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TEST BOOKLET

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GENERAL STUDIES PAPER-I

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100/300

Maximum Marks: 300
Number of Questions: 100

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Q1) With reference to the 'Society during Sangam Age', consider the following statements:

1. The practice of Sati was completely absent. ✗
2. There was complete absence of social hierarchy and stratification in the society. ✗
3. Vallalas were the important agriculturists class. ✓
4. Buddhism was unknown to the people of Sangam age. ✗

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one ✓
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Q2) Which one of the following is NOT listed as one of the sixteen mahajanapadas in the pre-Mauryan period?

- (a) Kuru
- (b) Vatsa
- (c) Gandhara
- (d) Kalinga ✓

Q3) Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

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|---------------|------------------|
| A. Shunga | — 1. Mahoba |
| B. Satavahana | — 2. Baijnath |
| C. Kadamba | — 3. Paithan |
| D. Chandel | — 4. Pataliputra |

Code:

- (a) 4 3 2 1
- (b) 4 2 3 1
- (c) 1 4 2 3
- (d) 1 2 3 4

Q4) Which one of the following statements about the Harappan Culture is not correct?

- a. It witnessed the first cities in the subcontinent
- b. It marks the first use of script, written from right to left
- c. It marks the earliest known use of iron as a medium for the art of sculpting ✗
- d. It marks the earliest known use of stone as a medium for the art of sculpting

Q5) The reason given for the expansion of Buddhism:

1. The simplicity of religion ✓
2. Special appeal towards Dalits
3. Missionary concept of religion ✓
4. Regional language ✓
5. The soundness of Vedic spirit by Philosophers

Which of the above statements is correct

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- ✓ (b) 1, 2 and 4
- (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5

Q6) With reference to 'First Jain Council', consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. It was held during the reign of Chandragupta Maurya around 300 BCE.
- ✗ 2. It was presided over by Bhadrabahu. *stnabhabhu*
- ✓ 3. In this council the sacred teachings of Mahavira were divided into Angas.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- ✓ a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q7) With reference to the Earthquake Waves, consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The shadow zone of Secondary-waves is much larger than that of Primary-waves. ✓

Statement-II: Secondary-waves can travel through only solid mediums, whereas the Primary-waves can travel through all mediums like gaseous, liquid and solid.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q8) With reference to the Salinity in the Oceans, consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. The highest salinity is observed near the equator. ✗
- ✓ 2. North Sea has high salinity due to the influx of saline water from the North Atlantic Drift.

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

Q9) With reference to the 'Tsunami', consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. These are long waves caused by sudden displacement of the ocean water. ✓
- ✓ 2. Speed of the tsunami waves decreases as it reaches the shoreline from the deep ocean.
- ✓ 3. Height of tsunami waves is more at the coast than in the deep ocean. ✓

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Q10) This Middle Eastern country is located on the south-eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. At its southern tip lies the Gulf of Aqaba, which connects it to the Red Sea. It has a diverse geography that includes desert landscapes in the south, courtesy of the Negev Desert, and fertile lands in the north and coastal plains along its Mediterranean coast. On the eastern border, lies the water body which has the lowest point on the earth.

Which country is being described above?

- (a) Egypt
- (b) Israel
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Jordan

Q11) Consider the following mountain ranges:

- 1. Karakoram
- 2. Zaskar
- 3. Pir Panjal
- 4. Ladakh

Which of the following options is correct regarding the arrangement of the above given mountain ranges from North to South?

- a) 1-4-2-3 ☐
- b) 1-2-4-3 ☐
- c) 2-1-4-3 ☐
- d) 1-2-3-4 ☐

Q12) Consider the following hills of Northeastern region of India:

- 1. Mizo hills.
- 2. Mishmi hills.
- 3. Mikir hills.
- 4. Barail hills.

Arrange the above given hills in the South to North direction and select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 4-1-3-2 ☒
- b) 4-1-2-3 ☐
- c) 1-4-3-2 ☒
- d) 1-4-2-3 ☐

Q13) Consider the following statements regarding the Alluvial soils:

- 1. In India, these soils cover more than 40% of the total land area. ☒
- 2. They are suitable for agricultural crops due to very high nitrogen content in the soil. ☒
- 3. The sand content in the Alluvial soils decreases from the west to east. ☒

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 Only ☐
- b) 1 and 3 Only ☒
- c) 2 and 3 Only ☐
- d) 1,2 and 3 ☐

Q14) With reference to the Retreating Monsoon Season, consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. The apparent movement of the Sun towards the Tropic of Capricorn is the primary reason attributed to this season.
- ✗ 2. This season is marked by the absence of any kind of cyclonic activity across India.
- ✓ 3. The coastal areas of Tamil Nadu receive most of their rainfall during this season. ☒

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 2 and 3 Only ☐
- b) 1 and 3 only ☐
- ✗ c) 3 only ☐
- d) 1,2 and 3 ☐

Q15) Consider the following statements:

- 1. In the absence of an atmosphere, the Earth's surface temperature would increase significantly. ☒
- ✓ 2. The Earth's magnetic field is generated by convection currents in its deep inner core. ☒

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 ☐

Q16) Arrange the following rivers from north to south:

- 1. Mahanadi
- 2. Brahmani
- 3. Tamirabarani
- 4. Palar

Which one of the following sequences is correct?

- (a) 1 - 2 - 4 - 3
 ✓ (b) 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
 (c) 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
 (d) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4

Q17) Identify the State on the basis of the following characteristics.

1. Tropic of Cancer passes through the state.
2. The state has more North-South extension.
3. The state has international border with Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) Tripura ✓
 (b) Mizoram
 (c) Nagaland
 (d) Manipur

Q18) Consider the following cities of India:

1. Dhanbad .
2. Bengaluru .
3. Kolkata .
4. Mysuru .

Taking into account the influence of latitude on the Coriolis force, which of the following sequences correctly arranges these cities in increasing order of the effect experienced?

- (a) 4 - 2 - 3 - 1
 (b) 2 - 4 - 1 - 3
 ✓ (c) 4 - 2 - 1 - 3
 (d) 2 - 4 - 3 - 1

Q19) With reference to submarine communication cables, consider the following statements:

1. Modern submarine cables utilize fibre-optic technology.
2. Most of these cables are owned and operated by sovereign governments.
3. Shark bites are one of the leading causes of damage to submarine cables.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q20) Which of the following best describes the concept of the Semantic Web?

- (a) A web system where only human users can understand and interpret the content.
 (b) A web extension that enables machines to understand, interpret, and process web data with defined meaning.
 (c) A new programming language used to develop intelligent web applications.
 (d) A decentralized web platform based solely on blockchain technology.

Q21) With reference to Quantum Computing, consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. Quantum computers have significantly lower error rates compared to classical computers.
 2. Quantum computers require extreme conditions, such as near absolute zero temperatures, to minimize decoherence.

3. Quantum computers are expected to replace all functions of classical computers in the near future.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only ✗
 (b) 2 only 0
 (c) 1 and 3 only ✗
 (d) 1, 2 and 3 ✗

Q22) Consider the following statements

Statement I: Saturated fats are healthy and known to reduce bad cholesterol levels in the body. ✗

Statement II: A saturated fat is a type of fat in which the fatty acid chains have all single bonds between the carbon atoms. ✓

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
 B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
 C. Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
 0 D. Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q23) Consider the following statements regarding vertical farming:

- ✓ 1. Vertical farming involves growing crops in stacked layers, often using hydroponic or aeroponic systems.
 ✗ 2. Vertical farming is easy and inexpensive to set up and provides cost savings for farmers in the long run. ✗
 ✓ 3. It uses significantly less water compared to traditional farming methods, making it more sustainable.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q24) With reference to mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) in humans, consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. Offspring inherit the almost entire mtDNA from their mother.
 ✗ 2. mtDNA has lower mutation rates than nuclear DNA.
 1 3. In humans, mitochondrial DNA represents about 1% of total cellular DNA (about 1000 to 10,000 copies per cell).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q25) Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: Satellites used for internet services are typically launched into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

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Statement-II: Being closer to Earth results in higher latency for faster internet connectivity.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct

Q26) Consider the following statements regarding Graphene:

1. Graphene has exceptional electrical conductivity and mechanical strength.
2. Graphene is easy to mass-produce using standard silicon manufacturing techniques.
3. Graphene can degrade under certain environmental conditions, affecting its long-term stability.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q27) Consider the following devices and their working principles

Devices	Technologies
1. Night vision camera	Infrared wave
2. Speed camera	Radar
3. Bluetooth devices	Radio wave

How many of the pairs given above is correctly matched?

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

Q28) Consider the following statements regarding modern Fitbit smartwatches:

1. Fitbit can be used to track the menstrual cycle.
2. The optical heart rate sensor in Fitbit uses sound waves to measure blood flow.
3. The radio waves released from Fitbit could have lethal health consequences.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q29) Who were the 'Ashtadiggajas' in the court of Krishnadeva Raya?

- (a) Eight ministers

- their 1) Eight Telugu poets ①
 (c) Eight Tamil scholars
 (d) Eight royal advisors

Q30) The ancient Kudavolai system adopted by the Imperial Cholas is related to:

- (a) A revenue collection system.
 (b) A form of local caste system.
 (c) A system for nominating people to local village councils. ①
 (d) A type of canal irrigation

Q31) Consider the following statements regarding the Delhi Sultanate:

1. Iltutmish successfully prevented the Mongol attack on India by defeating them in the Battle of Kili.
2. The Mongol threat is an important reason for the establishment of a permanent standing army by Alauddin Khilji.

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

Q32) Which of the following statements are correct regarding Dara Shikoh?

1. He translated the Sanskrit epic *Mahabharata* into Persian.
2. He authored *Safinat-ul-Awliya*, a book that documents the life of the Prophet and his family.
3. He believed in the concept of 'One Reality and One God'.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q33) Surdas, a prominent *Bhakti* saint, was a contemporary of which of the following Mughal rulers?

- (a) Aurangzeb
 (b) Bahadur Shah I
 (c) Akbar
 (d) Shah Jahan

Q34) Which among the following was the main reason behind the construction of Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri?

- ④ (a) To commemorate Akbar's victory over Gujarat.
 (b) To commemorate the victory of Malik Ambar against the Mughals.
 (c) To generate employment during the famine of 1784.
 (d) To have a grand entry point into the imperial city of Shahjahanabad.

Q35) Consider the following:

1. Intellectual Property Product
2. Cultivable Biological Resources
3. Machinery and equipment ✓
4. Dwellings, other buildings and structures ✓

How many of the above components are included in the Gross Fixed Capital Formation?

- a) Only one
 b) Only two
 c) Only three
 d) All four

Q36) Consider the following statements with reference to the Inflationary gap:

- ✓ 1. An inflationary gap exists when the demand for goods and services exceeds production.
- ✓ 2. For the gap to be considered Inflationary, the current real GDP must be higher than the potential GDP.

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

Q37) National Disposable Income (NDI) is a measure of:

- ✓ (a) The total income earned by households in a country.
- (b) The total value of goods and services produced in a country.
- (c) The maximum amount of goods and services a domestic economy has at its disposal.
- (d) The total government spending on public goods and services. ✗

Q38) Consider the following sectors:

1. Agriculture ✓
2. Livestock ✓
3. Forestry ✓
4. Fishing ✓
5. Mining and Quarrying ✗

How many of the above are included in the primary sector of the economy?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three

- ✓ (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Q39) Consider the following statements

Statement I: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Deflator may not always measure price changes in the same way.

Statement II: The goods purchased by the representative consumers, as used in the CPI, do not represent all the goods produced in a country.

Statement III: The GDP deflator does not consider the prices of goods imported from the other country. ✓

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct and both of them explain Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement-I
- ✓ (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement-I
- (d) Neither Statement-II nor Statement-III is correct

Q40) Which of the following liabilities of the Central government are part of the "Public debt"?

1. Government securities issued in the open market.
2. Treasury bills issued to Commercial Banks
3. External debt raised by the government
4. Public Account Liabilities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only

(c) 1, 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q41) Which of the following are possible signs of a Liquidity Trap?

1. Rise in unemployment ✓
2. High Savings rate ✓
3. Low Interest Rate ✗
4. High Investment Rate ✗

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) Only one
- b) Only two 0
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Q42) Which one of the following is not a component of Revenue Receipts of the Union Government?

- (a) Corporate tax receipts ✓
- (b) Dividends and profits ✓
- (c) Disinvestment receipts ✗ 0
- (d) Interest receipts ✓

Q43) Consider the following:

1. Free food coupons ✓
2. Unemployment package ✓
3. Price ceiling on the goods ✓
4. Personal income tax ✓

How many of the above act as automatic stabilizers in an economy?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three 0
- d) All four

Q44) With reference to various duties imposed on the imported goods, consider the following pairs

1. Countervailing duty - Against the imported products that are heavily subsidized by exporting countries
2. Anti-Dumping duty - Against imported products which are sold at price much below the fair market price
3. Basic Customs Duty - Imposed on the value of the goods at rate under the Customs Act, 1962.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- 0 (c) All three
- (d) None

Q45) What are the possible impacts of monetary tightening of the US federal reserve in India?

1. It may make investing in India less attractive for foreign investors.
- ✗ 2. It may decrease the cost of imports for India.
3. It may increase the current account deficit for India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q46) Consider the following:

1. Demand Drafts (DDs) ✓
2. Fixed deposits ✓

3. Personal loans ✗
4. Unpaid dividends ✗
5. Treasury bonds purchased by the bank ✗

How many of the above are classified as the liabilities of a bank?

- a) Only two
- b) Only three
- c) Only four
- d) All five

Q47) Consider the following:

1. Increase in foreign investments
2. Increase in Fiscal Deficit
3. Rise in inflation ✓
4. Rise in market interest rates ✓

How many of the above would most likely lead to a rise in the bond yields?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Q48) With reference to "Neo-banks", seen in news sometimes, which one of the following statements is correct?

- a) These are virtual banks that provide banking experience through digital platforms.
- b) These are banks having physical branches in international financial service centres. ✗
- c) They operate only in rural areas through Common Service Centres.
- d) Neo-banks need licenses from the Reserve Bank of India to operate.

Q49) With reference to Participatory-notes (P-notes), consider the following statements:

1. These can be issued by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) only to those overseas investors that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). ✗
2. These are offshore derivative instruments with Indian shares as underlying assets. ✓

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

Q50) Consider the following statements about Nominal and Real Exchange rates:

1. Nominal exchange rate (NER) is used to compare the actual prices of goods in the two countries, while Real exchange rate (RER) is used to compare the values of their currencies. ✗
2. Real exchange rate is calculated by multiplying the ratio of prices of a basket of goods between the two countries to the Nominal Exchange rate. ✓
3. An increase in Real exchange rate indicates a loss in trade competitiveness of an economy. ✓

How many of the above given statements is/are incorrect?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Q51) Which of the following is/are part of the Invisible Trade in overall Balance of Payment (BOP)?

1. Government Transfers ✓
2. Cross-border Tourism ✓
3. Compensation of Employees ✓

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q52) Consider the following statements regarding WTO trade dispute mechanism:

1. All the disputes must be settled within one year of first hearing. ✓
2. There is no appellate mechanism for Dispute Settlement. ✗
3. OECD led Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement (MPIA) serves as a temporary solution to the WTO Dispute mechanism. ✗

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only one ✓
- b) Only two
- c) All three
- d) None

Q53) Consider the following statements about fertilizer policy in India:

1. Fertilizer subsidy is directly transferred to farmers' bank account.

2. Under the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme, subsidy is provided on Urea fertilizers based on nutrient content.
3. Currently, there is no limit on the amount of subsidized fertilizer each farmer can buy.
4. In the case of non-urea fertilisers, MRP has been De-regularised.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Q54) Regarding the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), consider the following statements:

- ✓ 1. It regulates and supervises cooperative banks and regional rural banks in India.
- ✗ 2. It is jointly owned by the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✗ 3. It provides direct financial assistance to individual farmers for agricultural purposes. ✗

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- 0 (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Q55) If bees were to go extinct in a particular region, which of the following outcomes is/are most likely?

1. A collapse of bee colonies could decrease cross-pollination in crops like apples and almonds.

2. Grasses and cereals like wheat and rice would also suffer drastic yield losses.
3. A collapse of bee colonies would significantly increase earthworm populations in agricultural soils.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q56) With reference to green hydrogen, consider the following statements:

1. National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) aims to increase production of hydrogen to 100 million metric tons by 2030, meeting almost 2/3rd of domestic demand
2. It is easy to store and transport due to its light nature.
3. Green hydrogen can serve as a feedstock in the production of green ammonia and sustainable aviation fuels.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q57) Which of the following organisms have the ability to regenerate an entirely new body from severed arm?

- (a) Chameleons
 (b) Salamander

- (c) Starfish
 (d) Earthworm

Q58) Which of the following biomes stores the highest total amount of carbon, primarily in its soil layers?

- (a) Tropical rainforest
 (b) Boreal forest
 (c) Temperate Grassland
 (d) Tropical Savannas

Q59) Which of the following best describes the term "Global Stocktake" under the Paris Agreement?

- (a) A financial audit of funds disbursed by developed countries to developing nations for climate adaptation.
 (b) A periodic review of global fossil fuel reserves to ensure equitable access and usage.
 (c) A process to assess collective progress towards achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement.
 (d) A mechanism for individual countries to report their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) every five years.

Q60) If you were to travel by road from Loktak Lake to Pangong Tso Lake, how many Indian states (including the source and destination) would you pass through?

- (a) 6
 (b) 7
 (c) 8
 (d) 9

L, UK, UP, B, W, A, A, M

Q61) Consider the following statements about corals.

1. Despite occupying a tiny fraction of the seafloor, coral reefs support nearly one-fourth of all marine species. ✓
2. Coral reefs are the largest biological structures built by living organisms on Earth. ✓
3. Cool ocean currents facilitate coral growth by supplying nutrients and oxygen. ✓

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 2 Only ✓
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 ○

Q62) Consider the following statements regarding arsenic pollution:

1. Certain regions of West Bengal are among the worst affected globally, with groundwater arsenic levels exceeding WHO limits by over 50 times. ✓
2. Almost all rice contains arsenic. ✓
3. Boiling or UV treatment of arsenic-contaminated water can remove arsenic and make it safe for drinking. ✗

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q63) Consider the following pairs.

Feature borrowed — Source

1. Concurrent list — Canadian Constitution ✗
2. Method of election of the president — Irish Constitution ✓
3. Procedure established by law — British Constitution ✗
4. Procedure for Amendment of the Constitution — Australian Constitution ✗

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one ○
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Q64) With reference to the Preamble of Indian constitution, consider the following statements:

1. It is a source of power for the legislature and the executive. ✗
2. It has no legal effect independently of other parts of the Constitution. ✓
3. It cannot be amended as it enjoys protection under Basic Structure doctrine. ✗
4. Both the preamble of the Constitution of the USA and India starts with 'We the people'. ✓
5. The Berubari union case held the Preamble to be a part of the Constitution. ✗

How many of the above given statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only two ○
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Q65) Which of the following Fundamental Rights in the Indian Constitution is/are enforceable even against the arbitrary action of private individuals?

1. Article 14
2. Article 17
3. Article 19
4. Article 21

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q66) With reference to preventive detention in India, consider the following statements:

1. Detainees must be informed of the reasons for their arrest before being taken into custody.
2. It is mandatory to produce the detainees before a magistrate within 24 hours.
3. A detained person must be given the earliest opportunity to make a representation against the detention order.
4. The Constitution of India exempts the States from providing legal counsel to a person being held for preventive detention.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Q67) With regard to the Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court, consider the following statements:

1. The Supreme Court can issue writs only for the enforcement of the Fundamental Rights.
2. The concept of writs has been borrowed from the Constitution of the United States.

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

Q68) Consider the following statements regarding the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy under the Indian Constitution:

1. Unlike Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles aim at establishing political democracy in the country.
2. Unlike Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles are not enforceable by courts for their violation.
3. Unlike the Directive Principles, Fundamental Rights require legislation for their implementation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q69) Which of the following ground is/are valid for the removal of Judge of the Supreme Court?

1. Unsound mind.
2. Proved Misbehavior.

3. Holding Office of Profit

4. Incapacity.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 4 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Q70) Consider the following statements with reference to the procedure of amendment of Indian Constitution:

1. A Bill for the amendment of provisions of Article 368, has to be ratified by not less than half of the states. ✓
2. The power to initiate an amendment to the Constitution lies with the Indian Parliament only. ✓
3. Indian constitution has no provision for holding a joint sitting for the deadlock over the passage of a constitutional amendment bill. ✓
4. According to the Constitution, if a state once approves a Constitutional amendment bill, it cannot withdraw its approval to such a bill. ✗
5. A bill for the amendment of the constitution can be introduced either by a minister or by a private member. ✓

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

(a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only ✓

(b) 1, 2 and 3 only

(c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only ✗

(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 ✗

Q71) Which of the following statements regarding the residuary powers under the Constitution of India is/are correct?

1. Residuary powers have been given to the Union Parliament. ✓
2. In the matter of residuary powers, the Constitution of India follows the Constitution of Canada. ✓
3. Schedule 7 of the Constitution of India provides a list of residuary powers. ✗
4. The Government of India Act, 1935 placed residuary powers in the hands of the Governor-General. ✓

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

a) 1 and 3 only

b) 1 and 4 only

✓ c) 1 2 and 4 only

d) 1 2 3 and 4

Q72) With reference to effects of national emergency on Fundamental rights, consider the following statements:

During the period of national emergency:

1. Restrictions can be imposed on the freedom of press. ✓
2. A person can be arrested without fair trial. ✓
- ✗ 3. State can discriminate among the citizens ✗
- ✓ 4. The writ of habeas corpus cannot be issued by the courts. ✓

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(a) Only one

(b) Only two

✗ (c) Only three

(d) All four

Q73) Consider the following statements about the effect of National emergency on the Fundamental Rights of the citizens:

1. Unlike Article 358, Article 359 suspends the fundamental rights for the entire duration of Emergency. ✗
2. Unlike Article 358, Article 359 suspends the fundamental rights in case of both External as well as Internal Emergency. ✗
3. Neither Article 358 nor Article 359 results in the suspension of fundamental rights guaranteed by Articles 20 and 21.

How many of the above given statements is/are correct?

- ☒ (a) Only one
☐ (b) Only two
☐ (c) All three
☐ (d) None

Q74) Consider the following statement

Statement-I: President cannot summon a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament in case of a disagreement over a Money Bill. ✓

bcz

Statement-II: Rajya Sabha cannot reject or amend a Money Bill.

Statement-III: A Money Bill can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- ☒ (a) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct and both of them explain Statement-I
☐ (b) Both Statement-II and Statement-III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement-I
☐ (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement-I
☐ (d) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct, but that does not explain Statement-I

Q75) With reference to the 'Vice President of India; consider the following statements:

1. As per the original Constitution, the Vice-President was elected by the two Houses of Parliament assembled at a joint meeting.
- ☒ 2. When the post of President falls vacant, the Vice President succeeds to the post for the remainder of the term of the President.
- ☒ 3. The election of a person as Vice-President cannot be challenged on the ground that the electoral college was incomplete.
- ☒ 4. The motion for his removal can be introduced in the Rajya Sabha as well as Lok Sabha.
- ☒ 5. The motion for his removal is required to be passed in both the Houses by Special Majority.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- ☒ (a) 1, and 3 only
☐ (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
☒ (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
☐ (d) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only

Q76) The following item consists of two Statements I and II. You are to examine these two statements carefully and select the answer to these items using the code given below.

Statement I: The Rajya Sabha is not subject to dissolution and the members enjoy a tenure of six years.

bcz

Statement II: According to Article 83 of the Constitution of India, one-third of members of Rajya Sabha retire every two years.

Codes:

- (a) Both the statements are individually true and Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I

(b) Both the statements are individually true but Statement II is not the correct explanation of Statement I

(c) Statement I is true and Statement II is false

(d) Statement I is false but Statement II is true

Q77) In which of the following matters does Rajya Sabha have unequal status with the Lok Sabha?

1. Approving the discontinuance of the National Emergency. ✓
2. Introduction of Adjournment motion. ✓
3. Use of Censure motion. ✓
4. Vote on the Demands for Grants. ✓

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q78) Consider the following statements:

1. The Parliament cannot enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India as its Jurisdiction is limited to that conferred by the Constitution. ✓
2. The officers and servants of the Supreme Court and High Courts are appointed by the concerned Chief Justice, and the administrative expenses are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India. ✓

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

Q79) With reference to removal of the High Court judges in India, consider the following statements:

1. No judge of any high court has been impeached so far since independence. ✓
2. Speaker has discretionary power in admitting the motion of removal. ✓
3. Removal procedure of a high court judge is similar to that of a Supreme Court judge. ✓
4. Prior written consent of the Chief Justice of India is mandatory for the initiation of impeachment motion against judges of High courts. ✓

How many of the above given statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three ✓
- (d) All four

Q80) Which of the following statements about the Panchayati Raj System are correct?

1. All seats in a Panchayat are filled by persons chosen by direct election. ✓
2. The 'Gram Sabha' consists of persons registered in the village electoral rolls. ✓
3. The Chairperson of a Panchayat is elected in accordance with a law passed by each state. ✓
4. All states in India have a three-tier system of Panchayats. ✓

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q81) Which one of the following is NOT true of the 10th Schedule of the Constitution of India pertaining to disqualification of members of the Parliament and State legislatures?

- (a) The schedule lays down that elected members may be disqualified on the grounds of defection.
- (b) Disqualification on grounds of defection does not apply in cases of merger with another political party.
- (c) Cases of dispute are decided by the Speaker or Chairman of the House concerned. ✓
- (d) The Supreme Court of India is the final arbiter in cases which remain unresolved.

Q82) Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Constitution of India mandates the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language. ✓

Statement II: The Constitution of India envisages the development of Hindi language to serve as a means of expression for all aspects of India's composite culture.

Which of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Q83) Consider the following languages:

1. Gujarati ✗

2. Assamese
3. Odia ✗
4. Pali
5. Bengali

How many of the above languages have been recently accorded the status of a classical language in India?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Q84) Consider the following statements regarding the EarthCARE mission:

1. The EarthCARE mission was launched by NASA to study Earth's atmosphere.
2. EarthCARE is designed to monitor deep-sea temperatures and marine biodiversity.
3. EarthCARE aims to provide data to improve climate and weather models.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q85) With reference to NEP 2020, consider the following statements:

1. The policy aims for Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher education to reach 100% by 2030.

2035

2. NEP proposes multidisciplinary education and flexible curricula at the undergraduate level.
3. The National Education Policy 2020 is legally binding on all states and union territories.
4. NEP 2020 emphasizes ensuring universal access to school education at all levels, from preschool to secondary.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

-Q86) With reference to guided missile systems, consider the following statements:

1. Guided missiles are self-propelled weapons that use onboard guidance systems to navigate.
2. All guided missiles rely exclusively on GPS navigation for targeting and cannot function without satellite signals.
3. Unlike ballistic missiles, guided missiles do not follow any pre-set trajectory and rely solely on human operators for real-time control.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q87) Consider the following statements regarding the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana;

1. The scheme aims to provide free electricity by incentivizing the installation of rooftop solar systems in one crore households across India.
2. A key component of the Yojana involves the establishment of large-scale wind farms in coastal regions to supplement the solar power generation.
3. The scheme facilitates households in selling surplus solar power generated from their rooftop systems back to the Distribution Companies (DISCOMs).

Which of the above statements accurately describe the main components of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?

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

Q88) With reference to the Supreme Court's recent verdict on the role of Governors in granting assent to State Bills, consider the following statements:

1. Once a State Legislature re-passes a Bill, the Governor must give assent and has no further discretion.
2. Governor's prolonged inaction violated Article 200 of the Constitution, which mandates Governors to act on Bills 'as soon as possible'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
 B) 2 only
 C) Both 1 and 2
 D) Neither 1 and 2

Q89) Which of the following best describes the "Baku to Belém Roadmap" adopted at COP29?

- A) A plan to phase out fossil fuels by 2030.
- B) A strategy to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2025.
- ☒ C) A framework to mobilize \$1.3 trillion annually in climate finance by 2035.
- D) An agreement to establish a global carbon tax by 2025.

Q90) Consider the following statements according to the latest publication of the 18th Indian Forest Survey Report:

- ☒ 1. There has been a slight increase in the total overall area under mangroves. ✗
- ☒ 2. The state with the highest carbon stock in Indian forests is Arunachal Pradesh.

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

Q91) Consider the following statements regarding the latest Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (2023-24):

- ☒ 1. There is a persistent decline in the urban-rural consumption disparity across India's major states.
- 2. Consumption inequality, both in rural and urban areas, for almost all the 18 major states has declined in 2023-24 compared to the level in 2022-23.
- 3. Sikkim recorded the highest monthly per capita expenditure, while Chhattisgarh reported the lowest.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q92) Consider the following statements according to the Economic Survey 2024-25:

- ☒ 1. India's annual GDP growth rate has been consistently declining over the past five years.
- 2. To become a developed nation by 2047, India would require sustained economic growth of around 15% per year for at least a decade.
- ☒ 3. India has significantly reduced its dependence on smartphone imports, with 99% of smartphones now manufactured domestically.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q93) Consider the following statements with reference to the advent of Europeans in India

- 1. The Portuguese established their first factory at Calicut in Kerala.
- 2. The Dutch established their first factory in Surat.
- 3. The English East India Company established their first factory in Masulipatnam.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two

- c) All three
d) None

Q94) With reference to the working-class movements in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Moderates generally did not support the Factory Acts of 1881 and 1891. ✓
2. The Congress supported the formation of the All-India Trade Union Congress. ✓
3. Dadabhai Naoroji started a newspaper 'Bharat Shramjeevi' for expressing the demands of the working class. ✓

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a) Only one
b) Only two
c) All three ✓
d) None

Q95) Consider the following statements regarding Sir Chettur Sankaran Nair:

1. He was the President of the Indian National Congress during the session held in Amritsar.
2. He resigned from the Viceroy's Executive Council after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
3. He served as a judge in the Madras High Court.
4. He authored a book titled 'Gandhi and Anarchy'

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q96) Consider the following events:

1. Vernacular Press Act 1878
2. Age of Consent Act 1891
3. First Indian to qualify for Indian Civil Services 1863
4. Ilbert Bill Controversy 1931 1883

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

- (a) 1-2-4-3
(b) 2-1-3-4
(c) 3-1-4-2 ✓
(d) 3-4-1-2

Q97) With reference to Rowlatt Satyagraha, consider the following statements:

1. The Rowlatt Satyagraha was the first all India mass Satyagraha called by Gandhi. ✗
2. It was mostly restricted to cities and towns. ✓
3. Members of the Home rule league stayed away from the satyagraha. ✓

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q98) With reference to the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946, consider the following statements:

1. It was against the racial discrimination and use of Indian troops in Indonesia.
2. The Indian National Congress came in support of mutiny.
3. Vallabhbhai Patel and Mumhmmad Ali Jinnah persuaded the ratings to surrender with an assurance that national parties would prevent any victimisation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q99) Consider the following leaders:

- ✓ 1. B.R. Ambedkar ✓
- ✓ 2. Tej Bahadur Sapru ✓
- 3. M.R. Jayakar
- 4. Mahatma Gandhi ✗
- 5. Madan Mohan Malaviya ✓

How many of the above personalities attended all three Round Table Conferences?

- ⓐ (a) Only two
- ✗ (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

Q100) Which of the following is/are the reasons for Mahatma Gandhi to launch Individual Satyagraha during World War II?

- 1. To show the discontent towards rising prices of commodities in India.
- 2. To assert the right of speech of Indians against the war efforts.
- 3. Mass movement at that time was not conducive as it might have turned aggressive.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

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Directions for the following 12 (twelve) questions:
Read the following passages and answer the question that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

Passage-1

The River Yamuna is the lifeline of India. Its sacredness is deeply woven into the cultural fabric of the country, influencing everything from religious rituals and festivals to art, literature, and philosophy.

The fertile plains along the river are among the most densely populated regions, as they are agriculturally productive. Additionally, the river supports numerous industries, including textiles, chemicals, and paper, and serves as a vital waterway for trade and transport, providing a livelihood source for many.

However, the Yamuna faces severe environmental challenges today. Industrial waste, untreated sewage and religious offerings have significantly polluted its waters, making it one of the most polluted rivers in the world.

Q.1) Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:

1. The Yamuna's sanctity has been undermined by increasing pollution.
2. The Yamuna River Basin serves as a vital source of livelihood for many people.

Which of the assumptions given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2 ✓
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Passage-2

In the constantly evolving domain of modern warfare, the shifting paradigm pivots on the intertwining of asymmetrical tactics and technological advancements. The contours of conflict are redrawn as non-state actors

exploit the inherent vulnerabilities of conventional forces, rendering traditional doctrines inadequate.

The ensuing battlespace becomes an amalgam of fluid skirmishes, cyber warfare, and the utilization of autonomous weapon systems. The onus rests on military strategists to adapt and recalibrate their approach, taking into account the multifaceted challenges posed by the fusion of digital and physical realms.

Consequently, the concept of total war no longer suffices, giving way to hybrid wars, where the distinction between combatants and civilians blurs, undermining the very foundations of the rules of engagement.

Q.2) Consider the following assumptions:

1. Modern warfare relies on technology.
2. Hybrid wars do not follow rules of traditional warfare.

Which of the above-given assumptions is/are valid as per the given passage?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Passage-3

The mystical experience is not something that can be described in words or explained through intellectual analysis. It is a direct and immediate realization of the unity of all things and the underlying oneness of existence.

This realization is not something that can be achieved through effort or willpower but is rather a gift that is given freely and spontaneously. The mystic does not seek to escape from the world or to transcend it, but rather to discover the divine presence that is present within it.

Q.3) Which among the following best implies the suggestion given by the author in the passage?

- a) Achieving mystical experiences requires rigorous intellectual analysis and effort.
- b) Mystical experiences reveal the divine presence within the world.
- c) Willpower and determination are essential to obtain mystical experiences. ✗
- d) The unity of all things can be explained through logical reasoning and scientific inquiry. ✗

Passage-4

"Postmodernity is said to be a culture of fragmentary sensations, eclectic nostalgia, disposable simulacra, and promiscuous superficiality, in which the traditionally valued qualities of depth, coherence, meaning, originality, and authenticity are evacuated or dissolved amid the random swirl of empty signals."

Q.4) Based on the above passage, following assumptions have been made about the features of postmodernism:

- 1. It leads to a culture that is more concerned with appearances and instant gratification than with deeper, more meaningful connections and experiences.
- 2. It is marked by a desire for the past while at the same time embracing the present and future.
- 3. It is characterized by a culture where the distinction between the real and the fake is increasingly blurred.
- 4. It believes in a unified worldview or narrative that provides a clear and consistent understanding of the world.
- 5. It is marked by a sense of disorientation and confusion.

Which of the above assumptions are valid?

- a) 1, 2 and 5 only
- b) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

Passage-5

Modern societies are increasingly defined by the ubiquity of information. The deluge of data, generated through social media, commerce, governance, and surveillance, has brought about an epistemological shift—one where information is abundant, but discernment is scarce. The paradox of our age is not a scarcity of information, but the erosion of attention. Algorithms capitalize on this attention economy, feeding individuals content that reinforces pre-existing beliefs, thus narrowing intellectual horizons while creating an illusion of knowledge diversity. In such an environment, the traditional gatekeepers of information—editors, educators, and public institutions—are bypassed by virality metrics and engagement analytics. While this democratization of knowledge has empowered individuals, it has also left them vulnerable to misinformation and echo chambers. Navigating this landscape demands not only critical thinking but also a re-evaluation of what it means to be well-informed in the digital era.

Q5) What is the central paradox discussed in the passage?

- (a) The scarcity of knowledge in the age of digital abundance
- (b) The abundance of information but diminishing attention and discernment
- (c) The role of traditional gatekeepers in spreading misinformation
- (d) The decline of digital platforms as knowledge sources

Passage-6

In an era increasingly defined by algorithmic curation, individual autonomy in digital environments is often more illusory than actual. While personalized content

ostensibly serves user preferences, it simultaneously narrows exposure, reinforcing cognitive echo chambers. The tension between convenience and critical engagement becomes starker, as seamless digital experiences may subtly erode the capacity for discernment. Thus, the trade-off between personalization and intellectual pluralism warrants deeper scrutiny in the design of digital ecosystems.

Q6) What is the most appropriate inference from the above passage?

- (a) Personalized content fosters autonomy by aligning with user choices, although it may reduce decision-making effort.
- (b) Algorithm-driven personalization can constrain users' exposure to diverse viewpoints under the guise of convenience.
- (c) Digital environments enhance user engagement primarily by amplifying existing beliefs, which benefits platform efficiency.
- (d) Autonomy in digital spaces is strengthened by curated experiences that match user intent with precision.

Passage-7

Many nations now place their faith in capitalism and governments choose it as the strategy to create wealth for their people. The spectacular economic growth seen in Brazil, China and India after the liberalisation of their economies is proof of its enormous potential and success. However, the global banking crisis and the economic recession have left many bewildered. The debates tend to focus on free market operations and forces, their efficiency and their ability for self-correction. Issues of justice, Integrity and honesty are rarely elaborated to highlight the failure of the global banking system. The apologists of the system continue to justify the success of capitalism and argue that the recent crisis was a blip. Their arguments betray an Ideological bias with the assumptions that an unregulated market is fair and

competent, and that the exercise of private greed will be in the larger public interest.

Few recognize the bidirectional relationship between capitalism and greed; that each reinforces the other. Surely, a more honest conceptualization of the conflicts of interest among the rich and powerful players who have benefited from the system, their biases and ideology is needed; the focus on the wealth. Creation should also highlight the resultant gross inequity.

Q7) The apologists of the "Free Market System", according to the passage, believe in

- (a) Market without control by government authorities.
 - (b) Market without protection by the government.
 - (c) Ability of market to self-correct.
 - (d) Market for free goods and services.
- Q8) With reference to "ideological bias", the passage implies that
- (a) Free market is fair but not competent.
 - (b) Free market is not fair but competent.
 - (c) Free market is fair and competent.
 - (d) Free market is neither fair nor biased.

Passage-8

We have hard work ahead. There is no resting for any of us till we redeem our pledge in full, till we make all the people of India what destiny intends them to be. We are citizens of a great country, on the verge of bold advance, and we have to live up to that high standard. All of us, to whatever religion we may belong, are equally the children of India with equal rights, privileges and obligations. We cannot encourage communalism or narrow mindedness, for no nation can be great whose people are narrow in thought or action.

Q9) The challenge the author of the above passage throws to the public is to achieve.

- (a) A high standard of living, progress and privileges.

(b) Equal privileges, fulfillment of destiny and political tolerance.

(c) Spirit of adventure and economic parity.

(d) Hard work, brotherhood and national unity.

Passage-9

It is true that where society is already well-knit by other ties, marriage is an ordinary incident of life. But where society is cut asunder, marriage as a binding force becomes a matter of critical importance. For, it is a fact beyond dispute that, while marriage may not always be the result of the attachment of two persons, it does bring about an attachment, which serves as an effective antidote to the centrifugal forces that are always at work to disrupt society. Such an attachment is by no means a small achievement. It is a great and signal service, the importance of which those who give their minds to the problem of welding society into a single entity cannot fail to grasp.

Q10) Which one of the following best implies the message given by the author?

a) Marriage is a tool for social domination for certain groups.

b) Marriage serves as a powerful force that counters societal fragmentation.

c) The attachment formed by marriage is trivial.

d) Welding society into a single entity is an unattainable goal.

Passage-10

In his philosophy Plato gives a prominent place to the idea of justice. Plato was highly dissatisfied with the prevailing degenerating conditions in Athens. The Athenian democracy was on the verge of ruin and was ultimately responsible for Socrates's death. The amateur meddlesomeness and excessive individualism became main targets of Plato's attack. This attack came in the form of the construction of an ideal society in

which justice reigned supreme, since Plato believed justice to be the remedy for curing these evils. After criticizing the conventional theories of justice presented differently by Cephalus, Polymarchus, Thrasymachus and Glaucon, Plato gives us his own theory of justice according to which, individually, justice is a 'human virtue' that makes a person self-consistent and good; socially, justice is a social consciousness that makes a society internally harmonious and good. According to Plato, justice is a sort of specialization.

Q11) Based on the above passage, following assumptions have been made:

- ✓ 1. Excessive Individualism was one of the causes of decline of Athenian democracy.
- ✗ 2. Plato's concept of justice is idealistic and not practical.
- ✗ 3. Plato's concept of justice is distinguished from conventional theories by its multidimensional aspect, which is not typically accounted for in those theories.

Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

a) 1 only

b) 1 and 3 only

c) 3 only

d) 1, 2 and 3

Passage-11

"The individual, according to Rousseau, puts his person and all his power in common under the supreme direction of the General Will and in our corporate capacity we receive each member as an indivisible part of the whole."

Q12) In the light of the above passage, the nature of General Will is best described as.

- (a) The sum total of the private wills of the individuals.
- (b) What is articulated by the elected representatives of the individuals?
- ✗ (c) The collective good as distinct from private wills of the individuals.
- (d) The material interests of the community.

Q.13) A person ordered 5 pairs of black socks and some pairs of brown socks. The price of a black pair was thrice that of a brown pair. While preparing the bill, the bill clerk interchanged the number of black and brown pairs by mistake which increased the bill by 100%. What was the number of pairs of brown socks in the original order?

- (a) 10
(b) 15
(c) 20
(d) 25

Q.14) A wire is cut into two pieces. The longer piece is 60% of the length of the wire. By how much percentage is the longer wire longer than the shorter piece?

- (a) 20%
(b) 40%
(c) 50%
(d) 60%

$$60\% \quad 40\% \\ \frac{24\%}{40\%} \times 100\% \times \frac{1}{2} = 50\%$$

Q.15) A group of friends went on a trip from Delhi to Agra and rented two cars. The first car used 75 liters of petrol, and the second car used 55 liters of petrol. The first car got 10 kilometres per liter and the second car got 12 kilometres per liter. The total cost of petrol for the trip was ₹10,550. If the price of petrol for the first car was ₹2 more per liter than the price of petrol for the second car, what was the price of petrol for the first car?

- (a) 72
(b) 78
(c) 80
(d) 82

Q.16) If the signs "+" and "-" are interchanged and "x" and "÷" are interchanged, and also the digits "2" and "7" are interchanged, then what will be the value of the following expression?

$$56 \div (18 - 8 \times 4) + 27 \times 3 - 14 \times 2$$

- (a) 1024
(b) 1048

$$56 \times (18 + 8 \div 4) - 22 \div 3 + 14 \div 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 56 \times 9 - \\ 20 \quad 5 \\ \hline 504 - 22 \div 3 + 7 \\ \hline 1120 \end{array}$$

(c) 1064

(d) 1098

Q17) One page is torn from a booklet whose pages are numbered in the usual manner starting from the first page as 1. The sum of the numbers on the remaining pages is 777. The torn page contains which of the following numbers.

- a) 23, 24
b) 25, 26
c) 19, 20
d) 21, 22

Q18) What is the remainder when $1! + 2! + 3! \dots 50!$ is divided by 28?

- a) 5
b) 6
c) 7
d) 8

Q.19) Find the number of zeros in the value of:

$$2^2 \times 5^4 \times 4^6 \times 10^8 \times 6^{10} \times 15^{12} \times 8^{14} \times 20^{16} \times 10^{18} \times 25^{20}$$

- a) 100
b) 98
c) 92
d) 103

Q.20) Integers are listed from 500 to 800. In how many integers is the sum of the digits 11?

- a) 16
b) 15
c) 18
d) 19

515	524	533	506
542	551	560	
505	614	623	
632	641	650	

Q.21) Two Statements S1 and S2 are given below with regard to a variable x followed by a Question:

S1: x is an even number.

S2: x is a multiple of 4.

Question: Is x divisible by 8?

704	713	722
731	740	
803	812	821
830		

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

- a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- c) S1 and S2 together are sufficient to answer the question, but neither S1 alone nor S2 alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- d) S1 and S2 together are not sufficient to answer the question.

Q.22) A, B, C, D and E are different digits. Two statements are given, followed by a question based on those statements:

Statement-1: $ABC \times DEED = ABCABC$; where A, B, C, D and E are different digits.

Statement-2: $A=2$; $B=3$ and $C=4$.

Question: What are the values of D and E?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the Statements and the Question?

- a) Statement-1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- b) Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- ☒ c) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are required to answer the Question
- d) Neither Statement-1 alone nor Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question

Q.23) 3 Bell B_1 , B_2 , B_3 are ringing after every 8 sec, 10 sec, 15 sec. Then find out in 5 min how many times only 2 bells will ring together?

- a) 10
- b) 12
- c) 13
- d) 15

Q.24) Two friends buy a certain number of blue pebbles and red pebbles. The number of pebbles is an integer. Consider the two statements followed by a Question:

Statement-1

m times the number of blue pebbles and m times the number of red pebbles is equal to 2 times m.

Statement-2

5 times the number of blue pebbles and 5 times the number of red pebbles is 10.

Question: What is the sum of blue pebbles and red pebbles?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of Statement and Question?

- a) Statement-1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- b) Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- c) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are required to answer the Question.
- d) Neither Statement-1 alone nor Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.

Q.25) Each of two women and three men is to occupy one chair out of eight chairs, each of which numbered from 1 to 8. First, women are to occupy any two chairs from those numbered 1 to 4 and then the three men would occupy any three chairs. What is the maximum number of different ways in which this can be done?

- a) 40
- b) 132
- c) 1440
- d) 3660

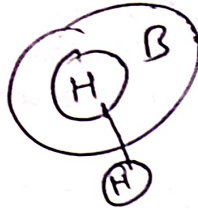
Q.26) The monthly income of Lokesh and Asha are in the ratio of 4: 3. Their monthly expenses are in the ratio of 3:2. However, both save Rs. 600 per month. What is their total monthly income?

- a) 5600
- b) 4200
- c) 8400
- d) 2800

Q27) The marks obtained by seven students A, B, C, D, E, F and G in a class are compared. All these students obtained different marks. C scored more marks than E, but less than A. G scored the highest marks. Marks

scored by A are greater than only three students. Marks scored by F are less than B. D scored the lowest marks. Who scored the third highest marks in the class?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) F
- (d) B



Q28) A number when divided by 232 gives 92 as remainder. If the same number is divided by 29, what will be the remainder?

- (a) 3
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 4

$$\begin{array}{r} 29 \overline{) 92} \quad (3 \quad 2 \\ \underline{87} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

Q29) In a certain coding language "PENCIL" is written as "SBQZLI" and "PAPER" is written as "XSXBU". Based on this pattern, how is "PRANK" written in the code language?

- a) STDKN
- b) SUXKH
- c) SODKN
- d) SOXKM

PENCIL
S B Q Z L I
PAPER
X S X B U
PRANK
S O X K M

Q30) The angle between the hands of a clock at 8:30 is what percent more than the angle between the hands of a clock at 4:15?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 75%
- (c) 100%
- (d) 120%

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Q31) Three statements followed by two conclusions are given below. You have to take the statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion(s) logically follows/follow from the statements, disregarding the commonly known facts.

Statement-1: Only a few hardworking people are honest.

Statement-2: All honest people are brilliant.

Statement-3: Some hardworking people are creative.

Conclusion - I: Some hardworking people are brilliant.

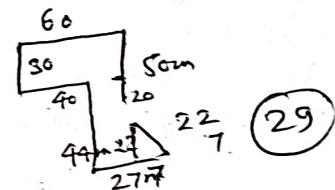
Conclusion - II: Some hardworking people are not honest.

Which of the above conclusions is/are correct?

- (a) Only Conclusion - I follows
- (b) Only Conclusion - II follows
- (c) Both Conclusion - I and Conclusion - II follow
- (d) None of the Conclusions follows

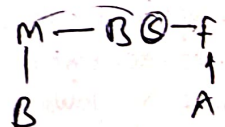
Q32) Vikas starts from his home and walks 50 m towards North. From there he turns left and walks 60 m. After that, he turns left again and walks 30 m. Then he again turns left and walks 40 m. Then he turns right and walks 44 m. After that, he finally turns left and walks 27 m to reach the post office. What is the shortest distance between his home and the post office?

- (a) 24 m
- (b) 25 m
- (c) 18 m
- (d) 35 m



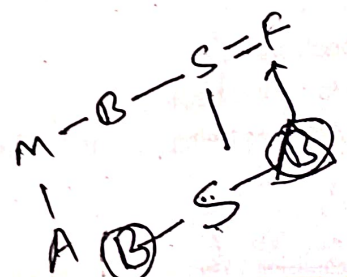
Q33) In a family gathering, A says to B, "Your mother's brother is married to the sister of my father's only son." How is A related to B?

- (a) Cousin
- (b) Uncle
- (c) Aunt
- (d) Can not be determined



Q34) In the year 2023, January 1st falls on a Sunday. What day of the week will December 31st, 2023 fall on?

- a) Monday
- b) Tuesday
- c) Wednesday
- d) Sunday



Q35) Directions: In the question below, a statement is followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true. Then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Statement 1:

The Government constructs Industrially Developed Centers with all the infrastructure needed for new start-ups in every state.

Statement 2:

The Government is making a lot of effort to encourage small-scale industries.

Conclusions:

- I. The government does nothing to help the bigger industries.
- II. The small-scale industries need to be encouraged as they cannot start on their own.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) Only Conclusion I follows
- b) Only Conclusion II follows
- c) Both Conclusion I and II follow
- d) Neither Conclusion I nor II follow

Q36) Directions: In question below are three statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusion logically follows from the given statement disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements:

1. Some cats are rocks.
2. All cats are pens.
3. No pen is book.

Conclusions:

- I. No rock is book. ✗
- II. All rocks being pens is a possibility. ✓

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) Only Conclusion I follow
- ✓ b) Only Conclusion II follow
- c) Both Conclusion I and II follow
- d) Neither Conclusion I nor II follow

Q37) Find the next term in the given series:

124, 148, 196, 268, 364, ...?

- a) 396
- b) 412
- ✓ c) 484
- d) 586

Q38) Eight executives A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting around a circular table (all are facing to the centre of the table). F is third to the right of C who is third to the right of G. A is second to the left of B neither A nor B is an immediate neighbour of G. D is not an immediate neighbour of F. H is third to the right of B.

Which of the following is the correct position of E with respect to D?

- a) Third to the right
- ✓ b) Fourth to the right
- ✓ c) Fourth to the left
- ✓ d) Both b and c

Q39) In a row of 21 girls, when Monika was shifted four places towards the right, she became 12th from the left end. What was her initial position from the right end of the row?

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- ✓ (d) 14th

Q40) Three statements followed by a question are given below.

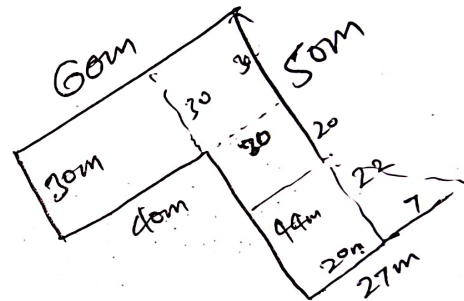
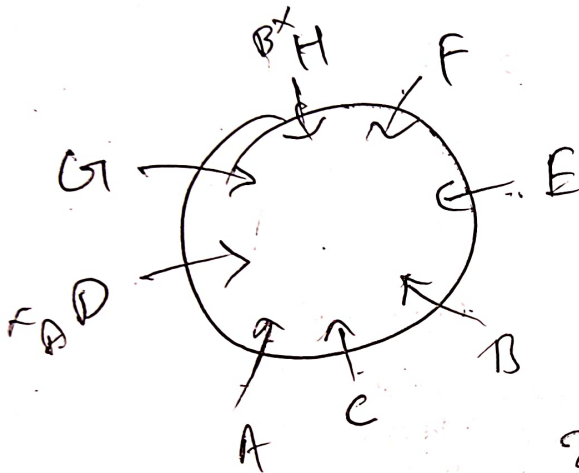
- I. Sanjay is six years older than Gopal.
- II. Gopal's brother was born in 1982.
- III. Sanjay's brother is two years younger than Gopal's brother, who was eight years younger than Gopal.

Question: In which year was Sanjay born?

Select the statements that are required to answer the question

- (a) I and II together
- (b) II and III together
- (c) I and III together
- (d) All I, II and III

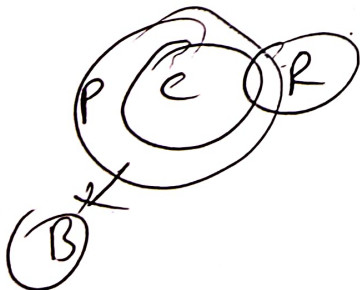
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 24 & 48 & 72 & 96 & & & \\
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 \end{array}$$



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1. The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war.
2. A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence .
3. If you want to choose the pleasure of growth , prepare yourself for some pain
4. Where wisdom reigns, there is no conflict between thinking and feeling.

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