

**1. Consider the following about the Nayanars and Alvars.**

1. They were sharply critical of the Buddhists and Jainas and preached ardent love of Shiva or Vishnu as the path to salvation.
2. They drew upon the ideals of love and heroism as found in the Sangam literature with the values of bhakti.
3. They went from place to place composing exquisite poems in praise of the deities enshrined in the villages they visited.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**D. 1, 2 and 3**

**2 The famous Kandariya Mahadeva temple dedicated to Shiva was constructed by the king of which of these dynasties?**

**A. Chandela**

- B. Pandyas  
C. Cheras  
D. Pratiharas

**3 Vishishtadvaita propounded by Ramanuja stressed on**

1. Complete unification of individual soul with the Supreme soul
2. Choosing devotion over reasoning to experience oneness with the Universe Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**D. None**

**4 During Akbars reign, Ibadat khana was used as a**

- A. House of sacrifices

**B. Place for religious discussions**

- C. Rest house  
D. Place for initiation of monks

**5 Which of these general statements about a constitution is necessarily INCORRECT?**

1. It may specify how the government will be constituted, who will have power to take which Decisions.
2. It may specify the ideals that the government of the day should follow as a matter of policy and legislation.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**D. None**

**6 The Sufis believed that the heart can be trained to look at the world in a different way. For this Sufis developed a method known as Zikr which was**

1. Chanting of a name or sacred formula
2. Pilgrimage to holy sites
3. Discussion of parables
4. Holy private guidance of masters

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1 only**

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

**7 With reference to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), consider the following statements.**

1. MCC is a legally binding document enforceable by the Higher Judiciary of India.
2. MCC is intended to provide a level playing field for all political parties to keep election campaigns fair and healthy.
3. MCC comes into force only when the polling is being conducted and remains in force until the new government is formed.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 2 only

**B. 2 only**

- C. 3 only  
D. 1 and 3 only

**8 Those who joined Mughal service were enrolled as mansabdars. Consider the following about them.**

1. It was a grading system to fix rank and salary.
2. The mansabdar was not supposed to have a military force.
3. There was a practice of branding the horses of mansabdars.

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

**9 Which of these schools of painting has illustrated the complete text of Rasamanjari which is a work of Banbhata?**

**A. Basholi**

- B. Madhubani  
C. Gandhara  
D. Mathura

**10 Mangal-Kavya is a group of Bengali Hindu religious texts notably consisting of narratives of indigenous deities of rural Bengal in the social scenario of the Middle Ages. Which of these is the likeliest period of their composition?**

A. 6th Century BCE

**B. Between 13th Century and 18th Century AD**

- C. Late Nineteenth Century  
D. In between 8th and 11th Century AD

**11 What do you understand by 'Animism'?**

**A. Association of divinity with natural forces and objects**

- B. A ritual involving resurrection of animals from the dead  
C. A religion formed by outsider castes in a forest hinterland  
D. The core of Samkhya philosophy that teaches detachment of consciousness from animate Objects

**12 Consider the following statements about Brihaddharma Purana.**

1. The first printed edition of this text was published by The Asiatic Society.
2. As per the text, brahmanas were not allowed to eat non-vegetarian food.
3. It was classified as a text entirely dedicated to Mimamsa philosophy.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1 only**

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

**13 Consider the following statements. Manipravalam**

1. was a literary style used in medieval liturgical texts in South India
  2. Used a mixture of Tamil and Sanskrit in the text
- Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

**C. Both 1 and 2**

D. None

**14 Consider the following statements.**

1. When on election duty, government officers work under the control of the concerned District Administration.
2. When election commission officials come to the opinion that polling was not fair in an entire constituency, they can order a repoll.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

**B. 2 only**

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**15 Gonds are a designated Scheduled Tribe in the state of**

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Jharkhand
3. Tripura
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Odisha

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1, 2 and 5 only**

B. 3 and 4 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**16 With reference to Medieval India, what was the Tanda?**

**A. A caravan of nomad trader Banjaras**

B. An improved version of the Persian wheel

C. A technology of making gunpowder

D. Rust free iron making technique

**17 If patches of green are seen amidst huge bodies of water, that signals presence of phytoplankton. A large such patch would signify that the**

**A. Primary productivity of that water region is high.**

B. The region is oxygen deprived.

C. Prevailing water is unusually hot.

D. No waves or currents are found in its vicinity.

**18 Consider the following statements. Under Alauddin Khalji**

1. The state brought the assessment and collection of land revenue under its own control

2. Rights of the local chieftains to levy taxes were revived and they were exempted from paying taxes

Which of the above is/are correct?

**A. 1 only**

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**19 Chola inscriptions mention several categories of land. Among them vellanvagai was a land**

**A. belonging to non-Brahmana peasant proprietors**

B. given for the maintenance of a school

C. donated to Jaina institutions

D. left for fallow cultivation

**20 The Civil Defence Act, 1968 provides for**

1. Constitution of a District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

2. Pre-emptive attack powers to the armed forces of India in the event of border skirmishes

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

**D. None**

**21 Among the following, which ones are ferrous minerals?**

1. Mica

2. Chromite

3. Gypsum

4. Lead

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1, 2 and 3 only

B. 4 only

**C. 2 only**

D. 1 and 4 only

**22 Consider the following regions and their predominant geographical features:**

1. Canadian Shield: Limestone rocks

2. Appalachians: Alternating ridgelines and valleys

3. Western Cordilleras: Intermontane basins and plateaus

4. Lake Superior: World's largest salt water lake

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 4 only

**B. 2 and 3 only**

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 2 and 4 only

**23 Which of these regions is experiencing the highest annual rates of natural increase in the population?**

**A. West Asia and Africa**

B. Eastern South America

C. Northern Australia

D. South Asia

**24 Consider the following minerals and regions associated with their deposits.**

1. Bauxite: Madhya Pradesh
2. Mica: Andhra Pradesh
3. Copper: Jharkhand
4. Manganese: Chhattisgarh

Select the correct matches 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**

**25 One way of studying the population composition of a country is by looking at the population pyramid. A population pyramid shows which of the following information?**

1. The total population divided into various age
2. Percentage of the total population subdivided into males and females
3. Gender composition based on age groups
4. Geographical distribution of population

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**26 At present, the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act and the Payment of Wages Act do not cover substantial number of workers. This is mainly because**

1. These acts are restricted to the Scheduled Employments or Scheduled Establishments
2. Their provisions under the Act do not apply to states in Fifth and Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**27 The political leaders and the industrialists were very much aware and conscious about India's economic inheritance right after India became independent. Which of these were part of the broad consensus that emerged from the policymakers?**

1. State should provide only goods and the direct responsibility for development should be given to the private sector.
2. Foreign investments should be discouraged.
3. Economic development of India needs to be planned.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**28 The National Seeds Policy, 2002, envisages timely availability of quality seeds to achieve which it suggests**

1. Compulsory registration of seeds
2. Creation of Seed Banks
3. Establishment of a licence regime for all seed dealers
4. Banning import of seeds
5. Creating a national seed grid

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**29 With reference to Ancient India, the text Grihya-sutra deals with**

1. Science of making garbha-grihas in Hindu temples
2. Domestic Hindu religious rituals
3. Astronomical positions of planets in their own zodiac signs

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**30 Arrange the following core Industries in decreasing order of their weightage under the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).**

- A. Coal > Crude Oil > Natural Gas > Electricity > Cement
- B. Electricity > Crude Oil > Coal > Cement > Natural Gas**
- C. Crude Oil > Electricity > Cement > Coal > Natural Gas
- D. Natural Gas > Electricity > Cement > Coal > Crude Oil

**31 Consider the following statements. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

1. is an agency under the direct control of the United Nations (UN)
2. is not obliged to report to any international or inter-governmental agency

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**32 The Northern Lights are the result of**

1. Collisions between gaseous particles in the Earth's atmosphere with charged particles released from the sun's atmosphere
2. Interaction of volcanic soot with the air mass movements in the stratosphere
3. High speed discharge of radio waves near the ionosphere

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**33 The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has undertaken several major conservation works across various countries of Asia. These include**

1. Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan
2. Angkor Wat in Cambodia
3. Thungwa temple in Thailand
4. My Son Temple in Vietnam

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1, 2 and 4 only**

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

**34 Consider the following statements.**

1. India has never had a women defence Minister, till this year.
2. No women minister has ever been a part of the Cabinet Committee on Security.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**35 The term „State-market mix“ can be applied to which of the following hypothetical economic situations?**

1. The government sub-contracting the construction of a national highway to a private developer
2. An economy where all goods and services are produced by state-owned firms but bought by private parties
3. Opening bids for the management of a state-owned railway station to private companies

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**36 It serves as an international corridor for Asian elephant migration between India and Bhutan as it runs along the international border with Bhutan. The Sinchula hill range lies all along the northern side of this reserve and the eastern boundary touches that of the Assam state. It is?**

- A. Kaziranga Tiger Reserve  
B. Valmiki Tiger Reserve  
C. Achanakmar Tiger Reserve  
**D. Buxa Tiger reserve**

**37 Consider the following about „fast radio burst“, recently seen in news:**

1. They are found in parts of the sky outside the Milky Way galaxy.
2. They last for several years but felt on earth for a very short duration of time.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**38 The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) is an intergovernmental organisation consisting of which of these countries?**

1. Switzerland
2. Norway
3. Germany
4. France

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**39 The population pyramid of a country in which birth and death rates both are high is**

- A. Broad at the base and rapidly narrows towards the top**  
B. Symmetrical throughout the vertical axis  
C. Narrow at the base and rapidly broadens towards the top  
D. Like a perfect rectangle

**40 What is FarmerZone, that was recently seen in news?**

- A. It is an open-source data platform for smart agriculture.**  
B. It is an Agricultural mandi which will not be regulated by APMC Acts.  
C. It is a food processing zone that will be heavily subsidized by the state.  
D. It is a farmer distress service to counsel farmers against suicides.

**41 The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel on “India-Israel Industrial R&D and Technological Innovation Fund (I4F)”. Consider the following with reference to it.**

1. The Innovation Fund will be governed by a joint Board which will consist of members from each country.
2. The fund will be restricted to innovations in renewable energy, defence and computing.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**42 The idea of „non-interference“ as proposed by Adam Smith is essentially the philosophy of**

- A. Political liberalism  
**B. Capitalism**  
C. Social Marxism  
D. Leninism

**43 Consider the following about Asia-Africa Growth Corridor project.**

1. It was proposed and planned by India and China.
2. African Development Bank rejected the project due to its economic unviability.

3. It will help integrate the economies by increased connectivity of Asia with Oceania and Africa.

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

**44 Consider the following matches:**

- 1. Anantavarman: Kerala
- 2. Jagannatha: Bengal
- 3. Mahodayapuram: Orissa
- 4. Lilatilakam: Kangra

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. None of the above**

**45 The PSUs were considered by the government as the focus of the 'trickle-down effect'. How PSUs were intended to bring trickle-down effect?**

- 1. Generating employment for the masses
- 2. Initiating industrial development in backward regions
- 3. Raise the purchasing power of the masses

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**46 Consider the following about imperative planning.**

- 1. This planning process is followed by socialist economies.
- 2. Economic planning decisions are made through a central planning authority instead of a market system.
- 3. This process assumes that state and non-state actors have equitable control over economic resources.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**47 Xiamen declaration, as adopted in the 2017 BRICS summit, includes**

- 1. Initiatives for dialogue and cooperation with non-BRICS countries, including through „BRICS Plus“ cooperation
- 2. Calling upon the international community to establish a broad counterterrorism coalition
- 3. BRICS Agriculture Research Platform proposed to be established in India

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**48 Consider the following statements about National Agricultural Policy, 2000.**

1. This was the first ever National Agricultural Policy announced in India.

2. The Policy aims at a growth rate in excess of four per cent per annum in the agriculture sector.

3. It explicitly prohibits the use of contract farming and land leasing in India.

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

**49 To provide a major thrust to job creation by enhancing India 's exports, an Expert Task Force has been constituted. It has which of the following members?**

- 1. Prime Minister
- 2. Minister of Commerce and Industry
- 3. CEO, NITI Aayog – Member
- 4. President, FICCI

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**50 The West Bengal government will distribute identity cards issued by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to Rohigya children lodged in the juvenile justice homes of the State. Consider the following about these identity cards:**

- 1. These cards contain biometric identity data related to the refugee.
- 2. They can also be used as a temporary work visa to visit a neighbouring nation in case the victim is facing persecution.
- 3. These are not issued to asylum seekers who wish to avoid detention or deportation by another nation.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**51 What are Systematically Important Banks (D-SIBs) as recognized by the Reserve Bank of India?**

- 1. These banks are exempt from CRR and SLR regulations.
- 2. These are perceived as perceived as „Too Big To Fail (TBTF) banks.
- 3. The RBI determines a cut-off score beyond which banks are considered as D-SIBs.

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

**52 Which of these European nations has the most indented and longest coastline, among the following?**

- A. Norway**
- B. Finland
- C. Moldova
- D. Cyprus

**53 Which of these is/are examples of Fixed capital formation?**

1. Accumulation of foreign exchange reserve
2. Road and bridge construction
3. Energy infrastructure
4. Office equipment, such as computers

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 2, 3 and 4 only**

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

**54 Which of these conditions is important for the proper growth of cotton?**

1. Frost-free days and bright sunshine
2. Presence of red and yellow soils
3. Minimum rainfall of 150-200 cm
4. Very low temperature conditions

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1 only**

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

**55 When it is summers in velds, what season would it be in the prairies?**

- A. Summer season  
B. Autumn season  
C. Spring season

**D. Winter Season**

**56 Multilateral Carbon Credit Fund (MCCF) is maintained by the**

**A. European Investment Bank (EIB) with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**

- B. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) with the World Bank (WB)  
C. Global Carbon Facility (GCF) with UNFCCC  
D. None of the above

**57 Tolkappiyam refers to four castes namely arasar, anthanar, vanigar and vellalar. Consider the following about the roles of these castes.**

1. The ruling class was called arasar.
2. Anthanars were the untouchables.
3. Vanigars were responsible for protecting the empire.
4. The vellalar were priests.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**C. 1 only**

- D. 2 and 3 only

**58 The international crude oil price of Indian Basket as computed/published today by Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is determined by**

**A. Market forces of supply and demand**

B. Daily government notifications that regulate domestic prices

C. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) irrespective of the market prices

D. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

**59 Which of these nations borders both Black Sea and Caspian Sea?**

1. Albania  
2. Greece  
3. Russia  
4. Ukraine  
5. Georgia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1, 2 and 5 only

B. 2, 4 and 5 only

**C. 3 only**

D. 1, 3 and 4 only

**60 Recently, the Ease of Doing Business report based on an Enterprise Survey of over three thousand manufacturing firms across Indian states and union territories was recently released by**

**A. NITI Aayog**

B. WEP- India chapter

C. Department of industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)

D. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)

**61 Which of these are examples of trans-national resources over which more than one nation can have joint control?**

1. Marine animals
2. Manganese nodules
3. Crude Oil and natural Gas

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 only

C. 3 only

**D. 1, 2 and 3**

**62 Consider the following stupas that were built in the places associated with Buddha's life.**

1. Lumbini: Where he died
2. Bodh Gaya: Where he attained mahaparinibbana
3. Sarnath: Where he built his first vihara
4. Kusinagara: Where he ordained his first disciple

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 and 2 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 3 and 4 only

**D. None of the above**

**63 Consider the following statements. Sacred groves**

1. Are pristine stretches of forests that must be registered under National Parks?

2. Have been left untouched by the local tribals as any interference with them is banned by the local community

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

**B. 2 only**

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**64 As per the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, emissions of which of the following compounds, emitted**

by certain industries, is regulated by the Central Pollution Control Board?

1. Caustic Soda Industry: Mercury
2. Man-made fibres Industry: Suspended Solids
3. Petroleum and Oil Refinery: Sulphides

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**

**65 Consider the following statements. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**

1. is the implementation wing of National Ganga Council
2. is a statutory authority
3. authorized to approve projects for cleaning Ganga

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only

**B. 1 and 3 only**

- C. 2 only  
D. 2 and 3 only

**66 If you are to give the correct North-south order of these European nations, it would be?**

1. Poland
2. Romania
3. Bulgaria
4. Czech Republic

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1234  
C. 2341

**B. 1423**  
D. 3214

**67 With reference to the legal framework of disaster management in India, consider the following statements.**

1. Public liability insurance Act, 1991 provides for mandatory general insurance coverage all families living in hazardous zones.
2. Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 provides for quality standards and testing so that food consumption does not result in mass poisoning.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only  
C. Both 1 and 2

**B. 2 only**  
D. None

**68 With reference to the Servants of India Society, consider the following statements.**

1. It was the first nationalist organization to be established and operated from outside India.
2. The society was only concerned with promotion of swadeshi and achievement of political swaraj.
3. It published Hitavada in all the major regional languages of India.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**D. None of the above**

**69 Which of these is/are possible reasons for India NOT being a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention?**

1. India already has a National refugee policy and National Refugee protection law which does not conform to the convention.

2. India is not a member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) executive committee.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**D. None**

**70 The Food Standards Programme is an initiative of A. World Health Organization (WHO) and FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) jointly**

- B. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
C. World Economic Forum (WEP)  
D. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

**71 To stabilize India's population, which of these is the prescribed Total Fertility Rate (TFR)?**

- A. A number between 3 and 4  
B. Any number between 1 and 2, provided the influx of population is stopped

**C. A number between 2 and 3, closer to 2**

- D. No TFR range can stabilize natural population growth rate

**72 Consider the following about the International Organization for Migration (IOM).**

1. It is an inter-governmental organization of countries that are signatories to the Vienna convention.
2. It provides services and advice to governments and humanitarian assistance to migrants.
3. It does not deal with cases of „Forced migration“.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**73 Machine-to-machine (M2M) communications will likely to have a bearing on the development of which of the following in India?**

1. Smart electricity grids
2. Smart cities
3. Telecom Industry
4. Health care industry

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**74 DIKSHA Portal initiative of HRD ministry focusses for providing a digital platform for which of the following groups?**

- A. Students in scheduled areas  
B. Girl children in backward and remote regions  
**C. Teachers, to make their teaching styles more digital**  
D. Differently abled children with special needs

**75 Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between**

1. India
2. Australia
3. China
4. Japan
5. Russia

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1, 3 and 4 only  
C. 2, 3 and 5 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only**  
D. None of the above

**76 India-China Line of Actual Control touches through which of these regions?**

- A. Siachen Glacier  
C. Srinagar
- B. Aksai Chin**  
D. Kargil

**77 For Imported and exported Goods, which of these authorities determines the rate of exchange of conversion of Australian Dollar currency to Indian currency?**

- A. Trade Division, Reserve Bank of India  
B. Secretary, Department of Commerce  
**C. Central Board of Excise and Customs**  
D. It is an entirely market determined rate

**78 What is the impact of SAUNI Yojna?**

1. The project will make the longest conventional open canal system in India which would increase groundwater recharge in nearby regions.
2. The project requires a very large land area to be acquired which would result in large scale development displacement.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**79 Consider the following about CERT-In (the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team).**

1. It was created by the Department of Information Technology in 2014.
2. The purpose of CERT-In is to respond to computer security incidents and report on vulnerabilities.
3. CERT-In is responsible for overseeing administration of Information Technology Amendment Act 2008.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**80 Consider the following with reference to the Indian Antarctic Program.**

1. It was setup under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It was initiated with the first Indian expedition to Antarctica.
3. India has officially acceded to the Antarctic Treaty System.
4. Maitri and Bharati are India's research stations on Antarctica.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**C. 2, 3 and 4 only**

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

**81. As per the Consolidated FDI Policy (Effective from August 28, 2017) recently published by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

1. Erstwhile Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) have been recognized as a class of investors in India.
2. A company incorporated outside India and owned and controlled by NRIs can invest in India.
3. A Foreign Venture Capital Investor (FVCI) cannot invest in India.
4. NRIs may subscribe to the National Pension System (NPS).

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**82. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences inaugurated the Ocean Forecasting System for Indian Ocean countries Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique. Consider the following about the location of these countries?**

1. They lie to the North of Somalia.
2. Madagascar lies to the North of Comoros.
3. Seychelles lies to the South of Madagascar.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**83. The Parliament is authorized to extend the power to issue writs to which of these authorities in India, other than the Supreme Court (SC) and the High Court's (HCs)?**

- A. A quasi-judicial body under the Government of India  
B. District Administrative authorities  
C. An international tribunal  
**D. Any other court in India**

**84. Consider the following about Sodium Nitrite, recently seen in news.**

1. It is both an oxidising and a reducing agent.
2. It is a food additive to enhance botulism.
3. It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**85. Consider the following statements about Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).**

1. Under BBPS, a customer can pay several bills at a single location.
2. BBPS transactions can be initiated only through Internet for enhanced security.



Which of the above is/are correct?

**A. 1 only**

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**86. The famous Rewalsar lake in Himachal Pradesh is associated with ....., who is also recognized as a second Buddha. What would the best fit for the blanks?**

**A. Padmasambhava**

B. Dzongsap Lien

C. Ananda

D. Maitreya

**87. Mosses is a bioindicator. What do you understand by this statement?**

1. It reflects changes to ecosystems such as pollution.

2. It cannot be cloned or genetically engineered.

3. It does not contain mRNA.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1 only**

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 3 only

D. 1 and 2 only

**88. Project Brainwave, recently seen in news, concerns with**

**A. Real-time artificial intelligence (AI)**

B. Reversing brain drain from developing countries

C. Understanding the psychological behavioural patterns of human beings on Social Media

D. Indigenizing the process of MRI scan for patients in India

**89. With reference to the Railway Board, consider the following statements.**

1. It is the apex body of the Indian Railways.

2. It reports to the Parliament through the Ministry of Railways.

3. The Chairman of the Board is the Union Minister of Railways.

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

**90. The Supreme court has recently ruled that Right to Privacy is a fundamental right. What is/are the consequences of this judgment?**

1. Citizens can move both the High Courts and Supreme Court for violation of this right.

2. It reconciles India's legal position on privacy with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

3. This right will be recognized under the 'Right to Equality in India pending statutory approval by the Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

**A. 1 and 2 only**

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 2 only

**91. What are the consequences of the thin air found at high altitudes in Ladakh?**

1. Heat of the sun is felt much lesser as compared to places at same latitude but lower altitude

2. Frost bite is rarest in this region due to presence of thin air mass.

Which of the above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

**D. None**

**92. Consider the following statements. Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD)**

1. is a non-profit society registered under the Societies Registration Act

2. aims to bring out a registry of trainers in every skill so as to improve the economic condition of such workers

3. finance vocational education in public training institutions of the country

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

**93. Black-box trading, sometimes seen in news, is**

A. Financial investment activities by shadow banks

**B. High frequency trading using computer algorithms**

C. Buying and selling of coal in auction markets

D. Trading in illegal commodities

**94. The Ministry of Textiles proposes to organize Pan India camps in handlooms and handicrafts clusters, under the initiative "Hastkala Sahyog Shivir". Which of these services will be provided to the weavers and artisans in these camps?**

1. Issuance of credit facilities through MUDRA scheme

2. Assistance for technological upgradation under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata

3. Distribution of modern tool kits and equipments

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

A. 1 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 3 only

**D. 1, 2 and 3**

**95. Government has recently banned duty-free import of gold and silver items from South Korea because**

1. Sudden surge in imports of these precious metals from South Korea

2. South Korea imposed a countervailing duty on import of these metals from India

Which of the above is/are correct?

**A. 1 only**

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. None

**96. In Tibetan Buddhism, the word 'Terma' means**

A. Boddhisattvas

B. Religious texts written by monks and nuns

**C. Various forms of hidden teachings**

D. Life stories of the Buddha

97. Known as 'Andhra Kesari', he dared the British to open fire upon him during the visit of Simon Commission to Madras in colonial India and later served as the first Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh. Recently covered in news, he is?

**A. Tanguturi Parkasam**

- B. E.V.R Naicker
- C. Alluri Sitharama Raju
- D. Narasimha Reddy

98. With reference to the Indian Commodity Exchange Limited (ICEX), consider the following.

1. It is a screen based on-line derivatives exchange for commodities.
2. It is owned completely by the government.
3. It was established under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**C. 1 and 3 only**

- D. 1, 2 and 3

99 Mission 41k, recently seen in news, is related to developments in which of these sectors of the Indian economy?

- A. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

**B. Indian Railways**

- C. Food processing sector
- D. Information Technology (IT)

100. Advanced medium range surface to air missile (MRSAM), an all-weather, 360-degree mobile land based theatre air defence system, is being developed by India in partnership with

- A. USA
- B. Israel**
- C. Russia
- D. Japan