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<p>1. Which of the following are the functions of the Chief Secretary of a State ?</p> <p>(1) The Chief Secretary is the chief of the Civil Service in the state.</p> <p>(2) The Chief Secretary acts as a secretary to the State Cabinet.</p> <p>(3) The Chief Secretary represents the state in Zonal Council.</p> <p>(4) The Chief Secretary is the principal adviser to the Chief Minister.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1, 3 and 4                      (b) 2, 3 and 4</p> <p>(c) 1, 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	<p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                              (b) 1 and 2</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                              (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>2. Article 143 of the Constitution authorises President to seek opinion of the Supreme Court in which matters?</p> <p>(1) Question of law or fact</p> <p>(2) Any dispute arising out of any pre-constitutional treaty, agreement, covenant, engagement, standard or other similar instruments.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>4. A High Court judge, post retirement, can practice in which places?</p> <p>(1) In the same High Court where he was a judge</p> <p>(2) In the Supreme Court</p> <p>(3) In other High Courts where he had not served as a judge.</p> <p>(4) In income tax tribunals and other such tribunals</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 2, 3 and 4                      (b) 1, 3 and 4</p> <p>(c) 2 and 3                              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>
<p>3. Consider the following statements about lower courts and identify the false statements from the codes given below :</p> <p>(1) The Panchayat Courts have only civil jurisdiction.</p> <p>(2) The Munsiff Courts are lower in hierarchy to the court of Subordinate Judges.</p> <p>(3) The Sessions cases are the more serious civil cases in the Court of the District Judge.</p>	<p>5. Consider the following statements regarding elections in India</p> <p>(1) Ballot papers with name of all candidates in a constituency were used for elections in India since Independence.</p> <p>(2) This method was replaced by Electronic Voting Machines in the late 1990s.</p> <p>(3) Independent India's first election was the largest such exercise in the world till then.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                              (b) 1 and 3</p> <p>(c) 2 and 3                              (d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>6. Consider the following statements about the District Planning Committee:</p> <p>(a) It is a statutory body</p> <p>(b) It is an executive body</p>

<p>(c) It is a non-statutory and non-executive body</p> <p>(d) It is a Constitutional body</p> <p>7. Consider the following statements regarding International North-South Transport Corridor:</p> <p>(1) International North-South Transport corridor is a multi-modal connectivity project to establish transport networks for moving freight between India, Iran, Europe and Central Asia.</p> <p>(2) The INSTC project was initiated by India, Iran and Tajikistan.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p>8. Consider the following statements regarding changing gender outcomes in India as observed in the Economic Survey 2018:</p> <p>(1) Gender Indicator improves as wealth improves.</p> <p>(2) Percentage of women who work has declined over the last decade.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p>9. Which among the following statements is correct regarding the independence of the judiciary?</p> <p>(1) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is consulted in the appointment of other judges of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>(2) Judges of the Supreme Court can be impeached on grounds of proven misbehaviour and incapacity.</p> <p>(3) Judge of one High court cannot be transferred to another High Court.</p>	<p>(4) Parliament has no say in the appointment of judges.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 4</p> <p>(c) 1, 2 and 4                  (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p> <p>10. As regards the Panchayat Raj system, which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(1) All states in India, without any distinction, have to constitute a three tier system of Panchayat Raj.</p> <p>(2) To contest Panchayat elections, the minimum age requirement is 25 years.</p> <p>(3) Finance Commission established by Central Government recommends measures needed to augment the consolidated fund of a state to supplement the resources of the Panchayat in the state.</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 only                        (d) 3 only</p> <p>11. Consider the following statements in the context of First Past the Post system of Election:</p> <p>(1) Under this system, the candidate who secures more votes is declared elected.</p> <p>(2) First Past the Post system of Election is also called the Plurality System.</p> <p>(3) First Past the Post system of Election is not prescribed in the Constitution.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                        (b) 1 and 2</p> <p>(c) 1, 2 and 3                  (d) 2 and 3</p>
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12. Which of the following statements are correct?
- (1) The Indrajit Gupta Committee and the Dinesh Goswami Committee were formed to suggest measures on State funding of elections in India.
- (2) Election Commissioners are appointed by a collegium consisting of Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Chief Justice of India.
- (3) Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners are removed in the like manner as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- (4) Election Commission has three members and decisions are arrived at by majority.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 2                      (d) 3 and 4
13. Consider the following statements in the context of Local Governments:
- (1) The reservation of seats apply only to ordinary members in Panchayats and not to the offices of Chairpersons
- (2) The stipulated reservation of seats for women is restricted to general category only.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. Consider the following statements regarding the Prime Minister of India :
- (1) He is selected from only Lok Sabha members and not Rajya Sabha members.
- (2) His term is not fixed and holds office during the pleasure of President.
- (3) He heads the National Water Resources Council
- (4) After the death of an incumbent Prime Minister, it is the President who elects the new leader and the ruling party has to accept the decision of the President.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                  (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
15. Consider the following statements regarding Advisory Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court:
- (1) Under the Indian Constitution, the President can seek advice from the Supreme Court on a question of fact or law.
- (2) If the Supreme Court is approached for its advice, then the Court is bound to give the advice on the matter sought.
- (3) Both the President and the Council of Ministers are bound to act upon the advice tendered by the Supreme Court.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
16. Which of the following powers and functions are held by the President of India?
- (1) Executive                      (2) Financial  
(3) Diplomatic                      (4) Military
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                  (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
17. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct about Election Commission of India and its members?

<p>(1) The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) presides over the Election Commission, and has more power than Election Commissioners.</p> <p>(2) The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other Commissioners are appointed by the President of India on the advice of Council of Ministers.</p> <p>(3) They are appointed for a five year term or continue till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>(4) The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) can be removed before the expiry of his term by the President of India on the advice of the Council of Ministers.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 2 and 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	<p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 3                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 and 2                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>18. Which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(1) Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to Lok Sabha.</p> <p>(2) Council of Ministers are individually responsible to the Prime Minister.</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>20. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) Scheme?</p> <p>(1) STRIVE Scheme will incentivize Information and Technologies to improve overall performance including apprenticeship by involving small scale enterprises, business associations and industry clusters.</p> <p>(2) It is aligned to flagship Government programmes such as Make in India and Swachhta Abhiyan.</p> <p>(3) The programme is supported by Asian Development Bank (ADB).</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 only</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>19. Choose the <b>incorrect</b> statement(s) about the State Election Commission, a body envisaged under the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act:</p> <p>(1) The State Election Commission would be responsible for elections to local assemblies and local bodies.</p> <p>(2) The Commission will report to the Election Commission of India.</p> <p>(3) This commission will function as a semi-autonomous body under the state government.</p>	<p>21. Which of the following lacunae in local government have been removed by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act?</p> <p>(1) It has brought uniformity in the electoral process at the local government.</p> <p>(2) It has brought the provision of decentralized planning.</p> <p>(3) The dominance of feudal class and landlords ended in elections.</p> <p>(4) It provided limited financial autonomy to the Panchayats in collection of taxes.</p> <p>Which of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 2, 3 and 4</p> <p>(c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>

22. Regarding State Legislative Council, which of the following statements are correct?
- (1) Out of a total of 29 states in India, it is found only in less than ten states.
- (2) It is a permanent body and not subject to dissolution.
- (3) Term of members is five years.
- (4) Governor can nominate a person who has special knowledge or practical experience of cooperative movement.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 2, 3 and 4                      (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) 1, 2 and 4
23. Which of the following statements is **incorrect** with respect to the powers of the Election Commission?
- (a) It supervises the preparation of electoral rolls.
- (b) It can postpone or cancel the election in the entire country or a specific State or constituency on the grounds that the atmosphere is vitiated.
- (c) It implements a Model Code of Conduct for parties and candidates.
- (d) It can appoint staff on contract basis during the election process.
24. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion falls under which ministry?
- (a) Heavy Industries
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Commerce
- (d) Prime Minister's Office
25. The Constitution (Ninety Seventh Amendment) Act, 2011, relating to the cooperatives, brought amendments in which of the following parts of the Constitution?
- (1) Part III                      (2) Part IV
- (3) Part IX                      (4) Part XI
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below
- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
26. Consider the following statements:
- (1) Central Information Commissioner is removed by the President after Supreme Court inquiry
- (2) State Information Commissioner is removed by the President after Supreme Court inquiry.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
27. Which of the following institution has been accorded the power to conduct social audit under the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution?
- (a) State government with the assistance of civil servants.
- (b) District Collector
- (c) Gram Sabha                      (d) Zilla Parishad
28. Which state was the first to establish the institution of Lokayukta?
- (a) Maharashtra                      (b) Odisha
- (c) Karnataka                      (d) Gujarat
29. Which of the following is/are the salient provisions under the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act?

<p>(1) It gave statutory status to municipalities.</p> <p>(2) Provision of indirect election of chairperson at the Intermediate Level and District level.</p> <p>(3) Formation of District Planning Committee and Metropolitan Planning Committee is voluntary under the Act.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 2 and 3                        (d) None of the above</p>	<p>(a) 2 only                            (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 and 2                        (d) 3 only</p>
<p>30. What is correct about Citizen's Charter in India?</p> <p>(1) A certification scheme called sevottam was launched to address some of the short-comings of Citizens Charter.</p> <p>(2) It contains information about time limits for service delivery but not information on grievance redressal mechanism.</p> <p>(3) There is a common Citizen's Charter for all department offices in the country.</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                            (b) 1 and 3</p> <p>(c) 2 and 3                        (d) 1 and 2</p>	<p>32. Global Gender Gap Index is released by:</p> <p>(a) United Nations Development Programme (b) World Economic Forum</p> <p>(c) UN Women                    (d) World Bank</p> <p>33. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the working of the Union Government?</p> <p>(1) Department of Economic Affairs is responsible for preparing both the Budget and the Economic Survey.</p> <p>(2) Union Territories of India are under the direct control of Prime Minister's Office (PMO).</p> <p>(3) Cabinet Secretariat is responsible for coordination and cooperation among different departments and ministries.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 3                            (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 3 only                             (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>31. Through which of the following measures the Indian Constitution ensures independence of judiciary?</p> <p>(1) Parliament is not involved in the process of appointment and removal of judges.</p> <p>(2) Judges hold office during the pleasure of the President.</p> <p>(3) The judiciary has the power to penalize for contempt of court.</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the codes below</p>	<p>34. The implementation of Right to Information (RTI) Act remains poor in India because of</p> <p>(1) poor record keeping practices within bureaucracy.</p> <p>(2) lack of adequate infrastructure and staff for running Information Commission.</p> <p>(3) dilution of supplementary laws such as whistleblower protection.</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                            (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                            (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>

35. The process of e-Courts in India includes electronic filing and computerisation of courts. Which of the following is the first High court where e-court system has been launched?
- (a) Hyderabad High Court  
(b) Delhi High Court  
(c) Mumbai High Court  
(d) Kolkata High Court
36. Colour of Economic Survey 2017-2018 has been chosen with focus on :
- (a) Women                      (b) Education  
(c) Health                        (d) Environment
37. In which of the following cases did the Supreme Court recognise the Preamble as an integral part of the Constitution?
- (1) Keshavananda Bharti case, 1973  
(2) Berubari case, 1960  
(3) Life Insurance Corporation of India Case, 1995.
- Select the correct answer using below given codes:
- (a) 1 only                        (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1 and 2
38. Consider the following statements regarding Goods and Service Tax (GST) :
- (1) There has been 50% increase in number of indirect tax payers.  
(2) There has not been any increase in voluntary registrations by small entrepreneurs.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                        (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                (d) Neither 1 nor 2
39. Which of the following directives can be used by the Election Commission of India to ensure free and fair elections in India?
- (1) The election manifesto should be in consonance with the Model Code of Conduct.  
(2) Manifesto should broadly reflect the financial implications and fiscal burden of the promises made in the manifesto to bring transparency.  
(3) The Election Commission must have the power to declare the election of a candidate null and void if the candidate indulges in acts of corruption after having been elected as a legislator.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                        (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
40. Urban local bodies can generate additional revenues from which of the following sources?
- (1) Improving property tax collections.  
(2) Levying user charges.  
(3) Devolution of financial powers to urban local bodies by state governments.  
(4) Issuing municipal bonds.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3                        (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 1, 3 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
41. Consider the following statements regarding DARPAN Project:
- (1) DARPAN is information technology modernization project aimed at realising financial inclusion of un-banked rural population.  
(2) It aims to increase rural reach of Department of Posts.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

<p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>(2) Estimates Committee has more members when compared to the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Public Undertakings.</p>
<p>42. Jan Aushadhi Scheme comes under :</p> <p>(a) Ministry of Ayush</p> <p>(b) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers</p> <p>(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare</p> <p>(d) Prime Minister's Office</p>	<p>(3) Members of all Parliamentary Committees are appointed for a term of five years.</p> <p>Which of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>43. Which of the following steps has/have been initiated by the government to bring transparency in the system?</p> <p>(1) Suo moto declaration of information on notice boards and websites.</p> <p>(2) Lokpal and Lokayukta Act.</p> <p>(3) Discretionary power given to the government officials.</p> <p>(4) Giving statutory backing to Citizens' Charter.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 2, 3 and 4                      (b) 1 and 2</p> <p>(c) 3 only                          (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	<p>46. Consider the following statements regarding impact of climate change on India :</p> <p>(1) Affects agricultural yield</p> <p>(2) Impact on irrigated area is twice that on unirrigated area.</p> <p>(3) Affects coastal communities.</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                          (b) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                          (d) 3 only</p>
<p>44. Assertion (A): Kerala has highest sex ratio in India among all the States.</p> <p>Reason (R) : Kerala has the highest Last Child Sex Ratio (LCSR) in India among all the states.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>(b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>(c) A is true but R is false.</p> <p>(d) A is false but R is true.</p>	<p>47. Which of the following provisions is/are true about Right to Vote and Right to Contest?</p> <p>(1) Both the rights are fundamental rights derived from Article 21.</p> <p>(2) The Representation of the People Act, 1951, (ROPA) prohibits all those who are confined in a prison or are in lawful custody of the police from voting.</p> <p>(3) As per the Supreme Court's directions, a candidate against whom charges have been framed for offences punishable for two years or more can't contest elections.</p>
<p>45. Consider the following statements regarding the Committees of the Parliament:</p> <p>(1) Public Accounts Committee consists of members from both the Houses of the Parliament.</p>	<p>Select the correct answer using the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                          (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 3 only                          (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>

48. Resolving twin balance sheet problem can help in the following:
- (1) Liquidation of stressed assets
  - (2) Ease of doing business will go up
  - (3) Economy will surely grow by more than ten percent per year.
  - (4) e-Commerce will get a boost
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
49. Consider the following statements regarding Ballast Water Management Convention:
- (1) It aims to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic organisms from one region to another and halt damage to the marine environment from ballast water discharge.
  - (2) India is yet to ratify Ballast Water Management Convention.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (2) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
50. The annual growth rate of India is greater than
- (1) Average world growth rate
  - (2) Growth rate of developed countries like, for example, the US.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
51. Which of the following statements is/are true about the status of Panchayat Raj Institutions?
- (1) PRIs have been granted the power to levy tax and cess in the constitution itself.
  - (2) PRIs receive grants-in-aid from state government as per the recommendations of State Finance Commission.
  - (3) Many states in India have not yet transferred all the 29 subjects to their PRIs.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 3 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
52. Consider the following statements regarding disinvestment target in India:
- (1) The target was not achieved in 2017-'18
  - (2) This year, i.e., 2018-'19, the disinvestment target is below that of 2017-'18.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2                      (d) Neither 1 nor 2
53. Recently which credit rating agency upgraded India's sovereign bond rating for the first time in a decade?
- (a) Standard and Poor  
(b) Fitch  
(c) Moody's                      (d) McKinsey
54. Which of the following statements related to urban local governments in India is/are incorrect?
- (1) Port Trust and Special Purpose Agency fall under the category of urban local government in India.
  - (2) At the Centre only Home Ministry and Urban Development Ministry deal with the subject of urban local government in India.
  - (3) District Planning Committee is responsible to consolidate the plans prepared by panchayats and municipalities in the district.

<p>Select the correct answer using the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	<p>be published in which of the following languages?</p> <p>(a) Hindi                      (b) English</p> <p>(c) Official language of the state after permission of the Governor.</p> <p>(d) Official language of the state after permission of the State Legislature.</p>
<p>55. Which of the following is/are the constitutional provisions related to the Panchayats?</p> <p>(1) Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) falls under the functional items within the purview of Panchayats.</p> <p>(2) Giving representation to members of the Parliament and the state legislature in the panchayats is a compulsory provision in Constitution.</p> <p>(3) The Constitutional Act (73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act) does not apply to areas under Autonomous District Councils.</p>	<p>58. What measures did the government take to improve enforcement of contracts in India?</p> <p>(1) Scrapped appeal redundant laws/rules</p> <p>(2) Amending Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 2015.</p> <p>(3) Commercial Courts established in High Courts</p> <p>(4) Expanding Lok Adalts</p>
<p>Select the correct answer using the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	<p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 2 only                      (b) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 2 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>
<p>56. Assertion (A): Stalled projects, mounting legal costs, taxation disputes and reduced investment are problems in our economy.</p> <p>Reason (R) : One of the main reasons for the above situation is the pendency and delay in the settlement of economic cases in the Supreme Court and tax tribunals.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>(b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>(c) A is true but R is false.</p> <p>(d) A is false but R is true.</p>	<p>59. Which of the following are the criteria for recognizing political party in a state by the Election Commission of India?</p> <p>(1) If it secures 8% of the total valid votes polled in the state at a general election to the Lok Sabha from the state concerned.</p> <p>(2) If it wins two percent of seats in the Lok Sabha at a general election.</p> <p>(3) If it wins one seat in the Lok Sabha at a general election for every 25 seats.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>(d) None of the above</p>
<p>57. According to the Constitution, the judgments, decrees and orders of the High Court should</p>	

60. What are future challenges for services export?
- (1) Protectionism
  - (2) Stricter migration rules in developed countries
  - (3) Unemployment
  - (4) Socialist ideology
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 3 and 4                      (b) 1 and 2  
(c) 1, 2 and 3                      (d) 2 and 3
61. Consider the following statements with respect to the Anti-Defection law:
- (1) If a member goes out of his party as a result of merger of the party with another party, he would not be disqualified on the ground of defection.
  - (2) The decision of Presiding Officer cannot be challenged in any court.
  - (3) The law does not make differentiation between independent & nominated member regarding anti-defection law.
- Which among the above statements is/are **incorrect**?
- (a) 1 only                              (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3                              (d) 1 and 2
62. 'Operation Green', launched under Budget 2018-'19, is related to:
- (a) Mission to step up electric energy generation through non-fossil fuel sources.
  - (b) Giving boost to horticulture in the north east region.
  - (c) Additional investment in infrastructure to achieve Clean India Mission target.
  - (d) To address the price fluctuation in potato, tomato and onion
63. Consider the following statements related to the original jurisdiction of the High Court and the Supreme Court:
- (1) Supreme Court has original jurisdiction over federal disputes.
  - (2) The original jurisdiction of the High Court is related to issuing writs for the restoration of fundamental rights.
  - (3) The original jurisdiction of the High court extends to both civil and criminal cases whereas that of the Supreme Court to constitutional cases only.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                              (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 only                                (d) 1, 2 and 3
64. Consider the following statements with respect to the steps taken by the government for agricultural marketing:
- (1) Government announced to upgrade existing haats into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs)
  - (2) GrAMs will be linked to e-NAM and will be exempted from APMC.
  - (3) Market infra fund of Rs. 20,000 crore will be set up for developing and upgrading agricultural marketing infrastructure.
  - (4) Government has already connected more than 75% APMCs to e-NAM network.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3                              (b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 4                              (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
65. Which of the following statements about judiciary is/are false?

- (1) Every law passed by the Parliament needs approval of the Supreme Court.
- (2) Judiciary can strike down its own judgment if it goes against the spirit of the Constitution.
- (3) Judiciary is independent from the legislature.
- (4) Any citizen can approach the Court if his/her rights are violated.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 2 and 4                      (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 only                        (d) 1 and 2
66. Which of the following is correct regarding recently proposed 'Eklavya Model Residential School' (EMRS)?
- (1) Aims to provide quality education to tribal children by 2022 in their own environment.
- (2) Blocks eligible for EMRS should have more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons.
- (3) Special facilities for preserving local culture and heritage will be provided.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 3 only                      (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 1 and 2                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
67. Which one of the following is not the criteria for calculating Global Hunger Index?
- (a) The proportion of the undernourished as a percentage of the population
- (b) The proportion of children under the age of five suffering from wasting
- (c) The proportion of children under the age of five suffering from stunting
- (d) The mortality rate of children under the age of ten
68. Consider the following statements with respect to Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM) Review Committee, headed by NK Singh:
- (1) Committee recommended combined debt to GDP ratio of the Centre and states to be brought down to 60% by 2023.
- (2) Centre has accepted a target of 40% Debt to GDP ratio.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2                (d) Neither 1 nor 2
69. Consider the following statements:
- (1) Both India and China are members of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).
- (2) MTCR aims at restricting the proliferation of missiles and related technology for those systems capable of carrying a 500 kg payload for at least 300 kilometres.
- (3) MTCR was established by G 7 countries.
- Select the incorrect answer from the following codes.
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3                      (d) None of the above
70. Consider the following statements:
- (1) The Kerala High Court has territorial jurisdiction over the Lakshadweep Islands.
- (2) The seat of the Uttar Pradesh High Court is Allahabad.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2                (d) Neither 1 nor 2

<p>71. Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) The Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.</p> <p>(2) It was constituted based on the recommendations of the Naresh Chandra Committee on corporate governance.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
<p>72. Consider the following statements regarding National Flag:</p> <p>(1) According to the Flag code of India, the Indian flag has a ratio of two by three (where the length of the flag is 1.5 times that of the width)</p> <p>(2) The Flag Code of India, 2002, has lifted the restrictions on the display of National Flag by the general public, private organisations and educational institutions.</p> <p>(3) National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India.</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 only                        (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	<p>74. Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) Election to the International Court of Justice requires absolute majority of the total membership in United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Security Council..</p> <p>(2) The candidates to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) are nominated by their respective governments.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the following codes:</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
<p>73. Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) 'Navika Sagar Parikrama' is the first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all-women crew.</p> <p>(2) The navigation was undertaken by INSV Tarini.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p>	<p>75. Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) As per the Global Nutrition report, India has the largest number of anaemic women.</p> <p>(2) The percentage of overweight men in the country is higher than the percentage of overweight adult women.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p>76. Which one of the following statements is correct about the National Calendar, based on Saka Era?</p> <p>(1) Chaitra is the first month of the year</p> <p>(2) First day of the Calendar falls on March 22<sup>nd</sup> of every year</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>

77. Consider the following statements:
- (1) The electoral rolls for local body elections in India are prepared by the Election Commission of India.
- (2) Delimitation of Panchayat Constituencies is carried out by the State Election Commission.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
78. Consider the following statements regarding Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) :
- (1) FPC is owned by shareholder farmers and administered by professional managers.
- (2) Each FPC member has equal voting rights, irrespective of the numbers of shares.
- (3) Non-producers seeking to invest in these companies are precluded.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 3 only                      (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
79. Consider the following statements with respect to the rights of Gram Sabha under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act:
- (1) It is the primary forum for conduct of social audits.
- (2) It monitors the execution of works within the Gram Panchayat.
- (3) It determines the order of priority of works in the meetings of the Gram Sabha keeping in view potential of the local area.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
80. Government has proposed to merge three public sectors insurance companies into single insurance entity. Which of the following is not among those three?
- (a) National Insurance Company Ltd
- (b) United India Insurance Company Ltd
- (c) Oriental India Insurance Company Ltd
- (d) The New India Assurance Company Ltd
81. Consider the following statements on Special Safeguard Mechanism:
- (1) It is a mechanism that would allow developing countries to temporarily increase tariffs on agricultural products in case of import surges.
- (2) This mechanism emerged during the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
82. Which one of the following statements is correct about Indian Parliamentary democracy?
- (1) All the ministers belong to the same political party or alliance of political parties that come together to form the government.
- (2) Ministers owe their allegiance to different political organisations.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

83. Consider the following statements regarding 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat':
- (1) It was launched on the 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- (2) Objective of the programme is to celebrate unity in diversity and showcase our rich cultural heritage.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
84. India for the first time jumped into the top hundred in the world's 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking 2018. In which of the following indices India lags behind?
- (a) Protecting minority investors  
(b) Obtaining credit  
(c) Getting electricity  
(d) Enforcing contracts
85. Consider the following statements:
- (1) The President of cannot appoint the Ministers without the advice of the Prime Minister.
- (2) The Solicitor – General is the highest legal authority of the Union Government.
- (3) In a Parliamentary democracy, the Prime Minister is the keystone in the cabinet arch.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 1, 2 and 3
86. How does the writ jurisdiction of the Supreme Court differ from the writ jurisdiction of the High Court?
- (a) Supreme Court can issue writs for the enforcement of both Fundamental Rights and legal rights, but High Courts can issue writs only for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights.
- (b) The territorial jurisdiction of the Supreme Court's writs is wider than the High Court's writs.
- (c) High Court shall not refuse to exercise their writ jurisdiction
- (d) All of the above
87. Consider the following statements regarding research in India:
- (1) Public expenditure in India on Research and Development (R&D) as a fraction of GDP has remained largely stagnant in the past two decades.
- (2) In India, share of public expenditure is dominant as compared to private investment in Research and Development (R&D).
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2
88. Consider the following statements on the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) :
- (1) The PESA empowers the Gram Sabhas and the Gram Panchayats to take charge of village administration.
- (2) It empowers them to protect community resources.
- (3) It authorises them to control social sector functionaries.
- (4) It allows them to own minor forest produce.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

<p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 3 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	
<p>89. 'Saubhagya Yojana' is related to:</p> <p>(a) Electricity connection to Below Poverty Line (BPL)</p> <p>(b) Financial assistance to mothers from BPL families on birth of girl child.</p> <p>(c) One lakh rupees of scholarship for BPL girl seeking admission into Ph.D</p> <p>(d) Rs. One lakh financial aid to BPL girl for marriage after completion of graduation.</p>	<p>92. Consider the following statements with regard to MSME sector in India:</p> <p>(1) Share of MSME sector in our country's GVA is approximately one-third.</p> <p>(2) Introduction of GST and demonetization has led to massive formalization of MSMEs.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
<p>90. Consider the following statements about the functions of Municipal Planning Committees:</p> <p>(1) Preparation of plans for economic development and social justice</p> <p>(2) Implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>93. Which of the following are not departments of the Ministry of Finance?</p> <p>(1) Department of Economic Affairs</p> <p>(2) Department of Banking</p> <p>(3) Department of Expenditure</p> <p>(4) Department of Revenue</p> <p>(5) Department of Budget</p> <p>Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 2 and 3                      (b) 3 and 4</p> <p>(c) 2 and 5                      (d) 3 and 5</p>
<p>91. Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) The President shall make rules for the more convenient translation of the business of government of India, and for the allocation of the said business among ministers.</p> <p>(2) All executives actions of the Government of India shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Which of the above statements is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only                      (b) 2 only</p> <p>(c) Both 1 and 2              (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>94. Consider the following statements regarding 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana':</p> <p>(1) Scheme is designed to provides regular pension scheme to senior citizens above 60 years.</p> <p>(2) Budget proposed to keep it open for investment till March 2020.</p> <p>(3) The limit for investment by an individual doubled to Rs. 15 lakh.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 and 3</p> <p>(c) 1 only                      (d) 1, 2 and 3</p>

95. Which of the following are features of the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act on Municipalities?
- (1) Reservation of seats for SCs and STs in proportion of their population in Municipal area.
- (2) One-third of the seats shall be reserved for women, excluding the number of seats reserved for SC and ST women.
- (3) The Act provides for the manner of reservation of offices of Chairpersons in the Municipalities for SCs, STs and women.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1, 2 and 3                      (b) 1 only
- (c) 1 and 2                          (d) 1 and 3
96. Which of the following is incorrect about a Cantonment Board?
- (a) It is created by an executive resolution.
- (b) It is established for municipal administration for civil population in the cantonment area.
- (c) It works under the administrative control of the Union Defence Ministry.
- (d) A cantonment board consists of partly elected and partly nominated members.
97. Assertion (A): India's 'Investment slowdown' reversal is relatively difficult.
- Reason (R) : Investment slowdown in India largely stems from the balance sheet problem
- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) A is false but R is true.
98. Which of the following writs is not specifically provided in the Constitution of India?
- (a) Mandamus                      (b) Injunction
- (c) Prohibition                    (d) Quo Warranto
99. Consider the following statements regarding Ayushman Bharat Programme:
- (1) Under this Programme, Health and Wellness Centres will provide comprehensive health care including for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health care.
- (2) Health and Wellness Centres will also provide free essential drugs and diagnostic services.
- (3) National Health Protection Scheme will provide coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakh per family for primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitalization
- (4) Ayushman Bharat Programme envisions building new India by 2022.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 3                          (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 2 and 4                      (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
100. Among the Eight Core Industries, which has the highest weightage in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?
- (a) Coal production
- (b) Electricity generation
- (c) Fertilizer production
- (d) Steel production