

Q.1. That the State should “raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living and to improve public health” is a provision under

A. Fundamental right

B. Directive Principle of State policy

C. Fundamental Duty

D. Legal rights.

Q. 2. Which of these nations has nationalized the Suez Canal?

A. Egypt

B. Syria

C. Israel

D. Saudi Arabia.

Q.3. Consider the following statements.

1. A Governor is the Head of a State of India, whereas President is the head of the Indian state.

2. Governors are appointed by the President of India and he is free to consult the state chief minister in this matter.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None.

Q.4. An Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) is usually constituted at workplaces according to which of these acts?

A. Consumer Protection Act, 1984

B. Factories Act, 1948

C. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

D. None of the above.

Q.5. The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) is a

1. Self-regulatory institution

2. Non-government body

3. Body that can prohibit certain ads from appearing on TV

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 3 only

C. 2 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Q.6. Which of these nations border both Caspian Sea and Black Sea?

A. Iran

B. Turkey

C. Russia

D. Georgia

Q.7. Consider the following statements.

1. Every state in India has a Legislative Assembly.

2. The strength of legislative assembly in a state is fixed by the President.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None.

Q.8. Nations that border the Persian Gulf are

1. Saudi Arabia

2. United Arab Emirates

3. Iran

4. Kuwait

5. Jordan

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 2 and 4 only

B. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

C. 3 and 5 only

D. 1 and 5 only.

Q.9. What are the properties of X-rays?

1. X-rays have much longer wavelengths than visible light.

2. X-ray photons carry enough energy to ionize atoms and disrupt molecular bonds.

3. X-rays do not interact with matter at all.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 only

C. 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3.

Q.10. Consider the following statements.

1. Dasht-e Kavir is a great salt desert located in Arabian Peninsula.

2. Dasht-e Lut is a large desert located in Iran that has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None.

Q.11. Harappans was aware of and practiced which of these number systems in their weights and measures?

A. Binary system

B. Decimal system

C. Hexadecimal system

D. Both (a) and (b).

Q.12. Among the earliest chalcolithic cultures in India, the Ahar or Banas culture was discovered in the

A. Mewar region of Rajasthan

B. Gwalior region of Madhya Pradesh

C. Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh

D. Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh.

Q.13. Consider the following statements.

1. Most Ashokan inscriptions were in the Greek language while those in the northwest of India subcontinent were in Aramaic and Prakrit.

2. Ashokan inscriptions were written in both Prakrit and Brahmi scripts.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None.

Q.14. With reference to Matsyas, one of the early states, consider the following statements.

1. They were one of the Indo-Aryan tribes of Vedic India.

2. Their rule extended to the whole of eastern and central India.

3. They were an appendage of Ashmaka dynasty.

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.15. In Ancient India, a means of claiming high status for the Kings was to identify with a variety of deities. Consider the following with reference to it.

1. Kushana rulers installed god-like colossal statues of them.

2. Some Kushanas adopted the title devaputra which implied the “son of the God”.

3. Vijayanagara kings claimed to rule on behalf of the god Virupaksha.

4. Vijayanagara rulers adopted the title ‘brahma-varna’ to segment themselves as the highest castes equivalent to God.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

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

Q.16. The institution of Samanta finds mention for the first time in epigraphs of northern India dating to the 6th century. It is most closely associated with the origin and growth of which of these systems in India?

- A. Feudalism**
B. Bonded Labour
C. State ownership of land
D. Standing army system.

Q.17. In the Indian subcontinent, the first coins to bear the names and images of rulers were issued by the

- A. Indo – Greeks**
C. Parthians
B. Mauryas
D. Yaudheyas.

Q.18. The earliest inscriptions recording royal land grants were issued during

- A. Guptas
C. Pallavas
B. Satvahanas
D. Hoysalas.

Q.19. What is a catcher beach?

- A. A beach with low shorelines
B. A tidal estuary with no opening mouth
C. A place where marine debris tends to pile up or aggregate
D. A beach devoid of mangroves and corals.

Q.20. The Centre has banned the manufacture and import of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). This is because

- A. It is a toxic pollutant.**
B. It is responsible for coral bleaches across the eastern coast of India.
C. It was being oversupplied in the market leading to price crashes and poor producer margins.
D. It was heavily used by farmers as an additive in their NPK fertilizers.

21. India is the third largest Salt producing Country in the World after China and USA with Global annual production being about 230 million tones. Apart from sea brine, salt is derived in India from which of the following sources?

1. Sub-soil brine
2. Rock salt deposits
3. Lake brine
4. Groundwater in limestone caves

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. a) 1, 2 and 3 only**
C. c) 1 and 3 only
B. b) 2 and 4 only
D. d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

22. Consider the following statements. National Academic Depository (NAD)

1. is an E-network of libraries in India
2. Facilitates recognition of degrees awarded by one institute by the other
3. Holds the repository of all academic talent in India for better resource utilization

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

23. Under the constitution of India, Sports is a

- A. Union Subject
B. State subject
C. Concurrent List subject
D. Residuary list subject

24 With reference to key initiatives taken by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, in the last few years, consider the following.

1. All schemes and projects have now an Outcome Framework.
2. Each Scheme will now have a start and a sun-set date co-terminus with the Finance Commission Cycle.
3. Number of both central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes were increased for improved coordination between implementing agencies.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

25 Recently seen in news, Quests is

- A. A Quiet Supersonic transport aircraft design by NASA**
B. An interstellar mission of Space X
C. A new technology for improving air flow in scuba diver suits
D. A method for breaking non-biodegradable enzymes

26 After consolidating their position in India, the Delhi Sultans introduced reforms in the land revenue administration. In this context, inam lands were assigned to

- A. officials against the payment for their services
B. religious leaders or religious institutions
C. courtyards for mosques
D. expand the market in the hinterland of the empire

27 Consider the following statements. Tasawwuf

1. Stressed the elements of love and devotion as effective means of the realisation of God
2. Considered rituals more important than self-discipline in reaching the highest goal

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

28 As per the recent amendments to the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011; starting from the year 2018

1. It would become mandatory for medical devices to print/label MRP on the packages.
2. Every medical package shall bear the contact details of the person who can be contacted in case of consumer complaints.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

29 The India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) was launched with the aim of

1. Ending preventable newborn deaths and stillbirths by 2030
2. Reducing fertility rate to zero by 2030

3. Assessing groundwater potential in the country and making adequate arrangements for exploration of groundwater

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

42. Anthanars and thuthars in the Sangam monarchy were

- A. Priests and envoys**
B. Spies and military commanders
C. Custom officials and seaport traders
D. Ministers and army officials

43. Consider the following statements.

Assertion (A): Pallava rulers issued their charters only in Prakrit.

Reason (R): Pallava rulers were against the dominance of Brahmanism and banned the use of Sanskrit for all official works.

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

44. NASA's ROSA is expected to

1. Detect asteroid clashes in outer space
2. Power satellites and spacecraft in the future
3. Feed the International Space Station (ISS) with biological supplies

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

45. The 'Inclusive India Initiative' of National Trust is specifically catering to

- A. persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities**
B. women from underprivileged backgrounds
C. children living in tribal areas who have poor access to health and education
D. None of the above

46. He was a staunch follower of Brahmanism. Buddhist sources often refer him as a persecutor of Buddhism. He is?

- A. Pushyamitra** B. Menander
C. Somapura D. Dharmaraksita

47. The taking of Census was regular during the Mauryan period. Consider the following with reference to it.

1. Village officials were to record the caste and occupation of people.
2. Livestock population in each house was tracked.
3. Municipal officials tracked the movement of population both foreign and indigenous.
4. The data collected from official census were cross checked by the spies.

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

48. Within the Earth's ocean and atmosphere, Rossby waves form as a result of

- A. Rotation of the planet**
B. Churning of oceans
C. Tectonic movement beneath ocean plates
D. Collision of clouds

49. In the Gupta empire, Paramabhataraka was a

- A. Minister for foreign affairs
B. Title adopted by Gupta Kings
C. Council of Peace and conflict
D. In charge of granaries

50. With reference to Convention on International Civil Aviation, also known as the Chicago Convention, Consider the following statements.

1. It establishes rules for the safety of airlines.
2. The convention exempts air fuels in transit from double taxation.
3. It provides that "Every state has complete and exclusive sovereignty over airspace above its territory".
4. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was established by this convention.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

51. With reference to Ancient India, according to Manu

1. Father could not give his wealth to daughter as a gift.
2. Mother's wealth would pass to the daughters.
3. Women could receive wealth in Adhyavahanika.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

52. Naganandam written by Harsha deals with

- A. Story of a Bodhisattva**
B. Accounts of social justice in the Harsha empire
C. Love story of an emperor
D. The first record of a snake deity

53. Gaj Yatra Campaign is being organized by

- A. Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)**
B. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
C. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
D. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

54. What do you understand by 'protectionism', a term often seen in newspapers?

- A. Imposing trade restrictions to protect domestic industry**
B. Entering into alliances with foreign militaries to safeguard one's borders
C. Mandating military conscription for better defence capabilities
D. Protecting one's citizen from influence of foreign cultures

55. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced short-term lending rate, or repo rate, by 25 basis points to 6%.

69. The Southernmost of these mountains ranges is

- A. Karakoram range
B. Pir Panjal range
C. Kaimur range
D. Zaskar range

70. The Economic Survey 2016-17 has proposed Transparency of Rules Act (TORA), legislation to

A. End any asymmetry of information regarding rules and regulations faced by an average citizen

- B. Improve law making by involving lay citizens in the process
C. Instituting a Grievance Redressal Authority for each government service
D. None of the above

71. It is said that Net Domestic Product (NDP) is a more realistic assessment of an economy's resources than Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This is because

1. NDP takes into account taxes and subsidies paid which GDP does not.
2. NDP accounts for economic depreciation which GDP does not.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

72. E-Shakti for digitisation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) is a pilot project of

- A. Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
B. Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd. (MUDRA)
C. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
D. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

73. Article 35A of the constitution was recently in news. This article concerns with

A. Permanent residenship provision of the state of J&K

- B. Extraordinary powers of the President
C. Relationship between the Union and the States
D. Judicial review powers of the Supreme Court

74. The NOTA voting option is NOT applicable in

- A. Lok Sabha elections
B. Rajya Sabha elections
C. Election of the President and Vice-President
D. All of the above

75. The first city that was discovered in the Harappan civilization was

- A. Lothal
B. Inamgaon
C. Harappa
D. Mohenjodaro

76. It is one of Asia's two main opium-producing areas. It overlaps the mountains of three countries of Southeast Asia: Myanmar, Laos and Thailand. It is?

- A. Arakanyoma
B. Golden triangle
C. Tien Shan mountain system
D. Extension of Tibetan Plateau

77. Which of the following has the highest strength of members?

- A. Rajasthan Legislative assembly
B. Rajya Sabha
C. Lok Sabha
D. Joint sitting of Uttar Pradesh Legislative assembly and Legislative Council

78. RBI has announced the creation of a panel to consider creation of a Public Credit Registry (PCR) operated by the regulator. What is/are the advantages of PCR?

1. It can help banks in credit assessment and pricing of credit.
2. It will allow mandatory registration of all participatory notes (PN) FII entries in India.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

79. In the context of Indus Valley civilization, which of these statements is the most appropriate?

A. Indus valley people were fashion conscious.

- B. Indus Valley civilization was a closed economy.
C. It was an atheist civilization.
D. The civilization did not have access to urban amenities.

80. Consider the following statements with reference to Indian polity.

1. Indian citizens are governed by laws and rules made by both Central and state governments at the same time.
2. The states are not merely agents of the Union government but draw their authority directly from the Constitution.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.81- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) can invest in India as per a regulation of Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or issue of Security by a person resident outside India) Regulations, 2000.

However, as per the regulation

1. NRIs cannot invest in shares or debentures.
2. NRIs may contribute foreign capital either by way of capital contribution

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.82. Hambantota deep-sea port was recently see in news because

A. Sri Lanka agreed to sell a strategic stake in this port to China.

- B. A Major oil spill here was treated by genetically engineered bacteria.
C. India has signed a MoU with Seychelles to develop this port for defense related purposes.
D. It will be used as an alternate transit to the Straits of Malacca.

Q.83 A 'Task Force on Shell Companies' under the Joint Chairmanship of Revenue Secretary and

Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs was constituted in February, 2017. What are 'Shell Companies'?

- A. Oil companies that cause heavy ecological damage
- B. Fly by night operators
- C. A corporate entity without active business operations**
- D. A company engaged in deep sea precious stones extraction.

Q.84. With reference to "flammable ice", recently seen in news, consider the following statements:

- 1. It consists of methane trapped within water crystals.
- 2. It is another name for permafrost.
- 3. All of its reserves are trapped in plateaus at higher latitudes.
- 4. India is considering it as an alternative energy source.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.85 The Government is implementing an Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme in India.

Consider The following with reference to it.

- 1. The Government has introduced free market pricing mechanism for procurement of ethanol under EBP Programme.
- 2. The Government has allowed procurement of ethanol produced from cellulosic and lignocellulosic feedstock.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.86. With reference to Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), consider the following statements.

- 1. It is a body under Department of Urban Development.
- 2. It organizes the Green Building Congress.
- 3. It offers green building rating programmes.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.87- Consider the following about Advance Pricing Agreements (APA) scheme.

- 1. It was introduced by the Income-tax (IT) Act.
- 2. It cannot be signed with individual companies.
- 3. It endeavors to provide certainty to taxpayers in the domain of transfer pricing.
- 4. It is not applicable to international transactions.

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, 3 and 4 only.

Q.88- Consider the following about Jiyo Parsi scheme.

- 1. It is a Central Sector Scheme focused on increasing employment opportunities for Parsis in India.
- 2. It provides central assistance for expatriate Parsis to transfer their skills to native Parsis.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Q.89- 'Mission Purpose', 'Breakthrough Starshot' and 'Sprites' were recently seen in news in context of

- A. Interstellar missions**
- B. Cost effective sea water desalination plants
- C. Autonomous self-driving cars
- D. Genetically engineered clonal species.

Q.90. Muntra, recently rolled out by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is a/an

- A. Unmanned remotely operated tank**
- B. Stealth land mine
- C. Indigenously developed fifth generation aircraft
- D. Airborne Radar system for fighter planes.

Q.91. 'Sagar Vani' system released by the Union Ministry of Earth Science is

A. An integrated information dissemination system that will serve the coastal community regarding their safety

- B. A SONAR system for deep sea mineral exploration
- C. A language code for Indian Navy to communicate more securely
- D. None of the above.

Q.92. With reference to the World Monuments Fund (WMF), consider the following:

- 1. It is a dedicated fund under UNESCO managed by the affiliates of UNESCO.
- 2. Every member country of UNESCO has agreed to contribute to this fund.
- 3. Every year, WMF presents the Hadrian Award to international leaders who have advanced the preservation of world architecture.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.93. With reference to the technology, SurfNet, that was recently seen in news, consider the following:

- 1. It is an artificial intelligence (AI) based software.
- 2. It can construct 3D models from 2D shapes.
- 3. It is presently being used for printing tissues and organelles of human beings.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

Q.94. Who administers the oath of the President of India?

- A. Vice-President
- B. Prime Minister of India
- C. Speaker, Lok Sabha
- D. Chief Justice of India**

Q.95. The Petrapole-Benapole Integrated Check Post is a major route for

- A. India-Bangladesh bilateral trade**
- B. India-Bhutan border trade
- C. India-China transit trade
- D. India-Pakistan Wagha border trade.

Q.96 .With reference to the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act 2008, consider the following:

