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1. Recently, successful maiden trial of SAHAYAK-NG air-droppable container was conducted. The trial was conducted by
 - A. Indian Air Force and DRDO
 - B. Indian Army and DRDO
 - C. Indian Air Force and ISRO
 - D. Indian Navy and DRDO

2. Which of the following institution publishes the annual list of Global Systemically Important Banks?
 - A. Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
 - B. Financial Stability Board
 - C. World Bank
 - D. None of the above

3. ShramShakti Portal, recently in news, was launched by
 - A. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
 - B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
 - C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 - D. None of the above

4. Which of the following is not a component of New Industrial Development Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir?
 - A. Capital investment incentive
 - B. Capital interest subvention
 - C. GST refund incentive
 - D. Working capital interest incentive

5. Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) sometimes seen in news is
 - A. Financing received from IFC Masala bonds
 - B. Resources raised by the PSUs through loans and equity.

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C. Monetization of deficit through Forex Reserves

D. Basel III Capitalization of Commercial Banks

6. Who among the following became the first Indian woman fighter pilot to participate in a Republic Day flypast at Rajpath?

A. Punita Arora

B. Bhawana Kanth

C. Mitali Madhumita

D. Padmavathy Bandopadhyay

7. The Digital Payments Index has been launched by:

A. NITI Aayog

B. Reserve Bank of India

C. Securities and Exchange Board of India

D. None of the above

8. Which of the following institution had organized the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) India Forum 2021?

A. Ministry of environment forest and climate change, India

B. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

C. World Bank

D. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, India

9. Recently, a UK based think tank has published a report in which it has coined the term "Difficult Four" Countries. As per the report, which among the following countries is not included in this category?

A. India

B. Pakistan

C. China

D. Saudi Arabia

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10. Army Contingent of which of the following country had participated in Republic Day 2021 parade?

- A. UAE
- B. Bangladesh
- C. France
- D. Maldives

11. The World Economic Outlook is published by:

- A. World Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. None of the above

12. Risa is a traditional attire from:

- A. Tripura
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. None of the above

13. Which state has the GI tag for Nendran Bananas?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. None of the above

14. Kayakalp Awards are given by:

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D. None of the above

15. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer from the code given below:

List I	List II
(Exercise/Operations)	(Participating Countries/Organisation)
a. Desert Knight-21	1. Border Security Force of India
b. Kavach	2. Tri service Military "Exercise
c. AMPHEX – 21	3. Tri-service joint amphibious exercise of India
d. Operation Sard Hawa	4. India and France

Code :

- a b c d
- A. 4 2 3 1
- B. 3 1 4 2
- C. 2 1 4 3
- D. 3 4 1 2

16. Assertion (A): India and Japan have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for operation of the "Specified Skilled Worker" (SSW) system.

Reason (R): Applicants must know Japanese language to be entitled under SSW.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

17. Assertion (A): From a multi-year low of 25,639 points on March 24 last year, the Sensex recently crossed the 50,000 mark for the first time.

Reason (R): Sensex represents 30 large stocks listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

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18. Assertion (A): Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.

Reason (R): The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention was held virtually on 9th January in New Delhi.

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- D. A is false but R is true

19. Assertion (A): Trans-fatty acids are a form of unsaturated fats which are associated with increased health risks and deaths.

Reason (R): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has recently capped the amount of trans fatty acids in oils and fats to 5% for 2021.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

20. Assertion (A): The second annual World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day was marked on January 30, 2021.

Reason (R): Neglected tropical diseases are common in low-income populations in developing regions.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- D. A is false but R is true

21. Consider the following statements regarding Himalayan trillium, recently seen in news.

- 1. Himalayan trillium is found in temperate and sub-alpine zones of the Himalayas.
- 2. The existence of the plant has been traced only across India, Bhutan and Nepal.
- 3. Recently it was declared as “endangered” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements about Co-WIN:

- 1. In India, every person who registers on Co-WIN will also get a Unique Health Identity.
- 2. It is compulsory to use Aadhaar for registering on Co-WIN.

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

23. Consider the following statements.

- 1. States and Union Territories with more than 50 per cent of their land under forest cover can undertake compensatory afforestation in other states.
- 2. Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have more than 75 per cent of their land under forest cover.

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3. According to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, each time forest land is diverted, the project proponent has to pay the state for the ecosystem services lost due to diverting forest land.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

24. Consider the following statements regarding Atmanirbhar Digital India Foundation (ADIF).

1. Atmanirbhar Digital India Foundation (ADIF) was setup recently by the Department of Science & Technology to represent the digital ecosystem in the country.
2. It advises the government and sector regulators with respect to required legal and policy framework to promote local digital entities.
3. It aims to ensure a level-playing field between Indian digital businesses and global enterprises such as Google, Facebook and Microsoft.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following statements about COVID vaccines:

1. Covishield is an indigenously developed vaccine based on a weakened version of a common cold virus.
2. Covaxin is an inactivated vaccine developed by the University of Oxford.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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D. Neither 1 nor 2

26. Consider the following statements regarding Bird Flu, a viral infection that is reported recently in birds.

1. The most common strain of the virus that causes severe respiratory disease in birds is H5N1.

2. It does not spread to mammals.

3. From 2006 India has been witnessing Bird flu in one or the other state and since then India has never declared itself free from Bird flu.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1, 2

B. 1 only

C. 1, 3

D. 2, 3

27. Abraham Accords, recently seen in news is a joint statement between

1. Israel

2. United Arab Emirates

3. Iran Select the correct answer code:

A. 1, 2

B. 1, 3

C. 2, 3

D. 1, 2, 3

28. Which of the following countries have large reserves of Lithium?

1. Argentina

2. India

3. Bolivia

4. Chile

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

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

29. With reference to the Indian Expedition to Antarctica, consider the following statements:

1. The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) under the Ministry of Science & Technology manages the entire Indian Antarctic program.
2. Presently, India has two operational research stations in Antarctica, named Maitri and Bharati.

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

30. Consider the following statements regarding Compressed Natural Gas (CNG):

1. CNG is heavier than air.
2. CNG does not contain lead.
3. Ethane is the main component of CNG.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

31. Who among the following countries has approved a plan of constructing the world's first energy field island in the North Sea?

- A. Russia
- B. Denmark

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C. Sweden

D. Canada

32. Corruption Perception Index 2020 was released by

A. Transparency International

B. Niti Aayog

C. Directorate of Vigilance, Government of India

D. None of the above

33. SARAS Aajeevika Mela is held by:

A. Ministry of Rural Development.

B. Ministry of Commerce.

C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

D. None of the above

34. Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge is conducted by:

A. Ministry of Urban Development.

B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

D. None of the above

35. Who among the following has been appointed as the New PM of Italy?

A. Giancarlo Giorgetti

B. Luigi Di Maio

C. Andrea Orlando

D. Mario Draghi

36. Who among the following countries has assumed chairmanship of BRICS for the year 2021?

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

37. Who among the following personalities has been chosen for the Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Vandana Shiva
- C. Greta Thunberg
- D. Jane Goodall

38. Which of the following countries has appointed Minister of Loneliness to deal with the growing suicide rate in the country amidst the Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. Japan
- B. Italy
- C. Iran
- D. None of the above

39. Recently, the Defence Minister launched e-Chhawani portal. This portal aims to

- A. Register complains about the living condition of soldiers in field area
- B. Build efficient tents and temporary shelters for combat soldiers
- C. Provide online municipal services to residents of Cantonment areas
- D. None of the above

40. Which of the following Indian personalities has been chosen by the United States for the newly-constituted International Anti-Corruption Champions Award?

- A. Harsh Mander
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Aruna Roy

D. Anjali Bhardwaj

41. Blue sky research, sometimes seen in news is related to

- A. Research on solar geoengineering for reducing heat-trapping clouds
- B. Deep oceanic study on Polymetallic nodules
- C. Scientific research without a clear goal
- D. None of the above

42. Gastrodia agnicellus, recently seen in news is

- A. World's largest freshwater species
- B. New snake eel species
- C. Ugliest orchid species
- D. Newly discovered frog species from Western Ghats

43. One Health Concept, recently seen in news means

- A. Strategies to prevent Non-communicable diseases
- B. Providing health insurance to all the individuals
- C. Inter-connectivity among human health, animal health, and the environment
- D. Prioritizing human health over animal health

44. Tibet Policy and Support Act, recently seen in news is the policy of

- A. China
- B. United States of America
- C. India
- D. Japan

45. The term "Neural network" sometimes seen news means

- A. Networking between cells based on their mRNA

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- B. A point to point network for urgent assistance in cybercrime matters
- C. A network of disengaged computer clouds
- D. A process that mimics the way the human brain operates.

46. Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary recently in news was located in

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Sikkim

47. Assertion (A): Every resolution approving the proclamation of President's Rule must be passed by either House of Parliament only by a special majority.

Reason (R): When the President's Rule is imposed in a state, the President dismisses the State Council Of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister.

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

48. Assertion (A): Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) aims at providing universal coverage of water supply to all households in statutory towns.

Reason (R): The Central government will cover the entire expense under JJM (U).

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

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49. Assertion (A): PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PM FME) Scheme is a central sector scheme.

Reason (R): PM FME follows the One District One Product approach.

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

50. Assertion (A): Under Decentralized Procurement (DCP) of food grains, State Government undertakes direct purchase of food grains and distributes these food grains.

Reason (R): Under DCP, the Central Government meets the entire expenditure incurred on procurement and distribution of food grains.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

51. Assertion (A): PLI Scheme will provide incentives on incremental sales of IT hardware.

Reason (R): The benefits under PLI Scheme are only applicable to Indian companies.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

52. Assertion (A): Bottom trawling is a method of fishing that involves dragging heavy weighted nets across the sea floor, in an effort to catch fish.

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Reason (R): Recent initiatives are taken by the Government of India to end bottom trawling in the Palk Bay area.

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

53. Assertion (A): Carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases-especially carbon dioxide-released into the atmosphere by a particular human activity.

Reason (R): Delhi became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

54. Consider the following statements.

1. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is a permanent intergovernmental body that aims to maximize the trade, investment and development opportunities of developing countries and assist them in their efforts to integrate into the world economy on an equitable basis.
2. An "investment trends monitor" issued by UNCTAD provides the details of the global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) growth.
3. Only India and China recorded positive FDI growth in 2020.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

55. Which of the following space missions are related to the planet Mars?

1. China's Tianwen-1
2. UAE's Hope mission
3. Chang'e-4 mission
4. NASA's Perseverance rover mission

Select the correct answer code:

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

56. Consider the following statements regarding landlord port model.

1. In the landlord port model, the publicly governed port authority acts as a regulatory body that carry out port operations—mainly cargo-handling activities.
2. Here, the port authority maintains ownership of the port.
3. India has acceded to Hong Kong International Convention for Ship Recycling that is aimed at ensuring that ships recycled after reaching the end of their operational lives do not pose any risks to human health, safety and the environment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

57. Consider the following statements regarding Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) project.

1. Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) project will be the world's largest radio telescope, once completed.
2. It aims to study the origin and evolution of cosmic magnetism, and dark energy and evolution of galaxies.

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3. India is participating in SKAO through the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements regarding Eravikulam National Park.

1. Eravikulam National Park is located along the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.
2. The Grasshopper Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is initiating the Red List Assessment of grasshoppers in India for the first time.
3. Anamudi, the highest peak in south India is located here.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

59. Consider the following statements.

1. None of India's territory directly falls in the Arctic region.
2. Changes in the Arctic will have an effect on India's weather conditions and monsoon patterns.
3. Himadri is India's first permanent Arctic research station located at Svalbard, Norway.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

60. The benefits under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for pharmaceuticals are applicable to which of the following?

1. Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
2. Key Starting Materials
3. Drug Intermediates
4. Orphan drugs

Choose the correct option using the codes below:

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

61. Which of the following taxes/duties are applied on petrol sales in India?

1. Excise duty
2. Sales Tax
3. Goods and Services Tax
4. Value Added Tax

Choose the correct option using the codes below:

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

62. Consider the following statements about Gobardhan scheme:

1. Gobardhan scheme is implemented under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-Phase
2. Gobardhan scheme is implement by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only

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- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

63. Consider the following statements regarding Biofuels

1. The most common kinds of biofuels in use today are ethanol and biodiesel that represent the first generation of biofuel technology.
2. Ethanol is renewable and made from different kinds of plant materials.
3. Biodiesel is produced by combining alcohol with new and used vegetable oils and animal fats.
4. Biofuels cannot be used as rocket fuels since they have high viscosity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

64. Consider the following statements regarding government securities (G-secs):

1. G-secs can only be issued with a maturity of more than a year.
2. There is no capital gains tax on G-secs.

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

65. Consider the following statements.

1. Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary located in the Little Rann of Kutch in the Gujarat is one of the last places on earth where the Indian Wild Ass can be spotted.
2. Gujarat is the only abode of both Asiatic lions and Indian wild asses.

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3. The Indian wild ass population has seen a marginal decline in the last five years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2, 3

C. 1, 2

D. 1, 3

66. "Bao-dhaan", is a type of rice which is particularly associated with which of the following state?

A. Assam

B. Manipur

C. Odisha

D. Goa

67. "Kermadec Islands" which was in news recently is located in

A. Arafura Sea

B. South China Sea

C. East China Sea

D. None of the above

68. "Southern Transitional Council (STC)" which was in news recently is associated with which of the following countries?

A. Myanmar

B. Yemen

C. Nigeria

D. Chile

69. "Everything but Arms (EBA)" is an initiative under which all imports from the Least Developed Countries are duty-free and quota-free, with the exception of armaments. The initiative is by which of the following organization?

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A. European Union

B. ASEAN

C. BRICS

D. QUAD

70. The 25-year "strategic cooperation pact" which was in news recently is concerned with which of the following countries

A. India and Japan

B. Iran and China

C. Russia and China

D. India and Bangladesh

71. Which of the following tiger reserves will be severely affected due to the "Ken-Betwa Link Project"?

A. Panna Tiger Reserve

B. Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve

C. Udanti-Sitandi Tiger Reserve

D. Pakke Tiger Reserve

72. The "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)" is developed by the

A. Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

B. NITI Aayog

C. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

D. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

73. The places "Bassas De Pedra, Cora Divh and Sesostris Bank" were in news recently. It is associated with

A. Coral Reefs

B. Mangrove Forests

C. Nesting Sites for Olive Ridley Turtles

D. Salt Pans

74. "Whitsun Reef" which was in news recently is located in

A. Coral Sea

B. Java Sea

C. South China Sea

D. East China Sea

75. "Shigmo" is a harvest festival associated with which of the following states?

A. Nagaland

B. Manipur

C. Goa

D. Mizoram

76. The Bhimbetka caves near Bhopal were in the news recently. Why?

A. The cave art repository dating back to Palaeolithic and Mesolithic times was destroyed

B. A fossil find dating back about 550 million years

C. The caves were opened for the first time for geological studies

D. The finds in the caves confirmed Aryan invasion theory

77. "Vulpia myuros" was in news recently. It is

A. An invasive species of grass.

B. An invasive snail species.

C. A species of locusts.

D. A species of sea cucumber

78. "Exercise Dustlik" is a bilateral defence exercise held between armies of India and which of the following countries?

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- A. Oman
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Mongolia

79. The LINPACK Benchmarks is concerned with

- A. Trade Facilitation Agreement in Services
- B. Missile's payload delivery
- C. Light Detection and Ranging
- D. Supercomputers

80. The "2030 Digital Compass Plan" which was in news recently is associated with

- A. ASEAN
- B. BIMSTEC
- C. European Union (EU)
- D. SCO

81. Assertion (A): "NISAR" is jointly developed by the ISRO, NASA and ESA.

Reason (R): It is a joint collaboration for a dual-frequency L and S-band SAR for earth observation.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

82. Assertion (A): The World Happiness Report is an annual report published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network(SDSN).

Reason (R): India has been ranked 139 out of 149 countries in the World Happiness Report 2021.

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In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

83. Assertion (A): The Reserve Bank of India has set up a five-member Standing External Advisory Committee, headed by former RBI Deputy Governor Shyamala Gopinath

Reason (R): This was setup for evaluating applications for universal banks and Small Finance Banks (SFBs).

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

84. Assertion (A): Nigerian economist Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was recently appointed as the 7th Director-General of WTO.

Reason (R): She is the first woman and first African to be appointed as the head of WTO.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

85. Assertion (A): Recently, the National Board for Wildlife and Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change included Caracal in the list of critically endangered species.

Reason (R): There are evidences of the caracal from a fossil dating back to the Indus Valley civilisation.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

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- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
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- C. A is true but R is false.
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86. Assertion (A): The First Finance Commission was constituted in the year 1952 under the chairmanship of KC Neogy.

Reason (R): The Fifteenth Finance Commission is the first ever Commission to have given recommendations spanning a period of six years, that is, 2020-26.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

87. Assertion (A): The European Parliament has declared the European Union as “LGBTIQ Freedom Zone”.

Reason (R): Ireland became the first country to legalise same-sex marriage through public vote.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true

88. Assertion (A): RoDTEP is a scheme for Exporters to make Indian products cost-competitive and create a level playing field for them in the Global Market.

Reason (R): It has replaced the current Merchandise Exports from India Scheme, which is not in compliance with WTO norms and rules.

In the context of the above which one of the following is correct

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

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B. both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C. A is true but R is false.

D. A is false but R is true

89. Consider the following statements with respect to "Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)"

1. It is a UN body which finances independent research projects to develop vaccines against emerging infectious diseases (EID).

2. CEPI is focused on the World Health Organization's (WHO) "blueprint priority diseases".

3. CEPI was launched in 2020 at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Select the correct statements

A. 1 and 2

B. 2 Only

C. 1 and 3

D. 1, 2 and 3

90. Consider the following statements.

1. Printing more money will always lead to Inflation.

2. Evidence shows that, in India, higher GDP growth causes the ratio of debt-to-GDP to decline.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Neither 1 nor 2

91. Consider the following statements regarding Seabuckthorn.

1. It is a shrub which produces an orange-yellow coloured edible berry.

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2. In India, it is found in the Himalayan region, generally in dry areas such as the cold deserts of Ladakh and Spiti.

3. It is a soil-binding plant which prevents soil-erosion, checks siltation in rivers and helps preserve floral biodiversity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

92. Ministry of Science and Technology recently released new guidelines for the Geo-spatial sector in India. Consider the following statements regarding Geospatial data.

1. Geospatial data is the data about objects or events that have a location on the surface of the earth.

2. The location may be static like the location of a road or dynamic like a moving vehicle or pedestrian.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

93. Consider the following statements regarding Monetisation of assets.

1. It involves creation of new sources of revenue by unlocking the value of underutilized public assets.

2. The Government has launched Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) as part of the brown field asset monetization strategy for augmenting infrastructure investment.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

D. Neither 1 nor 2

94. Consider the following statements.

1. National Green Tribunal is an independent environment regulator to oversee green clearances.
2. National Board for Wildlife has power to review all wildlife-related matters and approve projects in and around national parks and sanctuaries.
3. The role of National Board for Wildlife is advisory in nature and advises the Central Government on framing policies and measures for conservation of wildlife in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

95. TrueNat machines, recently seen in news can be used to test

1. Covid-19
2. Tuberculosis
3. HIV

Select the correct answer code:

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

96. Consider the following statements.

1. Delhi's current status as a Union Territory with a Legislative Assembly was included in the original Constitution.
2. The status, powers and functions of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi is similar to that of a Governor of a State.

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3. The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi have the power to refer any matter, over which there is a disagreement with the elected government, to the President.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

97. Consider the following statements regarding Project-75 I.

1. Six Scorpene class of submarines are being built under Project-75 I by Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai.
2. INS Karanj is the first submarine under Project-75 I commissioned into the Indian Navy.
3. The technology for these submarines were developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

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

98. Consider the following statements.

1. China is the largest producer of generic medicines in the world.
2. India launched "Vaccine Maitri" campaign, aimed at provisioning COVID-19 vaccines to countries both near to and away from its immediate neighbourhood.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

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99. Consider the following statements about Defence Production in India:

1. Foreign Direct Investment in Defence is 100% in India.
2. SRIJAN Portal is portal of patents for defence product, which will be provided freely to domestic industry.
3. Chetak Helicopter is fully indigenous helicopter made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

100. Consider the following statements about "MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles":

1. This is semi-automatic command to line-of-sight missile with range of 10 km.
2. It is developed in India with alliance of Indian PSU Bharat Dynamics and Israeli Defence Company.
3. Only challenge with this missile is that it gets affected by Radio Jamming.

Which of the above statements are incorrect?

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

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