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UPSC PRELIMS PAPER – I (CODE: C) Question and Key

Q.No.	Question	Answer
1	<p>Consider the following events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first democratically elected communist party government formed in a State in India. 2. India's then largest bank, 'Imperial Bank of India', was named 'State Bank of India'. 3. Air India was nationalized and became the national carrier. 4. Goa became a part of independent India. <p>Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 4 – 1- 2- 3 b. 3 – 2 – 1 – 4 c. 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 d. 3 – 1 – 2 – 4 	B
Explanation	<p>The First Democratically elected government of communists was in kerala , it was in 1957. Imperial Bank of India was renamed as State bank of India -1955. Air India was nationalised in 1953. Goa became part of independent inida through operation vijay in 1961.</p> <p>[Right Order is 3-2-1-4 So B is correct Answer]</p>	
2	<p>Right to Privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of Life and Personal Liberty. Which of the following in the Constitution of India correctly and appropriately imply the above statement?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Article 14 and the provisions under the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution (b) Article 17 and the Directive Principles of State Policy Part IV. (c) Article 21 and the freedoms guaranteed in Part III (d) Article 24 and the provisions under the 44th Amendment to the Constitution 	C
Explanation	<p>As per Puttuswamy Judgement of Supreme court Right to Privacy is integral to Article -21 Which in turn is part of FRs of Part-iii of the constitution. So Answer is: C</p>	
3	<p>Consider the Following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Areca nut 2. Barley 3. Coffee 	B

	<p>4. Finger millet 5. Groundnut 6. Sesamum 7. Turmeric</p> <p>The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has announced the Minimum Support price for which of the above?</p> <p>(a) 1,2,3 and 7 only (b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only (c) 1,3,4,5 and 6 only (d) 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7</p>	
Explanation	Barley, Finger Millet , Ground Nut , Sesame receive MSP as per the announcement CCEA. So Answer is : B	
4	<p>In which one of the following States is Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary located?</p> <p>(a) Arunachala Pradesh (b) Manipur (c) Meghalaya (d) Nagaland</p>	A
Explanation	Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary (862 km ² , 92°36' – 93°09'E and 26°54 – 27°16'N) lies in the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya in the East Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh. It was declared a sanctuary in 1977, and was earlier part of the Khellong Forest Division. It has been recently declared a tiger reserve in 2002 based on a proposal in 1999. So Answer is A	
5	<p>With reference to India's satellite launch vehicles, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSLVs launch the satellites useful for Earth resources monitoring whereas GSLVs are designed mainly to launch communication satellites. 2. Satellites launched by PSLV appear to remain permanently fixed in the same position in the sky, as viewed from a particular location in Earth. 3. GSLV Mk III is a four-staged launch vehicle with the first and third stages using solid rocket motors; and the second and fourth stages using liquid rocket engines. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3</p>	A

	<p>c. 1 and 2 d. 3 only</p>	
Explanation	<p>PSLV Launches remote Sensing Satellites and GSLV - Communication Satellites. Communication Satellites are in fixed position in relation to Earth. Remote Sensing satellites though are fixed as earth is moving they cannot be viewed from particular location on earth. GSLV MK-III is three stage launch vehicle not 4 – stage launch vehicle.</p>	
6	<p>With reference to the government of public sector banking in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital infusion into public sector banks by the Government of India has steadily increased in the last decade. 2. To put the public sector banks in order, the merger of associate banks with the parent State Bank of India has been affected. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2 	B
Explanation	<p>Capital Infusion in to PSBs by GOI increased only during recession (2008) climate and it is not constant since then . Consolidation of PSB is undertaken to achieve profitability and economy of scale. So Answer is : B</p>	
7	<p>Consider the Following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cereal grains hulled, 2. Chicken eggs cooked 3. Fish processed and canned 4. Newspapers containing advertising material <p>Which of the above items is/are exempted under GST (Good and Service Tax)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1,2, and 4 only d. 1,2,3 and 4 	C
Explanation	<p>5% GST Exist on Processed fish. News papers are exempted from GST but ADVTs carry 5% of GST. As per the existing choices C is the Answer</p>	
8	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The definition of “Critical Wildlife Habitat” incorporated in the Forest Rights Act, 2006. 2. For the first time in India, Baigas have been given Habitat 	A

	<p>Rights.</p> <p>3. Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change officially decides and declares Habitat rights for Primitive and Vulnerable Tribal groups in any part of India.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	<p>The Critical Wildlife Habitats have been envisaged in Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. This act defines the Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH) as the “<i>areas of national parks and sanctuaries where it has been specifically and clearly established, case by case, on the basis of scientific and objective criteria, that such areas are required to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of wildlife conservation...</i>”.</p>	
9	<p>Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birds 2. Dust blowing 3. Rain 4. Wind blowing <p>Which of the above spread plant diseases?</p> <p>a. 1 and 3 only b. 3 and 4 only c. 1,2 and 4 only d. 1,2,3 and 4</p>	D
Explanation	<p>Birds and Dust Blowing, Rain and Wind Blowing are active agents of Spreading plant Diseases. All the statements are correct. So answer is D</p>	
10	<p>With reference to organic farming in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The National Programme for Organic Production” (NOPP) is operated under the guidelines and directions of the Union Ministry of Rural Development. 2. “The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority” (APEDA) functions as the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP. 3. Sikkim has become India’s first fully Organic State. <p>Which of the following statements given is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only</p>	B

	<p>b. 2 and 3 only c. 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	NPOP is operated under the Ministry of Commerce so first statement is Wrong one. Statements 2 and 3 are correct, Hence Answer is: B	
11	<p>Regarding Money Bill, which of the following statements is not correct?</p> <p>a. A bill shall be deemed to be a Money Bill if it contains only provisions relating to imposition, abolition, remission, alteration or regulation of any tax. b. A money bill has provisions for the custody of the consolidated fund of India or the Contingency Fund of India. c. A Money Bill is concerned with the appropriation of moneys out of the Contingency Fund of India. d. A Money Bill deals with the regulation of borrowing of money or giving of any guarantee by the Government of India.</p>	C
Explanation	Answer is C	
12	<p>With reference to the election of the President of India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The value of the vote of each MLA varies from State to State. The value of the vote of MPs of the Lok Sabha is more than the value of the vote of MPs of the Rajya Sabha. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	A
Explanation	The value of votes of MLAs differs from State to State. However, the value of the MPs is the same	
13	<p>In the Indian context, what is the implication of ratifying the 'Additional Protocol' with the 'International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?'</p> <p>a. The civilian reactors come under IAEA safeguards. b. The military nuclear installations come under the inspection of IAEA. c. The country will have the privilege to buy uranium from the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). d. The country automatically becomes a member of the SHG.</p>	A

Explanation	Additional Protocol With IAEA Will ensure that Civil Nuclear Reactors will come under IAEA Safeguards. So Answer is : A	
.. 14	<p>Consider the following countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australia 2. Canada 3. China 4. India 5. Japan 6. USA <p>Which of the above are among the ‘free-trade partners’ of ASEAN?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1,2,4 and 5 b. 3,4,5 and 6 c. 1,3,4 and 5 d. 2,3,4 and 6 	C
Explanation	Under RCEP – Countries which have FTA with ASEAN are part. Canada and USA are not Part of it.	
15	<p>With reference to the ‘Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA)’, which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GACSA is an outcome of the Climate Summit held in Paris in 2015. 2. Membership of GACSA does not create any binding obligations. 3. India was instrumental in the creation of GACSA. <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3 	B
Explanation	Global Alliance for Climate – Smart Agriculture does not create any binding obligations. The concept of Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) was originally developed by FAO and officially presented and at the Hague Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change in 2010.	
16	<p>Which of the following is/are the aim/aims of “Digital India” Plan of the Government of India?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formation of India’s own Internet companies like China did. 2. Establish a policy framework to encourage overseas multinational corporations that collect Big Data to build their large data centers within our national geographical 	B

	<p>boundaries.</p> <p>3. Connect many of our villages to the Internet and bring Wi-Fi to many to our schools, public places and major tourist centers.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 3 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	Digital India is not concerned with Big Data issues, it's about connectivity, empowerment, digital infrastructure and service delivery. So ans is B.	
17	<p>Consider the following pairs:</p> <p>Towns sometimes Country</p> <p>Mentioned in news</p> <p>1. Aleppo ---- Syria 2. Kirkuk ---- Yemen 3. Mosul --- Palestine 4. Mazar-i-sharf – Afganishatan</p> <p>Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 b. 1 and 4 c. 2 and 3 d. 3 and 4</p>	B
Explanation	Kirkuk and Mosul are in Iraq. So answer is B.	
18	<p>In the Federation established by The Government of India Act of 1935, residuary powers were given to the</p> <p>a. Federal Legislature b. Governor General c. Provincial Legislature d. Provincial Governors</p>	B
Explanation	Residuary powers under GOI Act 1935, were given to Governor General/Viceroy.	
19	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall vacate his/her office if he/she ceases to be a member of the Assembly. 2. Whenever the Legislative Assembly is dissolved, the Speaker</p>	A

	<p>shall vacate his/her office immediately.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	
Explanation	The speaker will not vacate office immediately, he/she shall remain as the speaker till a new legislative assembly is constituted. Answer is A.	
20	<p>Which of the following reflects the most appropriate relationship between law and liberty?</p> <p>a. If there are more laws, there is less liberty. b. If there are no laws, there is no liberty. c. If there is liberty, laws have to be made by the people. d. If laws are changed too often, liberty is in danger.</p>	A/B
Explanation	The relation between law and liberty is open to different interpretations so the correct answer can be both options A and B. From a pure liberal thought Laws are regulatory and against to Liberty, in other view lawlessness is anarchy and it may compromise liberty. So second option B appears to be right from this perspective.	
21	<p>Consider the following Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No criminal proceedings shall be instituted against the Governor of a State in any court during his term of office. The emoluments and allowances of the Governor of a State shall not be diminished during his term of office. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	C
Explanation	Civil proceedings can be instituted against the Governor, but not criminal proceedings. And second statement is correct. So the answer is C.	
22	<p>The well-known painting “Bani Thani” belongs to the</p> <p>a. Bundi School b. Jaipur School c. Kangra School d. Kishangarh School</p>	D

Explanation	Bani Thani is an Indian miniature painting painted by Nihâl Chand from the Marwar school of Kishangarh. It portrays a woman who is elegant and graceful. So the answer is D.	
23	<p>What is “Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)”, sometimes seen in the news?</p> <p>a. An Israeli radar system b. India’s indigenous anti-missile programme c. An American anti-missile system d. A defense collaboration between Japan and South Korea.</p>	C
Explanation	THAAD is an American Anti-Ballistic Missile Defence System. Ans is C.	
24	<p>With reference to Cultural history of India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most of the Tyagaraja Kritis are devotional songs in praise of Lord Krishna. 2. Tyagaraja created several new ragas. 3. Annamacharya and Tyagaraja are contemporaries. 4. Annamacharya kirtanas are devotional songs in praise of Lord Venkateswara. <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 and 4 only c. 1,2 and 3 d. 2,3 and 4</p>	B
Explanation	Tyagaraja Kritis are mostly about Lord Rama. It is estimated that Tyagaraja composed around 700 new ragas. But Annamacharya and Tyagarajaa are not contemporaries. So the correct option is B.	
25	<p>Which of the following are regarded as the main features of the “Rule of Law”?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limitation of powers 2. Equality before law 3. People’s responsibility to the Government 4. Liberty and civil rights <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 and 4 only c. 1,2 and 4 only d. 1,2,3 and 4</p>	C

Explanation	Rule of Law implies Limitation of powers, Equality before Law and Liberty and Civil Rights The correct option is C.	
26	<p>Which of the following led to the introduction of English Education in India?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charter Act of 1813 2. General Committee of Public Instruction, 1823 3. Orientalist and Anglicist Controversy <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 2 only b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3 	D
Explanation	Charter Act 1813 has allocated 1lakh rupees for education for the first time. East India Company took the responsibility of education. Anglicists and orientalist controversy is not settled. Finally during Lord Cornwallis time it was settled in the favour of Anglicists in 1835. The Charter Act provided money, the General Committee of Public Instruction 1823 initiated the arguments between anglicists and orientalist. So the correct option is D	
27	<p>Which one of the following is an artificial lake?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kodaikanal (Tamilnadu) b. Kolleru (Andhra Pradesh) c. Nainital (Uttarakhand) d. Renuka (Himachal Pradesh) 	A
Explanation	Kodaikanal is a man-made/artificial lake. The lake was created in 1863. Correct option is A.	
28	<p>With reference to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labour and Employment. 2. It, among other things, will also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy. 3. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the Country to the National Skill Qualification Framework. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1, 2 and 3 	C

Explanation	It is the flagship scheme of Ministry of Skill Development, so the correct option is C (2 and 3 only).	
29	In 1920, which of the following changed its name to “Swarajya Sabha”? a. All India Home Rule League b. Hindu Mahasabha c. South India Liberal Federation d. The Servants of India Society	A
Explanation	All India Home Rule League after 1920 changed as Swarajya Sabha. So correct option is A.	
30	Which among the following events happened earliest? a. Swami Dayanand established Arya Samaj b. Dinabandhu Mitra wrote Neeldarpan c. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote Anandmath. d. Satyenderanth Tagore became the first Indian to succeed in the Indian Civil Service Examination.	B
Explanation	Swami Dayanand Saraswati established Arya Samaj in 1875, Dinabandhu Mitra wrote Neel Darpan in 1860, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote Anand Math in 1882 and Satyendranath Tagore became the first Indian to succeed in Indian Civil services Exam in 1863. So Correct Option is B.	
31	Which of the following is/are the possible consequenc/s of heavy sand mining in riverbeds? 1. Decreased salinity in the river 2. Pollution of groundwater 3. Lowering of the water-table Select the correct answer using the code given below: a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3	B
Explanation	Heavy Sand Mining causes pollution of Ground water and lowering of the water table but it doesn't decrease the salinity of river water. So option B is correct	
32	With reference to agricultural soils, consider the following statements: 1. A high content of organic matter in soil drastically reduces its water holding capacity. 2. Soil does not play any role in the sulphur cycle.	B

	<p>3. Irrigation over a period of time can contribute to the salinization of some agricultural lands.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	A high content of organic matter in the soil increases its water holding capacity and rocks doesn't play any role in sulphur cycle so option B is correct.	
33	<p>The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a UN mechanism to assist countries transition towards greener and more inclusive economies, emerged at</p> <p>a. The Earth Summit on Sustainable Development 2002, Johannesburg b. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, Rio de Janeiro c. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2015, Paris d. The world Sustainable Development Summit 2016, New Delhi</p>	B
Explanation	PAGE is a UN Mechanism emerged at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 at Rio De Janeiro. So Option B is correct.	
34	<p>“3D Printing” has application in which of the following?</p> <p>1. Preparation of confectionery items 2. Manufacture of bionic ears 3. Automotive industry 4. Reconstructive surgeries 5. Data processing technologies</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1, 3 and 4 only b. 2,3 and 5 only c. 1 and 4 only d. 1,2,3,4 and 5</p>	D
Explanation	All the given statements are correct so the correct option is D.	
35	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian territory. 2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar.</p>	A

	<p>3. The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 c. 3 only d. 1 and 3</p>	
Explanation	Barren Island lies about 140kms to the east of Andaman and recently in 2017 it erupted so the correct option is A.	
36	<p>Why is a plant called Prosopis juliflora often mentioned in news?</p> <p>a. Its extract is widely used in cosmetics. b. It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows c. Its extract is used in the synthesis of pesticides. d. None of the above</p>	B
	Prosopis Juliflora is an invasive species, it reduces the bio-diversity of the area in which it is introduced. So the correct option is B.	
37	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most of the world's coral reefs are in tropical waters. 2. More than one-third of the world's coral reefs are located in the territories of Australia, Indonesia and Philippines. 3. Coral reefs host far more number of animal phyla than those hosted by tropical rainforests. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	D
Explanation	All the above statements about Coral reefs are correct so the correct option is D.	
38	<p>“Momentum for Change: Climate Neutral Now” is an initiative launched by</p> <p>a. The intergovernmental Panel on Climate change b. The UNEP Secretariat c. The UNFCCC Secretariat d. The World Meteorological Organization.</p>	C
Explanation	Momentum For Change: Climate Neutral Now is an initiative launched by the UNFCCC Secretariat. So the option C is correct.	

39	<p>With reference to educational institutions during colonial rule in India, consider the following pairs:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Institution</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Founder</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sanskrit College at Benaras, William Jones 2. Calcutta Madarsa – Warren Hastings 3. Fort William College – Arthur Wellesley <p>Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 2 b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 d. 3 only 	Institution	Founder	B
Institution	Founder			
Explanation	Sanskrit College at Benares was founded by Jonathan Duncan and Fort William College was founded by Richard Wellesley. So option B is Correct.			
40	<p>Consider the following pairs:</p> <p>Regions some times mentioned in news (Country)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catalonia (Spain) 2. Crimea (Hungary) 3. Mindanao (Philippines) 4. Oromia (Nigeria) <p>Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1, 2 and 3 b. 3 and 4 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 2 and 4 only 	C		
Explanation	Crimea is region occupied by Russia in 2014 and Oromia is a region of Ethiopia so the option C is Correct.			
41	<p>With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IRNSS has three satellites in geostationary and four satellites in geosynchronous orbits. 2. IRNSS covers entire India and about 5500 sq.km beyond its borders. 3. India will have its own satellite navigation system with full global coverage by the middle of 2019 	A		

	<p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 1 and 2 only c. 2 and 3 only d. None</p>	
Explanation	IRNSS covers entire India and only 1500 sq.kms beyond its borders covering SAARC region. And India will have its own satellite navigation system with regional coverage by the middle of 2018. So the Correct option is A.	
42	<p>Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Light is affected by gravity. 2. The Universe is constantly expanding. 3. Matter warps its surrounding space-time. <p>Which of the above is/are the prediction/predictions of Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, often discussed in media?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2only b. 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	C
Explanation	Einstein proposed that the Light waves bend due to gravity and matter warps its surrounding space time. So the correct option is C.	
43	<p>With reference to the Genetically Modified mustard (GM mustard) developed in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GM mustard has the genes of a soil bacterium that give the plant the property of pest-resistance to a wide variety of pests. 2. GM mustard has the genes that allow the plant cross-pollination and hybridization. 3. GM mustard has been developed jointly by the IARI and Punjab Agricultural University. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	B
Explanation	GM Mustard has been developed by Delhi University and not by IARI and Punjab Agri University and by eliminating this option we can say option B is Correct.	
44	Consider the following pairs:	B

	<p>Terms sometimes seen in news (Context /Topic)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belle II Experiment (Artificial Intelligence) 2. Blockchain technology (Digital/ Crypto currency) 3. CRISPR – Cas9 – Particle Physics <p>Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 3 only b. 2 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3 	
Explanation	Belle II experiment is related to Particle Physics and CRISPR Cas 9 is related to genetic engineering. So the correct option is B.	
45	<p>Which of the following statements best describes “carbon fertilization”?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increased plant growth due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. b. Increased temperature of Earth due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the Atmosphere. c. Increased acidity of oceans as a result of increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. d. Adaptation of all living beings on Earth to the climate change brought about by the increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. 	A
Explanation	1. Carbon Fertilisation is the increased plant growth due to increased concentration of carbon di oxide in the atmosphere. So the correct Option is A	
46	<p>When the alarm of your smartphone rings in the morning, you wake up and tap it to stop the alarm which causes your geyser to be switched on automatically. The smart mirror in your bathroom shows the day’s weather and also indicates the level of water in your overhead tank. After you take some groceries from your refrigerator for making breakfast, it recognizes the shortage of stock in it and places an order for the supply of fresh grocery items. When you step out of your house and lock the door, all lights, fans, geysers and AC machines get switched off automatically. On your way to office, your car warns you about traffic congestion ahead and suggests an alternative route, and if you are late for a meeting, it sends a message to your office accordingly.</p> <p>In the context of emerging communication technologies, which one of the following terms best applies to the above scenario?</p>	B

	<p>a. Border Gateway Protocol b. Internet of Things c. Internet Protocol d. Virtual Private Network</p>	
Explanation	Correct Option is B Internet of Things	
47	<p>With reference to solar power production in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India is the third largest in the world in the manufacture of silicon wafers used in photovoltaic units. 2. The solar power tariffs are determined by the Solar Energy Corporation of India. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2 	D
Explanation	India is the third largest market for silicon wafers in the world and the power tariffs of solar power are market determined. So the Correct Option is D.	
48	<p>The staple commodities of export by the English East India Company from Bengal in the middle of the 18th century were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Raw cotton, oil-seeds and opium b. Sugar, salt, zinc and lead c. Copper, silver, gold, spices and tea d. Cotton, silk, saltpeter and opium 	D
Explanation	Cotton silk, salt petre and opium are staple commodities of export done by the English East India Company from Bengal in the middle of the 18 th century. So the Correct option is D	
49	<p>Which one of the following is a very significant aspect of the Champaran Satyagraha?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Active all-India participation of lawyers, students and women in the National Movement. b. Active involvement of Dalit and Tribal communities of India in the National Movement c. Joining of peasant unrest to India's National Movement. d. Drastic decrease in the cultivation of plantation crops and commercial crops. 	C
Explanation	Joining peasant unrest in the India's national Movement is the significant aspect of the Champaran Satyagraha. So the Option c is correct.	

50	<p>Who among the following were the founders of the “Hind Mazdoor Sabha” established in 1948?</p> <p>a. B. Krishna Pillai, EMS Namboodiripad and K.C. George b. Jayaprakash Narayan, Deen Dayal Upadhyay and M.N. Roy c. C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer, K. Kamaraj and Veeresalingam Panthulu d. Ashok Mehta, T.S. Ramanujam and G.G.Mehta</p>	D
Explanation	Hind Mazdoor Sabha which was established in 1948, was founded by Ashok Mehta, T. S Ramanujan and G.G. Mehta so the option D is Correct.	
51	<p>With reference to the religious practices in India, the “Sthanakvasi” sect belongs to</p> <p>a. Buddhism b. Jainism c. Vaishnavism d. Shaivism</p>	B
Explanation	Sthanakvasi is a sect of Svetambara Jainism founded by a merchant named Lavaji in 1653 AD. It believes that idol worship is not essential in the path of soul purification and attainment of Nirvana/Moksha . The sect is essentially a reformation of the one founded on teachings of Lonka, a fifteenth-century Jain reformer.	
52	<p>With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. White marble was used in making Buland Darwaza and Khankah at Fatehpuri Sikri. 2. Red sandstone and marble were used in making Bara Imambara and Rumi Darwaza at Lucknow. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	A
Explanation	The Buland Darwaza is made of red and buff sandstone, decorated by white and black marble and is higher than the courtyard of the mosque hence 1 st statement is correct.	
53	<p>Which one of the following foreign travellers elaborately discussed about diamonds and diamond mines in India?</p> <p>a. Francois Bernier b. Jean-Baptiste Tavernier</p>	B

	c. Jan de Thevenot d. Abbe Barthelemy Carre	
Explanation	Jean-Baptiste was a diamond merchant made 6 voyages to India, he gifted blue diamonds to French king.	
54	With reference to Indian history, who among the following is a future Buddha, yet to come to save the world? a. Avalokiteshvara b. Lokeshvara c. Maitreya d. Padmapani	C
Explanation	According to Buddhist tradition, Maitreya is a bodhisattva who will appear on Earth in the future, achieve complete enlightenment , and teach the pure dharma . According to scriptures, Maitreya will be a successor to the present Buddha, Gautama Buddha (also known as Śākyamuni Buddha)	
55	Which one of the following statements does not apply to the system of Subsidiary Alliance introduced by Lord Wellesley? a. To maintain a large standing army at others expense b. To keep India safe from Napoleonic danger c. To secure a fixed income for the Company d. To establish British paramountcy over the Indian States.	C
Explanation	Subsidiary alliance was not introduced to secure a fixed income for the company.	
56	Which one of the following statements correctly describes the meaning of legal tender money? a. The money which is tendered in courts of law to defray the fee of legal cases. b. The money which a creditor is under compulsion to accept in settlement of his claims. c. The bank money in the form of cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, etc., d. The metallic money in circulation in a country.	B
Explanation	Legal tender is a medium of payment recognized by a legal system to be valid for meeting a financial obligation. Formally, it is anything which when offered in payment extinguishes the debt. Thus, personal cheques , credit cards , and similar non-cash methods of payment are not usually legal tender.	
57	If a commodity is provided free to the public by the Government, then a. The opportunity cost is zero	C

	<p>b. The opportunity cost is ignored</p> <p>c. The opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the tax-paying public</p> <p>d. The opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the Government</p>	
Explanation	Whenever government provides any product for free to public the opportunity cost will be transformed from the consumer to tax paying public.	
58	<p>Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if</p> <p>a. Industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output</p> <p>b. Agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output.</p> <p>c. Poverty and unemployment increase.</p> <p>d. Imports grow faster than exports</p>	C
Explanation	Real GNP connote a higher level of economic development only if poverty and unemployment are reduced.	
59	<p>Consider the following Statements:</p> <p>Human capital formation as a concept is better explained in terms of a process which enables</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individuals of a country to accumulate more capital 2. Increasing the knowledge, skill levels and capacities of the people of the country 3. Accumulation of tangible wealth 4. Accumulation intangible wealth <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2</p> <p>b. 2 only</p> <p>c. 2 and 4</p> <p>d. 1,3 and 4</p>	C
Explanation	Human capital formation or accumulation of intangible wealth enables increasing the knowledge,skill level and capacities of the people	
60	<p>Despite being a high saving economy, capital formation may not result in significant increase in output due to</p> <p>a. Weak administrative machinery</p> <p>b. Illiteracy</p> <p>c. High population density</p> <p>d. High capital – output ratio</p>	D

Explanation	High capital to output ratio or incremental capital to output ratio will effect output even if there is high saving in the economy.	
61	<p>After the Santhal Uprising subsided, what was/were the measure/measures taken by the colonial government?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The territories called 'Santhal Paraganas' were created. 2. It became illegal for a Santhal to transfer land to a non-Santhal. <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2 	C
Explanation	After santhal uprisal subsided the territories were called as santhal paraganas and it was not illegal	
62	<p>Economically, one of the results of the British rule in India in the 19th century was the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase in the export of Indian handicrafts b. Growth in the number of Indian owned factories c. Commercialization of Indian agriculture d. Rapid increase in the urban population 	C
Explanation	Due to British rule in India in the 19 th century there was commercialization of Indian agriculture (source: NIOS)	
63	<p>If the President of India exercises his power as provided under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of a particular State, then</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Assembly of the State is automatically dissolved. b. The powers of the Legislature of that State shall be exercisable by or unde the authority of the Parliament. c. Article 19 is suspended in that State d. The President can make laws relating to that State. 	B
Explanation	Whenever president exercises power under Article 356 then the powers of the legislature of that state shall be exercisable by or under the authority of the government.	
64	<p>Consider the following pairs:</p> <p>Craft (Heritage of)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Puthukkuli shawls (Tamilnadu) 2.Sujni Embroidery (Maharashtra) 	A

	<p>3. Uppada Jamdani Saris (Karnataka)</p> <p>Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 1 and 2 c. 3 only d. 2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	Puthukkuli shawls belongs to Tamil Nadu. Sujni embroidery belongs to Bihar. Uppada Jamdani saris belongs to East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh	
65	<p>In which of the following areas can GPS technology be used?</p> <p>1. Mobile Phone operations 2. Banking Operations 3. Controlling the power grids</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	D
Explanation	GPS technology can be used for mobile phone operations, banking operations, controlling power grids etc...	
66	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The Reserve Bank of India manages and services Government of India Securities but not any State Government Securities. 2. Treasury bills are issued by the Government of India and there are no treasury bills issued by the State Governments. 3. Treasury bills offer are issued at a discount from the par value.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 3 only c. 2 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	C
Explanation	Reserve bank of India manages and services both government of India securities and also state government securities	
67	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The Earth's magnetic field has reversed every few hundred thousand years. 2. When the Earth was created more than 4000 million years</p>	C

	<p>ago, there was 54% oxygen and no carbon dioxide.</p> <p>3. When living organisms originated, they modified the early atmosphere of the Earth.</p> <p>Which of the Statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1, 2 and 3</p>	
Explanation	According to paleo magnetism earths magnetic field has reversed every few hundred thousand years.The living organisms has modified the early atmosphere.	
68	<p>The terms ‘WannaCry’, Petya and EternalBlue’ sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to</p> <p>a. Exoplanets b. Cryptocurrency c. Cyber attacks d. Mini Satellites</p>	C
Explanation	Wanacry, petya and eternal blue are tools for cyber attacks	
69	<p>With reference to the circumstances in Indian agriculture, the concept of “Conversation Agriculture” assumes significance. Which of the following fall under the Conversation Agriculture?</p> <p>1. Avoiding the monoculture practices 2. Adopting minimum tillage 3. Avoiding the cultivation of plantation crops 4. Using crop residues to cover soil surface 5. Adopting spatial and temporal crop sequencing / crop rotations.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1,3 and 4 b. 2,3,4 and 5 c. 2,4 and 5 d. 1,2,3 and 5</p>	D
Explanation	Conservation agriculture avoids monoculture , adopts minimum tillage and avoids plantation crops and ensure crop rotations.	
70	<p>The term “sixth ass extinction/sixth extinction” is often mentioned in the news in the context of the discussion of</p> <p>a. Widespread monoculture practices in agriculture and large-scale commercial farming with indiscriminate use of</p>	D

	<p>chemicals in many parts of the world that may result in the loss of good native ecosystems.</p> <p>b. Fears of a possible collision of a meteorite with the Earth in the near future in the manner it happened 65 million years ago that caused the mass extinction of many species including those of dinosaurs.</p> <p>c. Large scale cultivation of genetically modified crops in many parts of the world and promoting their cultivation in other parts of the world which may cause the disappearance of good native crop plants and the loss of food biodiversity.</p> <p>d. Mankind's over-exploitation / misuse of natural resources, fragmentation / loss of natural habitats, destruction of ecosystems, pollution and global climate change.</p>	
Explanation	Sixth mass extinction is due to mankind, over exploitation, loss of natural habitats, destruction of ecosystems, pollution and climate change.	
71	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is the amount that banks have to maintain in the form of their own funds to offset any loss that banks incur if the account-holders fail to repay dues. 2. CAR is decided by each individual bank. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	A
Explanation	CAR is the amount banks have to maintain to avoid bankruptcy and it is determined by RBI and Basel-111	
72	<p>The identity platform 'Aadhaar' provides open "Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)". What does it imply?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It can be integrated into any electronic device. 2. Online authentication using iris is possible. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	C
Explanation	API can be integrated into any electronic device and Aadhar online authentication can be done using iris.	

73	<p>Very recently, in which of the following countries have lakhs of people either suffered from severe famine/acute malnutrition or died due to starvation caused by war/ethnic conflicts?</p> <p>a. Angola and Zambia b. Morocco and Tunisia c. Venezuela and Colombia d. Yemen and South Sudan</p>	D
Explanation	In yemen and south sudan due to ethnic conflicts there was acute famine.	
74	<p>Regarding Wood's Dispatch, which of the following statements are true?</p> <p>1. Grants-in-Aid system was introduced. 2. Establishment of universities was recommended. 3. English as a medium of instruction at all levels of education was recommended.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	A
Explanation	Woods dispatch provides vernacular language at primary level while at the higher levels	
75	<p>With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegatd by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation?</p> <p>a. Committee on Government Assurances b. Committee on Subordinate Legislation c. Rules Committee d. Business Advisory Committee</p>	B
Explanation	The Above mentioned duty is the function of committee of subordinate Legislation.	
76	<p>Consider the following Statements:</p> <p>1. As per the Right to Education (RTE) Act, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in a State, a person would be required to possess the minimum qualification laid down by</p>	B

	<p>the concerned State Council of Teacher Education.</p> <p>2. As per the RTE Act, for teaching primary classes, a candidate is required to pass a Teacher Eligibility Test conducted in accordance with the National Council of Teacher Education guidelines.</p> <p>3. In India, more than 90% of teacher education institutions are directly under the State Governments.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 d. 3 only</p>	
Explanation	As per the RTE act, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in a state, a person would be required to possess the minimum qualification laid down by national council for education.	
77	<p>Consider the following pairs :</p> <p>Tradition (State)</p> <p>1. Chapchar Kut Festival (Mizoram)</p> <p>2. Khongjom Parba ballad (Manipur)</p> <p>3. Thang-Ta dance (Sikkim)</p> <p>Which of the pairs given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 1 and 2 c. 3 only d. 2 and 3</p>	B
Explanation	Thang-ta dance is from Manipur.	
78	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. The Food Safety and Standarts Act, 2006 replaced the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.</p> <p>2. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is under the charge of Director General of Health Service in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2</p>	A

	d. Neither 1 nor 2	
Explanation	Food safety and standards act enacted in 2006 subsumed all the previous acts such as prevention of food, adulteration act,1954. FSSAI is an autonomous body under min of health and family welfare. So, it is not under director general of health services.	
79	<p>The term “two-state solution” is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of</p> <p>a. China b. Israel c. Iraq d. Yemen</p>	B
Explanation	Two state solution refers to a solution of Israel-palestinean conflict. It emphasis the creation of two-states, the state of Palestine and the state of Israel, the boundary is not yet properly decided.	
80	<p>With reference to the provisions made under the National Food Security Act, 2013, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The families coming under the category of ‘below poverty line (BPL)’ only are eligible to receive subsidized food grains. 2. The eldest woman in a household, of age 18 years or above, shall be the head of the household for the purpose of issuance of a ration card. 3. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled to a ‘take-home ration’ of 1600 calories per day during pregnancy and for six months thereafter? <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 2 b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 d. 3 only</p>	B
Explanation	Not only the families under the category of below poverty line but also to more than two-third of the population to receive rice, wheat and cereals at 3,2, and 1 rupees. The eldest women will be considered as head of the household who shall be above 18 years.	
81	<p>India enacted The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 in order to comply with the obligations to</p> <p>a. ILO b. IMF c. UNCTAD d. WTO</p>	D

Explanation	The geographical indications of goods (registration and protection act,1999) is associated with WTO	
82	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In India, State Governments do not have the power to auction non-coal mines. 2. Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand do not have gold mines. 3. Rajasthan has iron ore mines. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 and 2 b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 d. 3 only 	C
Explanation	Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand have gold mines	
83	<p>With reference to digital payments, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BHIM app allows the user to transfer money to anyone with a UPI enabled bank account. 2. While a chip-pin debit card has four factors of authentication, BHIM app has only two factors of authentication. <p>Which of the statement given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2 	A
Explanation	BHIM app has 3 factors of authentication	
84	<p>Among the following cities, which one lies on a longitude closest to that of Delhi?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Benguluru b. Hyderabad c. Nagpur d. Pune 	A
Explanation	Delhi and Bengaluru share same longitude of 77degree east.	

85	<p>International Labour Organization's Conventions 138 and 182 are related to</p> <p>a. Child Labour</p> <p>b. Adaptation of agricultural practices to global climate change</p> <p>c. Regulation of food prices and food security</p> <p>d. Gender parity at the workplace</p>	A
Explanation	International labour organization's convention 138 and 182 are related to child labour	
86	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the first Lok Sabha, the single largest party in the opposition was the Swatantra Party. 2. In the Lok Sabha, a "Leader of the Oppotion" was recognized for the first time in 1969. 3. In the Lok Sabha, if a party does not have a minium of 75 members, its leader cannot be recognized as the Leader of the Opposition. <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 and 3 only</p> <p>b. 2 only</p> <p>c. 2 and 3 only</p> <p>d. 1,2 and 3</p>	B
Explanation	In the first lok sabha, the single largest party in the opposition was CPI. In lok sabha party should have a minimum of 55 members to be recognized as leader of opposition	
87	<p>Which of the following leaf modifications occur(s) in the desert areas to inhibit water loss?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hard and waxy leaves 2. Tiny Leaves 3. Thorns instead of leaves <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 2 and 3 only</p> <p>b. 2 only</p> <p>c. 3 only</p> <p>d. 1,2 and 3</p>	D
Explanation	All the three, hardy and waxy leaves, tiny leaves and thorns instead of leaves are the leaf modifications in the desert area to inhibit water loss.	
88	As per the NSSO 70 th Round "Situation Assessment Survey of	C

	<p>Agricultural Households”, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rajasthan has the highest percentage share of agricultural households among its rural households. 2. Out of the total agricultural households in the country, a little over 60 percent belong to OBCs. 3. In Kerala, a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported to have received maximum income from sources other than agricultural activities. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2 and 3 only b. 2 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3 	
Explanation	Out of total agricultural households in the country a little over 45% belong to OBC's	
89	<p>How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NGT has been established by an Act whereas the CPCB has been created by an executive order of the Government. 2. The NGT provides environmental justice and helps reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts whereas the CPCB promotes cleanliness of streams and wells, and aims to improve the quality of air in the country. <p>Which of the statements given above is /are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2 	B
Explanation	NGT has been established under prevention of water pollution act	
90	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Parliament of India can place a particular law in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution of India. 2. The validity of a law placed in the Ninth Schedule cannot be examined by any court and no judgement can be made on it. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 	A

	d. Neither 1 nor 2	
Explanation	Recently the validity of a law placed in the 9 th schedule was examined by the Supreme Court	
91	<p>Which one of the following best describes the term “Merchant Discount Rate” sometimes seen in news?</p> <p>a. The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards pertaining to that bank.</p> <p>b. The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they use debit cards for financial transactions for purchasing goods or services.</p> <p>c. The charge to a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from his customers through the bank’s debit cards.</p> <p>d. The incentive given by the government to merchant for promoting digital payments by their customers through Point of Sale (PoS) machines and debit cards.</p>	C
Explanation	Merchant discount rate is the fee charged to a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from his customer through the banks debit cards.	
92	<p>What is/are the consequence/consequences of a country becoming the member of the ‘Nuclear Suppliers Group’?</p> <p>1. It will have access to the latest and most efficient nuclear technologies.</p> <p>2. It automatically becomes a member of “The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)”.</p> <p>Which of the statements given is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only</p> <p>b. 2 only</p> <p>c. Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	A
Explanation	If a country becomes a member of NSG they do not automatically become a member of NPT	
93	<p>With reference to India’s decision to levy an equalization tax of 6% on online advertisement services offered by non-resident entities, which of the following statements is / are correct?</p> <p>1. It is introduced as a part of the Income Tax Act.</p> <p>2. Non-resident entities that offer advertisement services in India can claim a tax credit in their home country under the</p>	D

	<p>“Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements”.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	
Explanation	With reference to India’s decision to levy an equalization tax 6% was introduced under Finance Act	
94	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Review Committee Report has recommended a debt to GDP ratio of 60% for the general (Combined) government by 2023, comprising 40% for the Central Government and 20% for the State Governments. 2. The Central Government has domestic liabilities of 21% of GDP as compared to that of 49% of GDP of the State Governments. 3. As per the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for a State to take the Central Government’s consent for raising any loan if the former owes any outstanding liabilities to the latter. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 only c. 1 and 3 only d. 1,2 and 3</p>	C
Explanation	The central government has domestic liabilities of 46.1% of GDP	
95	<p>Consider the Following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The quantity of imported edible oils is more than the domestic production of edible oils in the last five years. 2. The Government does not impose any customs duty on all the imported edible oils as a special case. <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct?</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	A

Explanation	The government has imposed customs duty on palm oil recently	
96	<p>He wrote biographies of Mazzini, Garibaldi, Shivaji and Shrikrishna, stayed in America for some time; and was also elected to the Central Assembly. He was</p> <p>a. Aurobindo Ghosh b. Bipin Chandra Pal c. Lala Lajpat Rai d. Motilal Nehru</p>	C
Explanation	The qualifications of a person discussed in the question is about Lala Lajpat Rai	
97	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>1. Aadhar card can be used as a proof of citizenship or domicile. 2. Once issued, Aadhar number cannot be deactivated or omitted by the Issuing Authority.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is / are correct.</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 only c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2</p>	D
Explanation	It cannot be used as a proof of citizenship. Adhaar number can be deactivated if a person dies.	
98	<p>Which of the following has/have shrunk immensely /dried up in the recent past due to human activities?</p> <p>1. Aral Sea, 2. Black Sea, 3. Lake Baikal</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a. 1 only b. 2 and 3 c. 2 only d. 1 and 3</p>	D
Explanation	Only aral sea and lake Baikal has dried up immensely due to human activities.	
99	<p>“Rule of Law Index” is released by which of the following?</p> <p>a. Amnesty International b. International Court of Justice c. The Office of UN Commissioner for Human Rights.</p>	D

	d. World Justice Project	
Explanation	Rule of law index is released by World justice Project.	
100	<p>Which one of the following links all the ATMs in India?</p> <p>a. Indian Bank's Association b. National Securities Depository Limited c. National Payments Corporation of India d. Reserve Bank of India</p>	C
Explanation	National financial switch that inter links ATM's is managed by NPCI	

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