil philosopher and poet  
D. Temple priests in Southern Indian dynasties.

**Q.43. Consider the following statements with reference to the South Indian dynasties.**

1. Arikamedu was a seaport during the Sangam period.
2. Uraiyur was famous for pearls.
3. Lord Murugan was the primary deity of the Sangam age.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.44. Consider the following about the visit of the famous Chinese traveller, Fahien.**

1. He visited India during the reign of Chandragupta II.
2. He stayed for over twenty years in India.
3. He came to India by sea route.
4. His main purpose of visiting India was to study its political and social system.
5. He studied Sanskrit in Patliputra.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**45. Hiuen Tsang portray the social life in the times of Harsha. Consider the following with reference to it.**

1. He mentions that the Sudras were forbidden from agriculture.
2. As per his documentation, the dead could not be subjected to water burial.
3. Dowry system was practiced in the empire.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**46. IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare)**

1. is a non-profit organization
2. provides hands-on assistance to animals
3. campaigns to end commercial whaling
4. was founded by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.47. Consider the following:**

1. They developed Vesara style of architecture.
2. Their structural temples exist at Aihole, Badami and Pattadakal.
3. Their administration was highly centralized.

*The above most accurately refer to?*

- A. Cholas      **B. Chalukyas**  
C. Cheras      D. Pandyas.

**Q.48. With reference to Ancient India, mahajanapada rulers imposed taxes on**

- A. Crops and crafts persons only  
**B. Goods, crops, herders, hunter gatherers and crafts persons**  
C. Goods and royal services only  
D. Hunter gatherers and crafts persons only.

**Q.49. Dakshinapatha and Uttarapatha were**

**A. Two great highways that have connected different parts of the sub-continent since the Iron Age**

- B. Pali transcriptions of two different sects of Buddhism  
C. Extensions of Chola Empire in Sri Lanka and Northern India respectively  
D. The largest gopurams of Brihadeshwara temple made under Rajaraja I.

**Q.50. Consider the following about Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), an Indian initiative.**

1. It is to protect Indian traditional knowledge from exploitation by wrongful patents mainly at International Patent Offices.
2. It is maintained in a digitized format and is available only in old Sanskrit so as to avoid the misuse of ancient discoveries.

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**Q.51. Consider the following about the Senior Citizens Welfare Fund.**

1. It was established along with the Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB).
2. It will be administered by an Inter-Ministerial Committee.
3. The fund shall not be audited by the CAG due to its fundamental character as a welfare fund.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.52. National Anti-profiteering Authority will look after**

- A. Enforcing anti-trust or competitive laws in the industry on the lines of Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- B. Consumer grievances arising due to complaints raised by unreasonable pricing of goods and services
- C. Ensuring that benefits of a reduction in tax on supply of goods or services flow to the consumers**
- D. None of the above.

**Q.53. Consider the following about electoral bonds that were introduced in the 216-17 annual budget.**

- 1. They will be an interest-paying debt instrument.
- 2. They cannot be sold by banks.
- 3. They can be deposited in notified accounts of political parties.
- 4. The bonds will not carry the name of the donor.

**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. 2 and 3 only.

**Q.54. Anti-dumping duty is usually applied in order to**

- 1. Contain trade distortion
- 2. Increase imports of capital goods
- 3. Sterilize foreign capital inflows

**Select the correct answer using the codes below.**

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

**Q.55. If China were to takeover Doklam plateau, which region in or near India would be most affected by this move?**

- A. Leh and Ladakh
- B. Siliguri Corridor**
- C. India-Uttarakhand Border
- D. Sundarban delta.

**Q.56. The Mokedatu dispute recently seen in news is between**

- A. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu**
- B. Government of India and Government of Sri Lanka
- C. Fishermen community from Kerala and Northern Province of Sri Lanka
- D. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka.

**Q.57. Why the government has introduced the Central Road Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017 in the Lok Sabha?**

- A. To provide for development of national waterways (NWs) from this fund**
- B. To add state and local highways to the provision list of this fund
- C. To upgrade road construction and maintenance in the category of plan expenditure
- D. To raise revenue for road development via foreign direct investment.

**Q.58. The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 seeks to address which of these major issues in the banking sector?**

- A. Non-performing assets**
- B. Lack of competition in public sector banks
- C. Increasing participation of women in top tier management of banks

D. Financial inclusion in rural areas.

**Q.59. In 2015, under the Indradhanush plan, the government had announced capital infusion of over seventy thousand crores in public sector banks for four years. However, credit rating agencies had pointed out that the sum was insufficient because banks needed additional funds to**

- 1. Meet Basel-III norms
- 2. Tackle the menace of rising bad loans

**Which of the above is/are correct?**

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

**Q.60. Methanol is a promising fuel for waterways in India because**

- 1. It does not have any smog based emissions.
- 2. It is cheaper than most fossil fuels.
- 3. India manufactures all its requirement of methanol by domestic production.

**Select the correct answer using the codes below.**

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

**Q.61. E-RaKAM is a first-of-its-kind initiative that**

- 1. Leverages technology to connect farmers of the smallest villages to the biggest markets of the world
- 2. Establishes grading and standardization centres for agricultural produce in the remotest locations of the country to promote food processing

**Which of the above is/are correct?**

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

**Q. 62. Who is a Parliamentary secretary?**

- A. Assists a Minister in his or her duties**
- B. Heads the Lok Sabha secretariat
- C. Discharges the functions of speaker when she is on leave
- D. In charge of convening and summoning a session of the Parliament.

**Q.63. Consider the following statements about Liquid nitrogen that was in news for some time.**

- 1. It starts to boil once it reaches room temperature.
- 2. It is an inflammable gas.
- 3. It is banned for use as an additive in frozen food in India.

**Select the correct answer using the codes below.**

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

**Q.64. Under WTO rules, a member country cannot discriminate between its trade partners. Hence**

- 1. A country cannot enter into a free trade agreement with another country without the authorization of WTO
- 2. If a special status is granted to a trade partner, it should usually be extended to all members of the WTO.

**Which of the above is/are correct?**

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

**Q.65. The objective of the GST composition scheme is to**

- 1. Reduce duties and taxes on all raw materials to zero
- 2. Maximize the tax on value added to the final product



cooperative milk processing plants to support white revolution.

3. UNICEF helped India in developing the India Mark II which is now the world's most widely used handpump.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**Q.79. Archaeological Survey of India was founded by**

**A. Alexander Cunningham**

- B. Joseph Barruel  
C. Lord Lawrence  
D. Mortimer Wheeler.

**Q.80. Which of these sovereign states do NOT have armed forces?**

1. Costa Rica  
2. Solomon Islands  
3. Madagascar

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**81. What was important about Shravasti in Buddhist history?**

1. It was ruled by Pasenadi who was a disciple of Buddha.  
2. The famous Jetavana Vihara is situated here.  
3. It hosted the first sermon of the Buddha.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**82. 'SCORM' was recently in news in the context of**

**A. E-learning technical standards**

- B. Recording information on DNA  
C. Hybrid crop technology  
D. Inter-operable airline standards

**83. RBI has issued a Cyber Security Framework in Banks, mandating banks to**

1. Conduct regular workshops for bank consumers with regard to cyber security awareness  
2. Institute a board-approved cyber-security policy which covers the risks from cyber threats and the measures to address them  
3. Reversal of erroneous debits arising from fraudulent or other transactions  
4. Appoint a member of CERT-In as an integral part of the Board of Governors of all scheduled banks

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**84. Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) allows**

1. A listed company to issue equity shares for raising capital  
2. Government to borrow from the market without causing any 'crowding out effect'

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**85. Tamil culture reached its peak under Cholas. Consider the following matches of major text works and their description.**

1. Periya Puranam: Lives of the Nayanaras  
2. Kalingattupparani: Kalinga war fought by Kulotunga  
3. Moovarula: Life of Chola kings  
4. Kalladam: Work on Tamil grammar

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**86. World's first sanctuary for White Tigers is located in which of these states of India?**

- A. Gujarat  
B. Assam  
**C. Madhya Pradesh**  
D. Uttar Pradesh

**87. Consider the following about several major maritime choke points.**

1. Strait of Mandeb connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.  
2. Lombok Strait connects the Java Sea to the Indian Ocean.  
3. Strait of Malacca connects North Atlantic Ocean to the South Pacific Ocean.

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**88. India's National Programme — Scientific Validation and Research on Panchagavya (SVAROP) — will be coordinated by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and other agencies. Panchagavya is believed to be useful in**

**A. Curing diseases like Arthritis, epilepsy and diabetes**

- B. Treating oil spills  
C. Soaking polluted groundwater with heavy metals  
D. Clearing adulterated milk and urea on a large scale

**89. Which of these are distinguishing features between Gandhara school of art and Mathura school of art?**

1. Gandhara school originated during the reign of Kushanas whereas Mathura school originated under Sakas.  
2. Gandhara school made sculptures of the Buddha, whereas Mathura school only portrayed traditional Indian Gods and Goddesses.

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**90. Van Allen radiation belts would not have existed without**

- A. Headley cells on higher latitudes formed on earth  
**B. Magnetic field of earth**  
C. Seasonal change in the equators  
D. Movement of cold currents in higher latitudes

**91 Peninsular plateaus in India are considered to be very useful because**

1. It is rich in mineral deposits.  
2. Its lava plateaus are generally rich in fertile black soil.  
3. It is younger than most mountains in India and holds greater possibility for landscape transformation.  
4. It hosts a global biodiversity hotspot.

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

**92. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), consider the following:**

1. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme for pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls
2. It provides a partial wage compensation to women for wage-loss during childbirth and childcare

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**93. Rules laid down by the Vishnu Smriti for the grant of land provide for which of the following?**

1. Landed property bestowed upon brahmanas by other rulers should not be appropriated by a King.
2. For the information of future rulers, land grants should be recorded containing the names of immediate ancestors.

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**94. Consider the following statement.**

**By measuring the angle of the Pole Star from your place, you can know the ..... of your place.**

1. Latitude                                      2. Longitude
3. Altitude

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**95. When blood is given to patients who are immune-deficient such as cancer patients or patients being operated for organ transplants, blood needs to be irradiated with low doses of radiation. Why then high dosages of irradiation are not used to directly kill HIV viruses?**

1. It would kill blood cells along with HIV viruses.
2. It can cause immediate T- Lymphocyte proliferation in blood cells.

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**96. The South Asia Growth Quadrangle (SAGQ) constitutes which of these countries?**

1. Nepal    2. Bangladesh
3. Sri Lanka    4. India
5. Afghanistan

*Select the correct answer using the codes below.*

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

**97. India has become the 71st nation to join the United Nations TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention. How will this be helpful to India?**

1. It will eliminate all border taxes, customs and duties between member countries.
2. It will enable India to move cargo along the International North-South Transport Corridor via Chabahar port in Iran.

- A. 1 only                                      **B. 2 only**

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**98. The project "Financing of Energy Efficiency at MSMEs" in India is an initiative of**

- A. World Bank and UN Energy Council
- B. Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and UNDP

**C. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), GEF and World Bank**

- D. Green Climate Fund (GCF) and World Economic Forum (WEF)

**99. There are a number of ways for recording votes in the Parliament. The method of recording of votes by members on 'Aye' and 'No' slips is generally resorted to in which of the following eventualities?**

1. When voting on any motion raised by a private member of Lok Sabha
2. At the commencement of the new Lok Sabha before seats/division numbers have been allotted to members

*Which of the above is/are correct?*

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

**100. Many researchers and historians have opined that the Paika Rebellion of 1817 was India's first organized armed rebellion against British Raj. Who were the Paikas?**

**A. Traditional landed militia of Odisha**

- B. Sepoys recruited by the Uttar Pradesh regiment of the British army
- C. Absentee landlords of Malabar
- D. Landless tribal peasants of Central India