UPSC CSE Prelims 2021 — General Studies Paper 1

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Q1. Consider the following statements: Which of the above statements are correct?

1. The Governor of the Reserve bank of India (RBI) is a appointed by the Central Government.
2. Certain provisions in the Constitution of India give the Central Government the right to issue directions to the RBI in public interest.
3. The Governor of the RBI draws his power from the RBI Act.

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

Q2. With reference to casual workers employed in India, consider the following statements: Which of the above statements are correct?

1. All casual workers are entitled for Employees Provident Fund coverage.
2. All casual workers are entitled for regular working hours and overtime payment.
3. The government can by a notification specify that an establishment or industry shall pay wages only through its bank account.

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

Q3. Which among the following steps is most likely to be taken at the time of an economic recession?

(a) Cut in tax rates accompanied by increase in interest rate
(b) Increase in expenditure on public projects
(c) Increase in tax rates accompanied by reduction of interest rate.
(d) Reduction of expenditure on public projects

Q4. Consider the following statements: Other things remaining unchanged, market demand for a good might increase if Which of the above statements are correct?

1. price of its substitute increases
2. price of its complement increases
3. the good is an inferior good and income of the consumers increases
4. its price falls

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

Q5. With reference to 'Urban Cooperative banks' in India consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. They are supervised and regulated by local boards set up by the State Governments.
2. They can issue equity shares and preference shares.
3. They were brought under the purview of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 through an Amendment in 1966.

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

Q6. Indian Government Bond Yields are influenced by which of the following? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Actions of the United States Federal Reserve

2. Actions of the Reserve bank of India
3. Inflation and short-term interest rates

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

Q7. Consider the following: Which of the above can be included in Foreign Direct Investments?

1. Foreign currency convertible bonds
2. Foreign institutional investment with certain conditions
3. Global depository receipts
4. Non-resident external deposits

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

Q8. Consider the following statements: The effect of devaluation of a currency is that it necessarily Which of the above statements is/are correct?

1. improves the competitiveness of the domestic exports in the foreign markets.
2. increases the foreign value of domestic currency
3. improves the trade balance

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

Q9. Which one of the following effects of creation of black money in India has been the main cause of worry to the Government of India?

(a) Diversion of resources to the purchase of real estate and investment in luxury housing
(b) Investment in unproductive activities and purchase of previous stones, jewellery, gold, etc.
(c) Large donations to political parties and growth of regionalism
(d) Loss of revenue to the State Exchequer due to tax evasion

Q10. Which one of the following is likely to be the most inflationary in its effects?

(a) Repayment of public debt
(b) Borrowing from the public to finance a budge deficit
(c) Borrowing from the banks to finance a budge deficit
(d) Creation of new money to finance a budget deficit

Q11. The money multiplier in an economy increases with which one of the following?

(a) Increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio in the banks
(b) Increase in the Statutory Liquidity Ratio in the banks
(c) Increase in the banking habit of the people
(d) Increase in the population of the country

Q12. With reference to Indian economy, demand-pull inflation can be caused/increased by which of the following? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Expansionary policies
2. Fiscal stimulus
3. Inflation-indexing wages
4. Higher purchasing power
5. Rising interest rates

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only
(b) 3, 4 and 5 only

(c) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Q13. With reference to India, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Retail investors through demat account can invest in 'Treasury Bills' and 'Government of India Debt Bonds' in primary market.
2. The 'Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching' is a government securities trading platform of the Reserve Bank of India.
3. The 'Central Depository Services Ltd' is jointly promoted by the Reserve Bank of India and the Bombay Stock Exchange.

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

Q14. With reference to 'Water Credit', consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. It puts microfinance tools to work in the water and sanitation sector.
2. It is a global initiative launched under the aegis of the World Health Organization and the World Bank.
3. It aims to enable the poor people to meet their water need without depending on subsidies.

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

Q15. In India, the central bank's function as the 'lender of last resort' usually refers to which of the following? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Lending to trade and industry bodies when they fail to borrow from other sources
2. Providing liquidity to the banks having a temporary crisis
3. Lending to governments to finance budgetary deficits

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

Q16. R2 Code of Practices' constitutes a tool available for promoting the adoption of

(a) environmentally responsible practices in electronics recycling industry
(b) ecological management of 'Wetlands of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention
(c) sustainable practices in the cultivation of agricultural crops in degraded lands.
(d) 'Environmental Impact Assessment' in the exploitation of natural resources

Q17. Why is there a concern about copper smelting plants? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. They may release lethal quantities of carbon monoxide into environment.
2. The copper slag can cause the leaching of some heavy metals into environment.
3. They may release sulphur dioxide as a pollutant.

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

Q18. With reference to furnace oil, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. It is a product of oil refineries.
2. Some industries use it to generate power.
3. Its use causes sulphur emissions into environment.

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

Q19. What is blue carbon?

(a) Carbon captured by oceans and coastal ecosystems
(b) Carbon sequestered in forest biomass and agricultural soils
(c) Carbon contained in petroleum and natural gas
(d) Carbon present in atmosphere

Q20. In the nature, which of the following is/are most likely to be found surviving on a surface without soil? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Fern
2. Lichen
3. Moss
4. Mushroom

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

Q21. Which one of the following is used in preparing a natural mosquito repellent?

(a) Congress grass
(b) Elephant grass
(c) Lemongrass
(d) Nut grass

Q22. Consider the following kinds of organisms: Which of the above are primary producers in the food chains of oceans?

1. Copepods
2. Cyanobacteria
3. Diatoms
4. Foraminifera

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

Q23. Consider the following animals: which of the above organisms rolls up/roll up and protects/protect its/their vulnerable parts?

1. Hedgehog
2. marmot
3. Pangolin to reduce the chance of being captured by predators,

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

Q24. With reference to the 'New York Declaration on Forests', which of the following statements are correct? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. It was first endorsed at the United Nations Climate Summit in 2014.
2. It endorses a global timeline to end the loss of forests.
3. It is a legally binding international declaration.
4. It is endorsed by governments, big companies and indigenous communities.

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5. India was one of the signatories at its inception.

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

Q25. Magnetite particles, suspected to cause neurodegenerative problems, are generated as environmental pollutants from which of the following? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Brakes of motor vehicles
2. Engines of motor vehicles
3. Microwave stoves within homes
4. Power plants
5. Telephone lines

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

Q26. Which one of the following is a filter feeder?

(a) Catfish
(b) Octopus
(c) Oyster
(d) Pelican

Q27. In case of which one of the following biogeochemical cycles, the weathering of rocks is the main source of release of nutrient to enter the cycle?

(a) Carbon cycle
(b) Nitrogen cycle
(c) Phosphorus cycle
(d) Sulphur cycle

Q28. Which of the following are detritivores? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Earthworms
2. Jellyfish
3. Millipedes
4. Seahorses
5. Woodlice

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

Q29. The 'Common Carbon Metric', supported by UNEP, has been developed for

(a) assessing the carbon footprint of building operations around the world
(b) enabling commercial farming entities around the world to enter carbon emission trading
(c) enabling governments to assess the overall carbon footprint caused by their countries
(d) assessing the overall carbon foot-print caused by the use of fossil fuels by the world in a unit time

Q30. Which of the following have species that can establish symbiotic relationship with other organisms? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Cnidarians
2. Fungi
3. Protozoa

(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only

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(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q31. With reference to Chausath Yogini Temple situated near Morena, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. It is a circular temple built during the reign of Kachchhapaghata Dynasty.
2. It is the only circular temple built in India.
3. It was meant to promote the Vaishnava cult in the region.
4. Its design has given rise to a popular belief that it was the inspiration behind the Indian Parliament building.

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

Q32. Which one of the following ancient towns is well-known for its elaborate system of water harvesting and management by building a series of dams and channelizing water into connected reservoirs?

(a) Dholavira
(b) Kalibangan
(c) Rakhigarhi
(d) Ropar

Q33. In the first quarter of seventeenth century, in which of the following was/were the factory/factories of the English East India Company located? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Broach
2. Chicacole
3. Trichinopoly

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

Q34. From the decline of Guptas until the rise of Harshavardhana in the early seventh century, which of the following kingdoms were holding power in Northern India? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. The Guptas of Magadha
2. The Paramaras of Malwa
3. The Pushyabhutis of Thanesar
4. The Maukharis of Kanauj
5. The Yadavas of Devagiri
6. The Maitrakas of Valabhi

(a) 1, 2 and 5
(b) 1, 3, 4 and 6
(c) 2, 3 and 4
(d) 5 and 6

Q35. According to Portuguese writer Nuniz, the women in Vijayanagara Empire were expert in which of the following areas? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Wrestling
2. Astrology
3. Accounting
4. Soothsaying

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

Q36. With reference to Madanapalle of Andhra Pradesh, which one of the following statements is correct?

(a) Pingali Venkayya designed the tricolour Indian National Flag here.
(b) Pattabhi Sitaramaiah led the Quit India Movement of Andhra region from here.
(c) Rabindranath Tagore translated the National Anthem from Bengali to English here.
(d) Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott set up headquarters of Theosophical Society first here.

Q37. Consider the following pairs: Historical place : Well- known for Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

1. Burzahom : Rock-cut shrines
2. Chandra-ketugarh : Terracotta art 3.Ganeshwar : Copper artefacts

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

Q38. Consider the following statements : Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. It was during the reign of Iltutmish that Chengiz Khan reached the Indus in pursuit of the fugitive Khwarezm prince.
2. It was during the reign of Muhammad bin Tughluq that Taimur occupied Multan and crossed the Indus.
3. It was during the reign of Deva Raya II of Vijayanagara Empire that Vasco da Gama reached the coast of Kerala.

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

Q39. Consider the following statements Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. St. Francis Xavier was one of the founding members of the Jesuit Order.
2. St. Francis Xavier died in Goa and a church is dedicated to him there.
3. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is celebrated in Goa each year.

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

Q40. With reference to the history of ancient India, which of the following statements is/are correct? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Mitakshara was the civil law for upper castes and Dayabhaga was the civil law for lower castes.
2. In the Mitakshara system, the sons can claim right to the property during the lifetime of the father, whereas in the Dayabhaga system, it is only after the death of the father that the sons can claim right to the property.
3. The Mitakshara system deals with the matters related to the property held by male members only of a family, whereas the Dayabhaga system deals with the matters related to the property held by both male and female members of a family.

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

Q41. With reference to the history of ancient India, Bhavabhuti, Hastimalla and Kshemeshvara were famous

(a) Jain monks
(b) playwrights
(c) temple architects
(d) philosophers

Q42. Consider the following statements : Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919 recommended granting voting rights to all the women above the age of 21.
2. The Government of India Act of 1935 gave women reserved seats in legislature.

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q43. With reference to 8th August, 1942 in Indian history, which one of the following statements is correct?

(a) The Quit India Resolution was adopted by the AICC.
(b) The Viceroy's Executive Council was expanded to include more Indians.
(c) The Congress ministries resigned in seven provinces.
(d) Cripps proposed an Indian Union with full Dominion Status once the Second World War was over.

Q44. Who among the following is associated with 'Song from Prison', a translation of ancient Indian religious lyrics in English?

(a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
(b) Jawaharlal Nehru
(c) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
(d) Sarojini Naidu

Q45. With reference to medieval India, which one of the following is the correct sequence in ascending order in terms of size?

(a) Paragana—Sarkar—Suba
(b) Sarkar—Paragana—Suba
(c) Suba—Sarkar—Paragana
(d) Paragana—Suba—Sarkar

Q46. Who among the following was associated as Secretary with Hindu Female School which later came to be known as Bethune Female School?

(a) Annie Besant
(b) Debendranath Tagore
(c) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
(d) Sarojini Naidu

Q47. In the context of Colonial India, Shah Nawaz Khan, Prem Kumar Sehgal and Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon are remembered as

(a) leaders of Swadeshi and Boycott Movement
(b) members of the Interim Government in 1946
(c) members of the Drafting Committee in the Constituent Assembly
(d) officers of the Indian National Army

Q48. With reference to Indian history, which of the following statements is/are correct? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. The Nizamat of Arcot emerged out of Hyderabad State.
2. The Mysore Kingdom emerged out of Vijayanagara Empire.
3. Rohilkhand Kingdom was formed out of the territories occupied by Ahmad Shah Durrani.

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

Q49. Which one of the following statements is correct?

(a) Ajanta Caves lie in the gorge of Waghora river.
(b) Sanchi Stupa lies in the gorge of Chambal river.
(c) Pandu-lena Cave Shrines lie in the gorge of Narmada river.
(d) Amaravati Stupa lies in the gorge of Godavari river.

Q50. Consider the following statements: Which of the above statements is/are correct?

1. 21st February is declared to be the International Mother Language Day by UNICEF.

2. The demand that Bangla has to be one of the national languages was raised in the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan.

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

Q51. How is the permaculture farming different from conventional chemical farming? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Permaculture farming discourages monocultural practices but in conventional chemical farming, monoculture practices are predominant.
2. Conventional chemical farming can cause increase in soil salinity but the occurrence of such phenomenon is not observed in permaculture farming.
3. Conventional chemical farming is easily possibly in semi-arid regions but permaculture farming is not so easily possible in such regions.
4. Practice of mulching is very important in permaculture farming but not necessarily so in conventional chemical farming.

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

Q52. With reference to 'palm oil', consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. The palm oil tree is native to Southeast Asia.
2. The palm oil is a raw material for some industries producing lipstick and perfumes.
3. The palm oil can be used to produce biodiesel.

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

Q53. With reference to the Indus river system, of the following four rivers, three of them pout into one of them which joins the Indus direct. Among the following, which one is such river that joins the Indus direct?

(a) Chenab
(b) Jhelum
(c) Ravi
(d) Sutlej

Q54. With reference to India, Didwana, Kuchaman, Sargol and Khatu are the names of

(a) glaciers
(b) mangrove areas
(c) Ramsar sites
(d) saline lakes

Q55. Consider the following rivers: Which of the above rise from the Eastern Ghats?

1. Brahmani
2. Nagavali
3. Subarnarekha
4. Vamsadhara

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

Q56. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. The Global Ocean Commission grants licences for seabed exploration and mining in international waters.
2. India has received licences for seabed mineral exploration in international waters.

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3. 'Rare earth minerals' are present on seafloor in international waters.

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

Q57. Among the following, which one is the least water- efficient crop?

(a) Sugarcane
(b) Sunflower
(c) Pearl millet
(d) Red gram

Q58. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. In the tropical zone, the western sections of the oceans are warmer than the eastern sections owing to the influence of trade winds.
2. In the temperate zone, westerlies make the eastern sections of oceans warmer than the western sections.

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

Q59. In the context of India's preparation for Climate- Smart Agriculture, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. The 'Climate-Smart Village' approach in India is a part of a project led by the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), an international research programme.
2. The project of CCAFS is carried out under Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) headquartered in France.
3. The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India is one of the CGIAR's research centres.

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

Q60. "Leaf litter decomposes faster than in any other biome and as a result the soil surface is often almost bare. Apart from trees, the vegetation is largely composed of plant forms that reach up into the canopy vicariously, by climbing the trees or growing as epiphytes, rooted on the upper branches of trees." This is the most likely description of

(a) coniferous forest
(b) dry deciduous forest
(c) mangrove forest
(d) tropical rain forest

Q61. The vegetation of savannah consists of grassland with scattered small trees, but extensive areas have no trees. The forest development in such areas is generally kept in check by one or more or a combination of some conditions. Which of the following are such conditions? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Burrowing animals and termites
2. Fire
3. Grazing herbivores
4. Seasonal rainfall
5. Soil properties

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

Q62. With reference to the water on the planet Earth, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. The amount of water in the rivers and lakes is more than the amount of groundwater.
2. The amount of water in polar ice caps and glaciers is more than the amount of groundwater.

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

Q63. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above are correct?

1. Moringa (drumstick tree) is a leguminous evergreen tree.
2. Tamarind tree is endemic to South Asia.
3. In India, most of the tamarind is collected as minor forest produce.
4. India exports tamarind and seeds of moringa.
5. Seeds of moringa and tamarind can be used in the production of biofuels.

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

Q64. The black cotton soil of India has been formed due to the weathering of

(a) brown forest soil
(b) fissure volcanic rock
(c) granite and schist
(d) shale and limestone

Q65. With reference to recent developments regarding 'Recombinant Vector Vaccine', consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Genetic engineering is applied in the development of these vaccines.
2. Bacteria and viruses are used as vectors.

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

Q66. In the context of hereditary diseases, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Passing on mitochondrial diseases from parent to child can be prevented by mitochondrial replacement therapy either before or after in vitro fertilization of egg.
2. A child inherits mitochondrial diseases entirely from mother and not from father.

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

Q67. Bollgard I and Bollgard II technologies are mentioned in the context of

(a) clonal propagation of crop plants
(b) developing genetically modified crop plants
(c) production of plant growth substances
(d) production of biofertilizers

Q68. In a pressure cooker, the temperature at which the food is cooked depends mainly upon which of the following? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Area of the hole in the lid
2. Temperature of the flame

3. Weight of the lid
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q69. Consider the following: Which of the above can be cultured in artificial/synthetic medium?

1. Bacteria
2. Fungi
3. Virus
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q70. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Adenoviruses have single- stranded DNA genomes whereas retroviruses have double-stranded DNA genomes.
2. Common cold is sometime caused by an adenovirus whereas AIDS is caused by a retrovirus.
(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q71. Water can dissolve more substances than any other liquid because

(a) it is dipolar in nature
(b) it is a good conductor of heat
(c) it has high value of specific heat
(d) it is an oxide of hydrogen

Q72. With reference to street- lighting, how do sodium lamps differ from LED lamps? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. Sodium lamps produce light in 360 degrees but it is not so in the case of LED lamps.
2. As street-lights, sodium lamps have longer life span than LED lamps.
3. The spectrum of visible light from sodium lamps is almost monochromatic while LED lamps offer significant colour advantages in street- lighting.
(a) 3 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Q73. The term 'ACE2' is talked about in the context of

(a) genes introduced in the genetically modified plants
(b) development of India's own satellite navigation system
(c) radio collars for wildlife tracking
(d) spread of viral diseases

Q74. Bisphenol A (BPA), a cause of concern, is a structural/key component in the manufacture of which of the following kinds of plastics?

(a) Low-density polyethylene
(b) Polycarbonate
(c) Polyethylene terephthalate
(d) Polyvinyl chloride

Q75. 'Triclosan', considered harmful when exposed to high levels for a long time, is most likely present in which of the following?

(a) Food preservatives

(b) Fruit-ripening substances
(c) Reused plastic containers
(d) Toiletries

Q76. Which one of the following is a reason why astronomical distances are measured in light-years?

(a) Distances among stellar bodies do not change.
(b) Gravity of stellar bodies does not change.
(c) Light always travels in straight line.
(d) Speed of light is always same.

Q77. We adopted parliamentary democracy based on the British model, but how does our model differ from that model? Select the correct answer using the code given below.

1. As regards legislation, the British Parliament is supreme or sovereign but in India, the power of the Parliament to legislate is limited.
2. In India, matters related to the constitutionality of the Amendment of an Act of the Parliament are referred to the Constitution Bench by the Supreme Court.

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

Q78. With reference to the Union Government, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. N. Gopalaswamy Iyenger Committee suggested that a minister and a secretary be designated solely for pursing the subject of administrative reform and promoting it.
2. In 1970, the Department of Personnel was constituted on the recommendation of the Administrative Reforms Commission, 1966, and this was placed under the Prime Minister's charge.

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

Q79. 'Right to Privacy' is protected under which Article of the Constitution of India?

(a) Article 15
(b) Article 19
(c) Article 21
(d) Article 29

Q80. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. In India, there is no law restricting the candidates from contesting in one Lok Sabha election from three constituencies.
2. In 1991 Lok Sabha Election, Shri Devi Lal contested from three Lok Sabha constituencies.
3. As per the existing rules, if a candidate contests in one Lok Sabha election from many constituencies, his/her party should bear the cost of bye-elections to the constituencies vacated by him/her in the event of him/her winning in all the constituencies.

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

Q81. Consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. 'Right to the City' is an agreed human right and the UN-Habitat monitors the commitments made by each country in this regard.
2. 'Right to the City' gives every occupant of the city right to reclaim public spaces and public participation in the city.
3. 'Right to the City' means that the State cannot deny any public service or facility to the unauthorized colonies in the city.

(a) 1 only
(b) 3 only

(c) 1 and 2
(d) 2 and 3

Q82. With reference to India, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Judicial custody means an accused is in the custody of the concerned magistrate and such accused is locked up in police station, not in jail.
2. During judicial custody, the policy officer in charge of the case is not allowed to interrogate the suspect without the approval of the court.

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

Q83. With reference to India, consider the following statements: Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. When a prisoner makes out a sufficient case, parole cannot be denied to such prisoner because it becomes a matter of his/her right.
2. State Governments have their own Prisoners Release on Parole Rules.

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

Q84. At the national level, which ministry is the nodal agency to ensure effective implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006?

(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
(c) Ministry of Rural Development
(d) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Q85. A legislation which confers on the executive or administrative authority an unguided and uncontrolled discretionary power in the matter of application of law violates which one of the following Articles of the Constitution of India?

(a) Article 14
(b) Article 28
(c) Article 32
(d) Article 44

Q86. Which one of the following in Indian polity is an essential feature that indicates that it is federal in character?

(a) The independence of judiciary is safeguarded.
(b) The Union Legislature has elected representatives from constituent units.
(c) The Union Cabinet can have elected representatives from regional parties.
(d) The Fundamental Rights are enforceable by Courts of Law.

Q87. Which one of the following best defines the term 'State?

(a) A community of persons permanently occupying a definite territory independent of external control and possessing an organized government
(b) A politically organized people of a definite territory and possessing an authority to govern them, maintain law and order, protect their natural rights and safeguard their means of sustenance
(c) A number of persons who have been living in a definite territory for a very long time with their own culture, tradition and government
(d) A society permanently living in a definite territory with a central authority, an executive responsible to the central authority and an independent judiciary

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Q88. With reference to Indian judiciary, consider the following statements : Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. Any retired judge of the Supreme Court of India can be called back to sit and act as a Supreme Court judge by the Chief Justice of India with prior permission of the President of India.
2. A High Court in India has the power to review its own judgement as the Supreme Court does.

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

Q89. With reference to India, consider the following statements : Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

1. There is only one citizenship and one domicile.
2. A citizen by birth only can become the Head of State.
3. A foreigner once granted the citizenship cannot be deprived of it under any circumstances.

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

Q90. Which one of the following factors constitutes the best safeguard of liberty in a liberal democracy?

(a) A committed judiciary
(b) Centralization of powers
(c) Elected government
(d) Separation of powers

Q91. Under the Indian Constitution, concentration of wealth violates

(a) the Right to Equality
(b) the Directive Principles of State Policy
(c) the Right to Freedom
(d) the Concept of Welfare

Q92. What is the position of the Right to Property in India?

(a) Legal right available to citizens only
(b) Legal right available to any person
(c) Fundamental Right available to citizens only
(d) Neither Fundamental Right nor legal right

Q93. What was the exact constitutional status of India on 26th January, 1950?

(a) A democratic Republic
(b) A Sovereign Democratic Republic
(c) A Sovereign Secular Democratic Republic
(d) A Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic

Q94. Constitutional government means

(a) a representative government of a nation with federal structure
(b) a government whose Head enjoys nominal powers
(c) a government whose Head enjoys real powers
(d) a government limited by the terms of the Constitution

Q95. With reference to India, the terms 'Halbi, Ho and Kui' pertain to

(a) dance forms of Northwest India
(b) musical instruments
(c) pre-historic cave paintings
(d) tribal languages

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Q96. Consider the following statements in respect of Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards: Which of the above statements are not correct?

1. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards are titles under the Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India.
2. Padma Awards, which were instituted in the year 1954, were suspended only once.
3. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of five in a particular year.

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

Q97. Consider the following statements: Statement 1: The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the Arbor Day Foundation have recently recognized Hyderabad as 2020 Tree City of the World. Statement 2: Hyderabad was selected for the recognition for a year following its commitment to grow and maintain the urban forests. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

(a) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct and Statement 2 is the correct explanation for Statement 1
(b) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are correct but Statement 2 is not the correct explanation for Statement 1
(c) Statement 1 is correct but Statement 2 is not correct
(d) Statement 1 is not correct but Statement 2 is correct

Q98. Consider the following statements in respect of the Laureus World Sports Award which was instituted in the year 2000: Which of the above statements are correct?

1. American golfer Tiger Woods was the first winner of this award.
2. The award was received mostly by 'Formula One' players so far.
3. Roger Federer received this award maximum number of times compared to others.

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

Q99. Consider the following statements in respect of the 32nd Summer Olympics: Which of the above statements is/are correct?

1. The official motto for this Olympics is 'A New World'.
2. Sport Climbing, Surfing, Skateboarding, Karate and Baseball are included in this, Olympics.

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

Q100. Consider the following statements in respect of the ICC World Test Championship : Which of the above statements is/are correct?

1. The finalists were decided by the number of matches they won.
2. New Zealand was ranked ahead of England because it won more matches than England.

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

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Q2: (D)	**Q22: (B)**	**Q42: (B)**	**Q62: (B)**	**Q82: (B)**
Q3: (B)	**Q23: (D)**	**Q43: (A)**	**Q63: (B)**	**Q83: (B)**
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Q6: (D)	**Q26: (C)**	**Q46: (C)**	**Q66: (C)**	**Q86: (A)**
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Q19: (A)	**Q39: (C)**	**Q59: (D)**	**Q79: (C)**	**Q99: (B)**
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