



FULL LENGTH GS (PT-10) EXPLANATIONS– 2019

1. Which of the following Rig Vedic god was revered as the messenger between the earth and the heaven?
- Indra
 - Agni
 - Som
 - Rudra

Answer: (b) Agni was revered as the messenger between the earth and the heaven.

2. Consider the following statements regarding tax exemption under interim budget 2019
1. There will be no income tax for income up to rs 6.5 lakh
 2. Individual with gross income of up to rs 7.5 lakh will not need to pay any tax if they make investments in provident funds and prescribed equities
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) There will be an exemption of the tax for income upto 5 lakh rs in comparison to previous 2.5 lakh rs.
Individual with gross income of upto rs 6.5 lakh will be exempted if they make any investments in provident funds and prescribed equities.

3. Which of the following are the important rock painting sites of Upper Paleolithic and Mesolithic period?
1. Bhimbetaka
 2. Murhana Pahar
 3. Kupagallu
 4. Bagor
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- 1 and 2 Only
 - 1, 2 and 3 Only
 - 1, 3 and 4 Only
 - All of the above

Answer: (b) Some of the important rock-painting sites are Murhana Pahar in Uttar Pradesh, Bhimbetka, Adamgarh, LakhaJuar in Madhya Pradesh and Kupagallu in Karnataka. The occurrence of haematite pieces found in the occupational debris of Upper Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods conclusively proves that these paintings were made by the occupants of those caves and shelters. Animals are the most frequently depicted subject either alone or in large and small groups and shown in various poses.

There are also some hunting scenes, of which the rhinoceros hunt from the Adamgarh group of rock-shelters is indicative of the joining of large number of people for the hunt of bigger animals.

4. Which of the following statement/s correctly explains the term rjarali or revenue-farming under Later Mughals?
- The peasants were asked to pay taxes on the monthly basis to the government.
 - Government began to contract with revenue farmers and middlemen to pay the Government a fixed amount of money while they were left free to collect whatever they could from the peasant.
 - The land was divided under three categories as per the fertility of the land and the land revenue was calculated on the basis on the fertility.
 - None of the above

Answer: (b) Under Revenue Farming, instead of collecting land revenue at a fixed rate as under Todarmal's land revenue settlement, the Government began to contract with revenue farmers and middlemen to pay the Government a fixed amount of money while they were left free to collect whatever they could from the peasant. This led to increased oppression of the peasant.





5. Consider the following statements about NSP mobile app

1. National scholarship portal mobile app, launched by Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. It aims to provide smooth, accessible, hasslefree, scholarship system for students from poor and weaker sections

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Union ministry of minority affairs has launched NSP mobile app. It will be beneficial for students in many ways as they will get all information regarding various scholarship on this mobile app, they will be able to apply for scholarships sitting in their home. Using it students can also upload necessary documents and can check the status of their application, scholarship disbursement etc. student from far flung, hilly areas and north east will be the mostly benefitted from this app.

6. Consider the following statements regarding the scheme Pradhan mantri kisan samman nidhi

1. Package of rs 8000 per annum will be given to the farmers
2. Farmers with less than 2 hectares of land will be benefitted from the scheme
3. Amount will be transferred directly to their accounts with the installments of 2000 each

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (c) Under the scheme pradhan mantri kisan samman nidhi package of rs 6000 per annum for farmers with less than 2 hectares of land will be given.

7. In the Battle of Buxar (1764), who among the following formed the alliance against the East India Company?

- a. Mir Jafar, Siraj-ud-daula, Shah Alam II
- b. Mir Qasim, Shuja-ud-Daula, Shah Alam I
- c. Mir Qasim, Shuja-ud-Daula, Shah Alam II
- d. None of the above

Answer: (c) On the one side were the Mughal king Shah Alam II + Nawab Shujaud daula+ Mir Qasim v/s British.

8. Consider the following statements about PM-AASHA

1. Pradhan mantri annadata aay sanrakshan abhiyan, launched under the ministry of agriculture.
2. It aims at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for the produce.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) PM-AASHA will provide msp assurance to the farmers, a reflection of government's commitment to the annadata.

The scheme involves three component-

1. Price support scheme
2. Price deficiency payment system
3. Pilot of private procurement and stockiest scheme.

9. Consider the following statements about the scheme 'pradhan mantri shram yogi maandhan yojna'

1. It is a pension scheme for the 10 crore unorganized sector workers
2. Workers with monthly income upto 10,000 rs will be benefitted

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Mega pension scheme for the 10 crore unorganized sector workers with monthly income upto rs 15,000 thousand, with assured





monthly pension of rs 3000 after the age of 60 yrs.

Contribution will be 100/50 rs monthly

workers. Under it iti student is entitled to get rs 23,600 and diploma student to get rs 26,300 per annum.

10. Which of the following Centres and their Leaders is not correctly matched in context of the Revolt of 1857?
- Delhi : General Bakht Khan
 - Kanpur : Nana Sahib
 - Lucknow : Begum Hazrat Mahal
 - None of the above

Answer: (d) All the above are correctly matched

11. Consider the following statements regarding swachh bharat mission
- India has achieved 98% rural sanitation coverage
 - Around 5.45 lakh villages have been declared 'open defecation free'
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Swachha bharat mission is a nation wide campaign for the period 2014 to 2019. It aims to clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of cities, towns and rural areas. The mission aims to achieve an open defecation free india by 2 october 2019, the 150 th birth anniversary of mahatma Gandhi.

12. Consider the following statements nirman kusuma programme
- This scheme was launched in ranchi by jharkhand government.
 - It aims to provide financial assistance to the construction worker's children for their education in ITIs and polytechnics.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Odisha government launched nirman kusum programme for providing financial assistance to the children of construction

13. Which of the following statement is not correct?
- The Swadeshi movement was exclusively a political movement which remained aloof from the cultural sphere.
 - The purpose of boycott during Swadeshi movement was to bring pressure upon the British industries and public by the pecuniary loss.
 - The moderate and militant nationalists (extremists) cooperated with one another during the course of the Swadeshi Movement.
 - None of the above

Answer: (a) The Swadeshi movement had several consequences in the realm of culture. There was a flowering of nationalist poetry, prose and journalism. The patriotic songs written at the time by poets like Rabindranath Tagore, Rajani Kant Sen and Mukunda Das are sung in Bengal to this day. Another constructive activity undertaken at the time was that of National Education.

14. Consider the following statements about Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- Unnat bharat abhiyan is a flagship program of ministry of HRD.
 - Under this the higher education institutions will be linked with villages
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Unnat bharat abhiyan 2.0 successfully launched with the vision of transformational change in rural development process on 25 th april 2018 in AICTE vasantkunj. It aims to link the higher education institutions with set of atleast 5 villages, so that these institutions can contribute to the economic





and social betterment of these village communities using their knowledge base.

15. Consider the following statements regarding digi yatra

1. It is a biometric based digital processing of passengers at airport
2. It will be operational by end of February 2019, at Varanasi and pune airports.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Union ministry of civil aviation has released policy on biometric based digital processing of passengers at airport called digi yatra. The initiative seeks to promote paperless and hasslefree air travel. It will be operational by end of feb 2019 at bengaluru and Hyderabad airports. In later phase airport authority of india will roll out this initiative at Kolkata, Varanasi, pune and Vijayawada airports.

16. Which of the following Chola ruler of 10th Century AD, had consecrated metal images of Appar, Sambandar and Sundarar in a Shiva temple?

- a. Parantaka I
- b. Rajaraja Rajendra
- c. Kulothunga Chola I
- d. None of the above

Answer: (a) The inscriptional evidence from around 945 suggests that the Chola ruler Parantaka I had consecrated metal images of Appar, Sambandar and Sundarar in a Shiva temple. These were carried in processions during the festivals of these saints.

17. Consider the following statements:

1. The Sufi saints discarded the materialistic life and refrained from court politics.
2. Many Turkish Sultans did not simply need to demonstrate their association with sufis; they also required legitimation from them

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) During Mughal period some Sufi Silsilahs like Nasqbandi and Suhrawadi accepted courtly offices.

18. Mehargarh an important site located in Pakistan belongs to which of the following period?

- a. Upper Paleolithic
- b. Middle Paleolithic
- c. Neolithic
- d. Mesolithic

Answer: (c) In short, the ceramic Neolithic occupation (c. 7000 B.C.) at Mehrgarh during the early food-producing era shows a basic subsistence economy of the Indus valley and beginning of trade and crafts.

19. Who among the following is considered to be the founder of the Vaishnava devotional movement in Assam?

- a. Dadu Dayal
- b. Shankra Dev
- c. Chaitnya Mahaprabhu
- d. Tukaram

Answer: (b) Self-Explanatory

20. Consider the following statement/s:

1. Speculative demand for money is inversely related to the interest rate.
2. When the interest rate is very high people convert their money into bonds.
3. When interest rate comes down people convert their bonds into money leading to a high speculative demand for money.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) When the interest rate is very high everyone expects it to fall in future and hence anticipates capital gains from bond-holding.





Hence people convert their money into bonds. Thus, speculative demand for money is low. When interest rate comes down, more and more people expect it to rise in the future and anticipate capital loss. Thus they convert their bonds into money giving rise to a high speculative demand for money. Hence speculative demand for money is inversely related to the rate of interest.

21. Consider the following statements about Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

1. Centre:State funding pattern will be 60:40 for all States (North East and Hill States will be 90:10 and 100% for UTs)
2. It will be implemented by Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct.

Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)

- Objective - to strengthen panchayat level governance by providing training and capacity building of elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

- Nodal Ministry - Ministry Of Panchayati Raj (It is a revamped version of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashakikaran Abhiyan)

- Coverage- It extends to all States/ UTs and will also include institutions of rural local government in non-Part IX areas, where Panchayats do not exist.

22. Consider the following statements

1. All the hollowed caves at Ajanta were used as monasteries for Buddhist monks.
2. Most of the Ajanta paintings were done in the light of torches

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Ajanta is a place where several caves were hollowed out of hills over centuries. Most of these were monasteries for Buddhist monks, but some of them were decorated paintings. As the caves are dark inside, most of these paintings were done in the light of torches. The colours which are vivid even after 1500 years, were made of plants and minerals.

23. Consider the following statements about SAMEEP

1. It is an outreach programme aimed at taking Indian foreign policy and its global engagements to students across the country.
2. It is implemented by Ministry of Human Resource and Development

Which of the above statements is /are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) With an aim to bring foreign policy to the masses, the External Affairs Ministry has come up with an initiative - SAMEEP - 'Students and MEA Engagement Programme'.

24. In the tamil region:

1. Large land owners were known as uzhavar
2. Ordinary ploughmen were known as vellalar
3. Landless labourers, including slaves were known as kadaiyiar and adimai

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. 3 Only
- d. None of the above

Answer: (c) Large land owners were known as vellalar. Ordinary ploughmen were known as uzhavar.

25. The puranas contain:

1. Stories about god and goddess such as Vishnu, shiv, durga or parvati
2. Details on how gods and goddesses were to be worshipped
3. Accounts about the creation of world, and





about kings

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) The puranas were written in simple Sanskrit verse, and were meant to be heard by everybody, including women and shudras, who were not allowed to study the Vedas. They were probably recited in temples by priests, and people came to listen to them.

26. Match the following

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| 1. Stupa | a. place where the image of deity is installed |
| 2. Pradakshina path | b. mound |
| 3. Mandapa | c. circular path around the stupa |
| 4. garbhagriha | d. place in temple where people assembled |
- choose the correct option

- a. 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
- b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
- c. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d
- d. None of the above

Answer: (a) Self - Explanatory

27. Consider the following statements about science cities scheme

- 1. It includes setting up of science centres and science cities in all the states of the country
- 2. It is implemented by Ministry of Science and Technology

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Conceptualized & implemented by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous institution functioning under the Ministry of Culture

28. Austerity measures taken in an economy can:

- 1. Increase Government Expenditure
 - 2. Increase Tax rates
 - 3. Increase Disinvestment Income
 - 4. Increase the level of Effective Demand
- Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 Only
- b. 2 and 4 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. 1 and 4 Only

Answer: (c) Austerity is a set of economic policies implemented with the aim of reducing government budget deficits. Policies grouped under the term "Austerity measures" may include expending cuts, tax increases or a mixture of both and may be undertaken to demonstrate the government's fiscal discipline by bringing revenues closer to expenditures.

29. Which of the following rulers founded the city of Agra?

- a. Feroz Shah Tughlaq
- b. Sikander Lodi
- c. Babur
- d. Balban

Answer: (b) Self-Explanatory

30. "Hard currency" means currency of a strong geo-political country with stable economy. Which of the following are its features?

- 1. High liquidity
- 2. Free convertibility
- 3. Full convertibility

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) Currency of a strong geo-political nation is considered as hard currency. Such currencies have the following characteristics:
High liquidity: As these currencies are traded throughout the world and have high stability.





Free convertibility: No fee being charged in converting these currencies into other.

Full convertibility: Generally, these currencies are fully convertible for easy trading without any condition attached.

Currency like US dollar, Euro falls under the category of hard currency.

31. During Mughal period which of the following crop(s) came under the category of jins-i kamil (literally, perfect crops)?

1. Rice
2. Wheat
3. Cotton

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. 3 Only
- d. None of the above

Answer: (c) Jins-i kamil (literally, perfect crops) referred to the Cash Crops grown by the peasants.

32. TWIN Deficit means

- a. Current Account deficit and fiscal deficit
- b. Current Account deficit and Capital Account deficit
- c. Primary deficit and Fiscal deficit
- d. Budgetary deficit and Fiscal deficit

Answer: (a) TWIN deficit identity is used to refer to a nation's current account deficit and simultaneous fiscal deficit.

33. Consider the following statement/s about Indian Association formed in July 1876:

1. The Association was critical to the formation of Indian National Congress.
 2. The demands of the Association were elitist in the nature and it never demanded any reforms related to peasants and workers.
- Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) The Association supported the formation of Congress and later got merged into the same. The first major issue that Indian Association took up for agitation was the reform of the Civil Service regulations and the raising of the age limit for its examination. Surendranath Banerjee toured different parts of the country during 1877-78 in an effort to create an all-India public opinion on this question.

The Indian Association also carried out agitation against the Arms Act and the Vernacular Press Act and in favor of protection of the tenants from oppression by the zamindars. During 1883-85 it organized popular demonstrations of thousands of peasants to get the Rent Bill changed in the favor of the tenants, it also agitated for better conditions of work for the workers in the English-owned tea plantations where conditions of near-slavery prevailed.

34. Consider the following statement/s about the First Factory Act passed in 1881:

1. The Act dealt primarily with the problem of child labour.
2. It laid down that children below 14 years of age could not work in factories
3. It provided for a weekly holiday for all the workers.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (a) The Act dealt primarily with the problem of child labor. It laid down that children below 7 (and not 14) years of age could not work in factories; it provided four holidays for all the workers in the month. The Second Factory Act 1891 provided for a weekly holiday for all the workers.

35. Which of the following is "National Income"?

- a. Net National Product at Market Price
- b. Net National Product at Factor cost
- c. GDP + Net Factor Income from Abroad
- d. GNP at Market Price





Answer: (b) $NNP \text{ at factor cost} = \text{National Income (NI)} = NNP \text{ at market prices} - (\text{Indirect taxes} - \text{Subsidies}) = NNP \text{ at market prices} - \text{Net indirect taxes}$ (Net indirect taxes = Indirect taxes – Subsidies).

- 36.** Consider the following statements about pradhan mantri jan arogya yojna (pmjay)
1. Pm launched pmjay under ayushman bharat at ranchi, Jharkhand on 23 sept 2018.
 2. It aims to provide annual health insurance cover of rs 5 lakh to 10.74 crore beneficiary families.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) The scheme became operational from 25 sept, 2018 i.e. on birth anniversary of deendayal upadhyaya. National health agency is the apex body for implementation. Around 13000 hospitals both public and private in the country have been coordinated for implementation of the scheme.

- 37.** Consider the following:
1. Establishment of a Board of Control, consisting of 6 members called Commissioners, to supervise and control the government of India.
 2. Clear-cut subordination of the Bombay and Madras Presidencies to the Governor General-in-Council in all questions of diplomacy, war and revenue.
- The above mentioned provisions are envisaged in:
- a. Regulating Act of 1773
 - b. Pitt's India Act of 1784
 - c. Charter Act of 1813
 - d. Charter Act of 1833

Answer: (b) Self-Explanatory

- 38.** Consider the following statement/s about the court politics of Zulfikar khan:

1. He abolished the Jizyah but introduced the evil practice of revenue – farming or Ijarah
2. He adopted a liberal attitude towards the Sikhs.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) He continued a strict policy towards the Sikhs.

- 39.** Consider the following:
1. Vernacular medium for primary education
 2. English for higher education
 3. Universities at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras
 4. Secular educational institutions run by government
- The above mentioned recommendations were given by:
- a. Macaulay's Minute, 1835
 - b. Charles Wood's dispatch of 1854
 - c. Hunter Commission, 1882
 - d. Indian University Act, 1904

Answer: (b) Self-Explanatory

- 40.** When RBI increases Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR):
- a. The commercial bank will have less money to lend
 - b. The RBI will have less money to lend
 - c. Union government will have less money to lend
 - d. The Commercial Bank will have more money to lend

Answer: (a) When RBI increases the CRR, fewer funds are available with banks as they have to keep larger portions of their cash in hand with RBI. This means that banks will now have less money to play with.

- 41.** Consider the following:
1. The Poona Sarvajanik Sabha brought out a quarterly journal under the guidance of Dada Bhai Naoroji.
 2. Many socio-religious reform movements of 18th and 19th Centuries undermined the supremacy of human reason and scientific





outlook.

Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) The Poona Sarvajanik Sabha brought out a quarterly journal under the guidance of Justice Ranade.

- 42.** Consider the following statement about bhakti movement:
1. The idea of bhakti is present in bhagwat geeta, a sacred book of the hindus
 2. Those who followed the system of bhakti emphasized devotion and individual worship of a god or goddess, rather than the performance of elaborated sacrifices
 3. Bhakti inspired some of the best expressions in poetry, but sculpture, architecture, and painting suffered during that era.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 and 2 Only
 - b. 1 and 3 Only
 - c. 2 and 3 Only
 - d. All of the above

Answer: (a) Bhakti inspired some of the best expression in art- sculpture, poetry and architecture

- 43.** In the northern part of the ancient india, the village headman was known as
- a. Grihapati
 - b. Muqaddam
 - c. Gram bhojaka
 - d. Gramadipati

Answer: (c) In the northern part of the country, the village headman was known as gram bhojaka. Usually man from the same family held the position for generations. In other words the post was hereditary. The gram bhojaka was often the largest land owner. Generally he had slaves and hired workers to cultivate the land. Besides he was powerful, the king often used him to collect taxes from the village. He also

functioned as a judge, and sometimes as a policeman.

- 44.** The best known of the Buddhist pilgrims to visit india were
1. Fa xien
 2. Xuan zang
 3. I-qing
- Arrange them chronologically from the earliest to the latest visitor-
- a. 1-2-3
 - b. 3-2-1
 - c. 2-1-3
 - d. 3-1-2

Answer: (a) The best known of these are the Chinese Buddhist pilgrims, fa xian, who came to the subcontinent about 1600 years ago, xuan zang came around 1400 years ago and i-qing, who came after 50 years after xuan zang. They came to visit the places associated with the life of Buddha as well as famous monasteries.

- 45.** Consider the following statements
1. Techniques of making silver were invented in china around 7000 years ago
 2. The road on which trade in silk was carried on between china and india came to be known as silk route.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Techniques of silk making were first invented in china around 7000 years ago. While the methods remained a closely guarded secret for thousand of years, some people from china who went to distant lands on foot, horseback, and camel, carried silk with them. The paths they followed came to be known as the silk route.

- 46.** Consider the following statements
1. South india was famous for gold, pepper and precious





stones in the ancient times.

2. There is a evidence of trade in sangam poems.

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) South india was famous for gold, spices, especially pepper, and precious stones. Pepper was particularly valued in roman empire, so much so that it was known as black gold. So traders carried many of these goods to rome in ships, across the sea, and by land in caravans. There must been quite a lot of trade as many roman gold coins found in south india. We can find evidence of trade in sangam poems.

47. The hinayan form of Buddha can be characterized by:
- 1. A belief in the existence of bodhisattavas
 - 2. Usage of certain signs to show budhha's presence in the sculptures
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) A new form of biddhism known as Mahayana budhhism, now developed. This had two distinct features. Earlier the Buddha's presence was shown in sculptures by using certain signs(hinayana), for instance, his attainment of enlightenment was shown by sculptures of the peepal tree. Now the statues of Buddha were made. Many of these were made in Mathura, while others were made in taxilla.

The second change was the belief in bodhisattvas. These were supposed to be the persons who had attained enlightenment, once they attained they could live in complete isolation and meditate in peace, however instead of doing that they

remained in the world to teach and help other people. The worship of bodhhisattvas became very popular and spread throughout central asia, china and later to korea and japan.

48. Consider the following statements
- 1. Recently Infosys foundation announced rs 1.5 crores aarohan social innovation awards to push innovation in social work
 - 2. The purpose of the award is to recognize and rewards individual, teams or ngo that are developing unique solutions for the social sector
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct

Under the government rules it is mandatory for certain categories of company to spend, in every financial year, atleast 2% of the average net profits made during the three immediately preceding financial years, in pursuance of its corporate social responsibility policy.

49. Consider the following statements
- 1. The union government has constituted the high level strategic policy group (spg) to assist the national security council , which advises the pm on matters of national security and strategic interests.
 - 2. The spg will be chaired by the defence miniter of the country.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both 1 and 2
 - d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Its members include the niti aayog vice chairman, the cabinet secretary, the chiefs of the three defence services, the rbi governor, the foreign secretary, the home secretary, the finance secretary and the defence secretary. The secretary of the department of defence production and supplies, the scientific advisor to the defence minister and the secretary, cabinet secretariat will also be the members of





the panel. The group will assist the nsc and will be chaired by national security advisor.

50. Consider the following statements

1. The world mental health day is observed every year on 10 th October
2. The theme for 2018 was “young people and mental health in a changing world”

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) The world mental health day is observed every year on 10 october to raise the awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilize efforts in support of mental health.
It is a day for global mental health education.

51. With reference to Election Commission and Delimitation Commission consider the following statements.

1. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the Parliament of India and works in collaboration with Election Commission of India.
2. Election Commission decides the reservation of constituency for election purpose.
3. Election Commission is a constitutional, multi- member body since 1950.
4. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) presides over the Election Commission and has more powers than the other Election Commissioner.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 4 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. None of the above

Answer: (d) Who decides which constituency is to be reserved? On what basis is this decision taken? This decision is taken by an independent body called the Delimitation

Commission. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India. It is appointed for the purpose of drawing up the boundaries of constituencies all over the country. The Election Commission of India can either be a single member or a multi-member body. Till 1989, the Election Commission was single member. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) presides over the Election Commission, but does not have more powers than the other Election Commissioners. The CEC and the two Election Commissioners have equal powers to take all decisions relating to elections as a collective body.

52. Consider the following statements

1. Indian army has launched an innovative mobile health app named ‘medwatch’
2. It is the first mobile health app in the three armed services

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) On the occasion of 86 th anniversary, the Indian airforce has launched an innovative mobile health app named ‘medwatch’ in keeping with the pm’s vision of digital india, ayushman bharat and mission indradhanush. The app is conceived by the doctors of IAF and developed in house by information technology.

53. Which among the following task(s) is/are NOT performed by Election Commission of India?

1. Preparation and updation of electoral rolls.
2. Recognition of political parties.
3. Conduct of election to Parliament, state legislature and local bodies.
4. Determination of timing of election and





preparation of election schedule.

Choose the correct ones:

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 4 Only
- c. 3 Only
- d. 1 and 3 Only

Answer: (c) Election of local bodies is conducted by state election commission.

54. Consider the following statements

- 1. India's first 2g ethanol bio refinery will be set up in bargarh district of odhisa where ethanol will be produced from rice straw
- 2. Proposed plant will be set up by the bharat petroleum corporation limited.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) The plant will be set up by 2020 at an estimate cost of 100 crore

55. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Revisory jurisdiction provides for the power of Supreme Court to review any law.
- 2. The term judicial review is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Judicial Review means the power of the Supreme Court (or High Courts) to examine the constitutionality of any law if the Court arrives at the conclusion that the law is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, such a law is declared as unconstitutional and inapplicable. The term judicial review is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution. However, the fact that India has a written constitution and the Supreme Court can strike down a law that goes against fundamental rights, implicitly gives the Supreme Court the power of judicial review.

Art 137 provides revisory jurisdiction to Supreme Court, which means court can revise its own decision.

56. Consider the following statements

- 1. External affairs minister sushma swaraj launched the 'india for humanity' in jaipur
- 2. Under which the jaipur foot artificial limb will be distributed free of cost to the needy across the world.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Sushma swaraj launched the 'india for humanity' in new delhi, under which the jaipur foot artificial limb will be distribute.

The initiative is launched in collaboration with the charitable organization ' bhagwan mahavir viklang sahayata samiti' to honour mahatma Gandhi's service to humanity.

57. Our Constitution ensures that the persons accused of various offences would also get sufficient protection. Which of the below mentioned statements are part of Fundamental Rights of accused person.

- 1. No person would be punished for the same offence more than once.
- 2. No law shall declare any action as illegal from backdate.
- 3. Every accused person has right to get legal aid by the government.
- 4. No person shall be asked to give evidence against himself/herself.

Choose the correct ones:

- a. 1, 2 and 3 Only
- b. 1, 2 and 4 Only
- c. 2, 3 and 4 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (b) Right to get legal aid by government is not part of fundamental rights of the accused person. Rest all are fundamental rights of accused persons.





58. Consider the following statements

1. The 17 th edition of old world theatre festival 2018 is being organized by india habitat centre
 2. The theatre festival has been recognized by unesco as a 'intangible heritage of humanity'
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) The festival will open with "kutiyattam", which is one of the most stylist and earliest form of Sanskrit theatre.

59. 42nd Amendment was one of the most controversial Amendments so far. Which of the following were the reasons for this controversy?

1. It was made during National emergency and the declaration of that emergency was itself controversial.
 2. It was made without the support of special majority.
 3. It was made without ratification by State Legislatures.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 1 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (c) In particular the 38th, 39th and 42nd amendments have been the most controversial amendments so far. These three amendments were made in the background of internal emergency declared in the country from June 1975. They sought to make basic changes in many crucial parts of the Constitution.

60. Disputes regarding the election of the President and vice-president are settled

- a. In the Supreme Court Only
- b. By the Election Commission
- c. By a Parliamentary Committee
- d. In the Supreme Court or High Court

Answer: (a) Disputes regarding the election of the president and vice-president come under original jurisdiction of Supreme Court and only Supreme Court can settle the same.

61. Consider the following statements about DMH 11 (GM Mustard)

1. Developed by the Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants of Delhi University
 2. It was a government sponsored project.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct

62. Consider the following statements about Mitochondrial Gene Therapy

1. First three parent child was born via this technique in Mexico
2. Mexico became first country in world to legalise MGT

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) UK became first country in world to legalise MGT

63. Consider the following statements about Rotavac

1. Rotavac became first Indigenously developed vaccine from India to be pre-qualified by World Health Organisation (WHO).
 2. It is a vaccine used to protect against Malaria
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) It is a vaccine used to protect against rotavirus infections





64. Consider the following statements about Astra Missile

1. It is a surface to surface missile
2. Astra is designed to be capable of engaging targets at varying range and altitudes allowing for engagement of both short-range targets (up to 20 km) and long-range targets (up to 80 km) using alternative propulsion modes.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) It is a beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM). It is indigenously developed by DRDO. It is a single stage solid fuelled missile.

65. Global Financial System Report is published by?

- a. Asian Development Bank
- b. Bank for International Settlements
- c. World Economic Forum
- d. World Bank

Answer: (b) Self-Explanatory

66. Consider the following statements about Rustom

1. It is an indigenously developed drone
2. It is a Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) UAV

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct

67. Consider the following statements about Kalvari Class Submarines

1. It is a class of nuclear submarine
2. They are being built under technology transfer agreement with Sweden

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) It is a class of diesel-electric attack submarine. They are being built under technology transfer agreement with France

68. Global Climate Risk Index 2019, is released by which of the following organisation?

- a. UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
- b. Red Cross
- c. Germanwatch
- d. None of the above

Answer: (c) The Global Climate Risk Index 2019 analyses to what extent countries and regions have been affected by impacts of weather-related loss events (storms, floods, heat waves etc.).

69. Consider the following statements about BS Norms

1. The BS-IV compliant fuels have Sulphur concentration of 100 parts per million (ppm).
2. It will come down to 50 ppm in BS-VI compliant fuels and auto engines.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (d) The BS-IV compliant fuels have Sulphur concentration of 50 parts per million (ppm). It will come down to 10 ppm in BS-VI compliant fuels and auto engines.

70. Consider the following statements about iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training Program).

1. It is an initiative of Ministry of Science and Technology
2. It will replace the existing training mechanism.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/ are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2





Answer: (d) Statement 1 is incorrect. iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training Programme) developed by Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions. Statement 2 is incorrect. It will augment the existing training mechanism with online module-based training, coupled with certification, and make training inputs available to government servant on site and on flexitime basis.

71. Which one of the following statements related to Jain philosophy is not correct?
- According to Jain philosophy, the real reason of the world is not God. The world is real and truth and is divided in various circles.
 - The world is formed of the living and the nonliving in which former is conscious while the latter is unconscious
 - The attraction of Karma to Jeeva due to ignorance is called 'Asrav'.
 - Following the Triratnas prevents the influx of karma into Jeeva. This state is known as 'Nirjara'.

Answer: (d) Statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct. Statement (d) is incorrect. According to Jain philosophy, the state of prevention of the flow of Karma to Jeeva is known as 'Samvar'. Apart from this, when the accumulated Karma starts to exhaust, this state is known as 'Nirjara'. When the Jeeva is totally devoid of Karma, then it achieves 'Moksha'.

72. With reference to the Motion of Thanks, consider the following statements.
- First session of every fiscal year is addressed by the president.
 - In the address before parliament president outlines the policies of the government.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/ are correct?
- 1 Only
 - 2 Only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both statements are correct

The first session after each general election and the first session of every fiscal year is addressed by the president. In this address, the president outlines the policies and programmes of the government in the preceding year and ensuing year.

73. Consider the following statements:

- River Cauveri originates from Sahyadri range.
- Hogenakkal, Bharachukki and Balmuri Waterfall are situated on Cauveri river.
- Hemavati, Suvarnavati, Bhavani, Pranhita and Amravati are its major tributaries.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- 1 and 2 Only
- 1 and 3 Only
- 2 and 3 Only
- All of the above

Answer: (b) Cauveri River originates from the hills of Brahmgiri. Hence statement 1 is incorrect. Hogenakkal in Tamilnadu and Bharachukki and Balmuri in Karnataka are situated on Cauveri. Therefore, option 2 is correct. Pranhita is the tributary of Godavari while others are tributaries of Cauveri. Therefore, statement 3 is incorrect.

74. Which international organization is associated with

'Aggregate Measure of Support (AMS)'?

- World Bank (WB)
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Answer: (b) The subsidy given by the government to agriculture (domestic aid) is referred to by World trade organisation as Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS). It is calculated in terms of product and input subsidies. According to WTO, production subsidies (like MSP) and input subsidies (like debt, fertilizers, irrigation, power





etc) given to their agricultural sector by countries reduces agricultural pricing and supports in establishing unfair/ undue global access of agricultural sector of respective countries.

75. Consider the following statements about TRAFFIC

1. TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network, is a strategic alliance of IUCN and WWF.
2. Its mission is to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both statements are correct.

TRAFFIC plays a vital role in tackling illegal wildlife trade through conducting research and analysis, advocacy and awareness work and by supporting remedial action against illegal wildlife trade.

Founded in 1979, TRAFFIC's headquarter is located in Cambridge, United Kingdom

76. Consider the following statements with respect to the Lushai tribe found in India:

1. They are found only in Mizoram in India.
2. They are related to the Caucasoid race.
3. 'Swaanaman' tradition related to open intercourse is popular within this tribe.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (a) Lushai tribe is found in Mizoram, Assam, Tripura and Manipur in India. Hence, Option (1) is incorrect. They are related to the Mongoloid race. Hence, Option 2 is incorrect. There is freedom of intercourse in Lushai tribe but the man has to pay 'Swanaman' in case the girl conceives. Hence, option (3) is correct.

77. Consider the following statements in relation to 'Digital Gender Atlas':

1. Help has been sought from UNICEF in this initiative of 'Ministry of Women and Child Development'.
2. Its motive is to ensure equal education for differently abled and insecure girls.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Statement 1 is incorrect because 'Digital Gender Atlas' is an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development and not of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

78. Consider the following statements regarding International Trade Union Confederation:

1. This works to ensure the basic rights of the workers sponsored by International Labor Organization.
2. This also strives for eradication of child labor and forced labor.
3. In the context of attack on the rights of human and labor organizations, the list of dangerous countries issued by ILO includes India too.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (a) This organization came into news after the recent unsuccessful attempt of military over throw in Italy and consequent firing of thousands of workers and punishment to reporters. Its primary objective is to protect the rights of workers by international cooperation between labour unions and global campaigns, It works to ensure the fundamental rights of workers as enforced by International Labour Union like right to form trade unions, right to collective bargaining, protection from discrimination and abolition of child labour and





forced labour. Thus, statements 1 and 2 are correct.

It releases a list of countries deemed as 'dangerous' in context of the attacks on Human and Trade Unions Rights. It includes 26 countries but India is not one of them. Thus, statement 3 is incorrect.

79. The plateau of Shillong is structurally a part of:

- The hilly range lying between Myanmar and India.
- The Himalayas Range
- Peninsular portion
- None of the above

Answer: (c) The Shillong plateau spread in Meghalaya is an expansion of peninsular part which is separated from peninsular region by Garo Rajmahal gap. It constitutes mainly of Garo, Khasi and Jaintia hills.

80. What will be the effect of blockage of blood supply in any organ?

- The oxygen supply will be blocked in the affected organ.
 - The decomposition of glucose will speed up in the affected organ.
 - The cells of the affected organ will undergo anaerobic respiration to produce energy.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 Only
- 1 and 3 Only
- 3 Only
- 2 Only

Answer: (a) Blood carries oxygen from the lungs to the tissues of the body. If the circulation of blood is blocked in any organ, oxygen will not be able to reach that organ. Consequently, the breakdown of glucose will not take place in the tissues. Since, blood carries the digested food from the small intestine to the body, the blockage of blood circulation will affect the supply of glucose to that organ. Hence, anaerobic respiration will also not take place. Hence, only statement 1 is correct.

81. Consider the following statements with regards to 'Hope Spots' :

- The concept of Hope spots was brought in by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) .
- Its objective is to protect the decaying natural and cultural heritage of the world.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep islands of India were identified as Hope Spots in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 Only
- 1 and 3 Only
- 3 Only
- All of the above

Answer: (c) The concept of 'Hope Spots' was given by IUCN. Its objective is conservation of marine biodiversity and habitat.

82. Consider following statements regarding food chains in an ecosystem.

- In an aquatic ecosystem, grazing food chains (GFC) is the major conduit for energy flow.
 - In a terrestrial ecosystem, a much larger fraction of energy flow through the detritus food chain than through the GFC.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 Only
- 2 Only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) The detritus food chain (DFC) begins with dead organic matter. It is made up of decomposers which are heterotrophic organism. It includes mainly fungi & bacteria. They meet their energy and nutrient requirements by decomposing dead organic matter or detritus. These are also known as saprotrophs (Sapro: to decompose). Decomposers secrete digestive enzymes that breakdown dead and waste materials into simple inorganic materials, which are subsequently absorbed by them. In an aquatic ecosystem, GFC is the major conduit for energy flow. As against this, in a terrestrial ecosystem,





a
much larger fraction of energy flows through the
detritus food chain than through the GFC.
Detritus
food chain may be connected to the grazing
food
chain at some levels but some of the organisms
of
DFC may become food for the GFC animals,
and in
a natural ecosystem some animals like
cockroaches, crows, etc are omnivores.

- 83.** Ultraviolet (UV) rays are considered to be very harmful for living organisms. Which of the following are harmful effects of UV rays?

1. Change in DNA
2. Skin Cancer
3. Snow blindness

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) UV radiation of wave lengths shorter than UV-B, are almost completely absorbed by earth's atmosphere, given that the ozone layer is intact. But, UV-B damages DNA and may cause mutation which may trigger skin cancer. It causes aging of skin, damage to skin cells and various types of skin cancer. In human eye, cornea absorbs UV-B radiation, and a high dose of UV-B causes inflammation of cornea, called snow-blindness, cataract etc. Such exposure may permanently damage the cornea. Therefore above mentioned all the three effects can be caused due to ultraviolet rays.

- 84.** Consider the following statements :
1. The amount of water vapour decreases with altitude.
 2. One of the reasons for the increase in the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.
 3. Water vapour is stable in air.

4. Water vapour trap some of the heat from the sun and increase the temperature on earth producing a green house effect.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2, 3 and 4 Only
- d. 1, 3 and 4 Only

Answer: (a) Only statements 1 and 2 are correct.

The amount of water-vapour decreases with altitude. One of the reasons for the increase in the amount of water-vapour in the atmosphere is due to carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases as these gases raise temperature and thus transpiration by plants increases and evaporation process increases on oceanic surface also. Water-vapour traps some part of in solution and decreases it on earth surface. It produces a green house effect by absorbing terrestrial radiation.

Water-vapour can not remain stable in it's form in air as it keep on changing into water reservoir and rain and ice through water cycle.

- 85.** Unlike temperate cyclones, tropical cyclones do not have the variations in precipitation and temperature, because -

- a. Tropical cyclones form only on seas.
- b. Fronts are absent in it.
- c. It happens due to excess effect of ITCZ
- d. Due to excessive dynamism, the variation of temperature is not possible.

Answer: (b) Tropical cyclones originate above warm seas only in the summer season and they do not have fronts. They do not have variations in rain and temperature due to absence of fronts. Hence, statement (b) is true and other statements are false.

- 86.** Karkkidakam associated with Indian culture and tradition is:

- a. a halt in the Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannatha.





- b. an important text of Kannad literature related to South Indian festivals.
- c. the last month of Malayalam calendar also known as 'Ramayan' month.
- d. a famous temple of Tamil culture recognized from the ancient times.

Answer: (c) . Karkidakam, the last month of Malayalam calendar is celebrated as Ramayana month in the state. Along with this, chants of the holy book Ramayana are organised in the households and temples. On the first day of the month Anayutu, the tradition of feeding the elephants, is organised in Thrissur's 'Shri Vadakkunnathan Mandir'.

- 87.** Consider the following statements:
1. Agenda-21 is a binding project of the United Nations in relation to sustainable development.
 2. This project was started in the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (UNCED) held in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro
 3. Along with environmental conservation, it also calls for nuclear disarmament.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a. 1 and 2 Only
 - b. 1 and 3 Only
 - c. 2 Only
 - d. None of the above

Answer: (c) In 1992, more than 100 heads of state met in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the first international Earth Summit convened to address urgent problems of environmental protection and socio-economic development. The assembly adopted a non-binding 300 page plan for achieving sustainable development in the 21st century which was named Agenda - 21. Agenda - 21 does not caution about nuclear disarmament along with environmental protection. Therefore, statement (3) is also incorrect.

- 88.** Which of the following statements is correct about European companies?
- a. Portuguese were the first to establish a joint capital company in India.

- b. The real founder of Portuguese power in India was Almeida.
- c. The Dutch conquered Goa in 1510 CE from Adilshah Sultan of Bijapur.
- d. None of the above

Answer: (d) The first joint capital company was founded by the Dutch in India. The real founder of Portuguese power in India was Albuquerque. He won Goa from Bijapur in 1510 CE. Thus, all the statements are incorrect.

- 89.** Consider the following statements with regard to 'Tribunal' :
1. There is no provision regarding tribunals in the original constitution.
 2. A petition can also be filed in concerned bench of high court against the orders of central administrative tribunals.
 3. The appointment of chairperson of Central administrative tribunal is done by the President and that of state administrative tribunal is done by the governor.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a. 1 and 2 Only
 - b. 1 and 3 Only
 - c. 2 and 3 Only
 - d. All of the above

Answer: (a) The chairman, Vice-chairman and any other member of CAT is to be appointed by the President of India in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. Similarly, the appointment of chairman, Vice-chairman and other members of an administrative tribunal of states is to be made by the president of India in consultation with the Chief Justice of India and the Governor of the concern state.

- 90.** Consider the following statements with respect to Nathdwara paintings:
1. This style of painting related to Nathdwara (Rajasthan) is considered to be a subset of Boondi style.
 2. A subset of these paintings, Pichwai painting





is the most popular of them.

3. The paintings of this style are generally related to a form of Lord Krishna, Shrinath ji.

4. It is a style of Miniature Painting.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 Only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 Only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (b) Statement 1 is incorrect. Nathdwara Painting is a subset of Mewar paintings and not Boondi style. It is related to Nathdwara, district Rajsamand, Rajasthan. There are many subsets of this style of painting, among which Pichwai painting is most significant. Pichwai paintings are drawn on a cloth hung behind the idol of Hindu god, SriNathji.

91. Which of the following countries was NOT founder members of ASEAN in 1967?

- a. Myanmar
- b. Singapore
- c. Indonesia
- d. Thailand

Answer: (a) ASEAN was established in 1967 by five countries of region - Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — by signing the Bangkok Declaration.

92. Consider the following statements with reference to significance of environmental issues in world politics:

1. The 1987 Brundtland Report, Our Common Future, had warned that traditional patterns of economic growth were not sustainable in the long term.

2. The Rio Summit produced conventions dealing with climate change, biodiversity, forestry, and recommended a list of development practices called 'Agenda 21' Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct

93. Consider the following statements with reference

to era of Cuban Missile crisis:

1. In 1962, USA attacked communist-ruled Cuba

2. Cuba was an ally of the Soviet Union and received both diplomatic and financial aid from USSR.

3. In response, the leaders of the USSR decided to convert Cuba into a base and placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 1 and 3 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (c) In April 1961, the leaders of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) were worried that the United States of America (USA) would invade communist-ruled Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro, the president of the small island nation off the coast of the United States. Cuba was an ally of the Soviet Union and received both diplomatic and financial aid from it. Nikita Khrushchev, the leader of the Soviet Union, decided to convert Cuba into a Russian base. In 1962, he placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

The installation of these weapons put the US, for the first time, under fire from close range and nearly doubled the number of bases or cities in the American mainland which could be threatened by the USSR. Three weeks after the Soviet Union had placed the nuclear weapons in Cuba, the Americans became aware of it. The US President, John F. Kennedy, and his advisers were reluctant to do anything that might lead to full-scale nuclear war between the two countries, but they were determined to get Khrushchev to remove the missiles and nuclear weapons from Cuba.

94. In 2000, a commission to review the working of the Constitution was appointed by the





Government of India under the chairmanship of ?

- a. Justice Venkatachaliah
- b. Justice V. Krishna Iyer
- c. Justice P.N.Bhagwati
- d. Marpadi Veerappa Moily

Answer: (a) Commission to review the working of Indian Constitution was appointed by central government under the chairmanship of Justice Venkatachaliah.

95. Which of the following leaders were associated with Socialist Party?

- 1. Jayaprakash Narayan
- 2. Achyut Patwardhan
- 3. Ashok Mehta
- 4. Acharya Narendra Dev
- 5. Ram Manohar Lohia

Choose the correct ones:

- a. 1, 2 and 3 Only
- b. 1, 2 and 4 Only
- c. 2, 3 and 5 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above are associated with Socialist Party

96. Consider the following events:

- 1. First General Election in India
- 2. Meghalaya and Tripura become full States
- 3. Statehood for Punjab
- 4. Creation of state of Chhattisgarh

Which of the following is the correct chronological order of the above?

- a. 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
- b. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4
- c. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- d. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4

Answer: (b) First general election in India was conducted in 1951-52. Meghalaya and Tripura become full States in 1972. Statehood for Punjab was granted in 1966. Creation of state of Chhattisgarh was done in 2000.

97. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Trygve Lie, who worked for ceasefire between India and Pakistan on Kashmir issue, was first Secretary General of UNO.

2. Amnesty International is a UN agency that campaigns for the protection of human rights all over the world.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (a) Amnesty International is a NGO that campaigns for the protection of human rights all over the world.

98. Consider the following statements.

1. Membership of the UN Security Council was expanded from 11 to 15 in 1965 with change in the number of permanent members.

2. The UN was founded as a successor to the League of Nations in 1945.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (b) Membership of the UN Security Council was expanded from 11 to 15 in 1965. But, there was no change in the number of permanent members.

99. Consider the following statements with reference to Hyderabad's accession to India:

1. Hyderabad was amalgamated into India after military action in September 1948.

2. "Operation POLO" was carried out by Indian army for amalgamation of Hyderabad into mainland India.

3. Nizam of Hyderabad had entered into "Standstill Agreement" with India in November 1947.

4. A movement led by the Communists and Hyderabad Congress was tried to be suppressed by Nizam by unleashing a para-military force known as "Razakars".

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?





- a. 1, 2 and 3 Only
- b. 2, 3 and 4 Only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 Only
- d. All of the above

Answer: (d) Hyderabad, the largest of the princely states amalgamated into India after military action in September 1948 codenamed "Operation POLO" under the command of Col. J.C Choudhary. Before that, the Nizam of Hyderabad, entered into "Standstill Agreement" with India in November 1947. A movement against the oppressive rule of Nizam, led by the Communists and Hyderabad Congress was tried to be suppressed by Nizam by unleashing a para-military force known as "Razakars".

100. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Afro-Asian Conference of 1955 in Bandung led to the establishment of the NAM.
- 2. In September 1961, the First Summit of the NAM was held in Belgrade.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (c) Both the statements are correct

