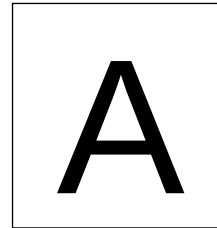


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**TEST BOOKLET
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**



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1. Consider the following statements regarding Shadow zones of earthquakes:
 1. P-waves are not detected beyond 104° degrees from the focus due to refraction at the mantle-core boundary.
 2. S waves cannot pass through the solid outer core and are not detected between 105-145 degrees from the focus.
 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
2. Winter Solstice happens in the Northern Hemisphere when:
 - (a) the South Pole is tilted away from the Sun
 - (b) the North Pole is tilted away from the Sun
 - (c) the Sun's rays are directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer
 - (d) the Northern Hemisphere experiences the longest day
3. Consider the following statements:
 1. A time zone is a region of the globe that observes uniform standard time.
 2. Time along a particular latitude always remains the same.
 3. India follows 82.5 degrees West Meridian as the standard reference.
 How many statements given above are correct?
 (a) Only one (b) Only two
 (c) All three (d) None
4. With reference to plate tectonics theory, consider the following statements:
 1. It was proposed by American geologist Harry Hess in 1961.
 2. Plates are composed of both continental and oceanic crust.
 3. The movement of the hot softened mantle below the crust causes the plate movement.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
5. Which among the following landforms is/are formed at transform plate boundaries?
 1. Faults
 2. Oceanic Trench
 3. Volcanoes
 Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 only (d) 2 only
6. Consider the following statements about landforms:
 1. Cinder
 2. Composite cone
 3. Phacolith
 4. Crater
 5. Sills
 Which of the landforms given above are extrusive volcanic landforms?
 (a) 1, 4 and 5 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 2, 3 and 5 only
7. Consider the following pairs:
 1. Meteoroids: A shooting star that enters Earth's atmosphere and burns up
 2. Meteors: Rock still in space
 3. Meteorites: A meteoroid that hits the ground.
 How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
 (a) Only one pair (b) Only two pairs
 (c) All three pairs (d) None of the pairs
8. In the context of the formation of soil consider the following statements:
 1. Climatic factors influence the rate of weathering.
 2. Flora, fauna, and micro-organisms affect the rate of humus formation.
 3. Parent rocks determine the texture and permeability of soil.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
9. Consider the following pairs:

Name of Tropical Cyclones — Region

1. Typhoons — Indian Ocean
 2. Cyclones — South China Sea
 3. Hurricane — United States of America
 4. Willy-willy — Australia
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
10. Consider the following statements regarding forces affecting the movement of wind:
1. In the movement of wind the Coriolis force acts parallel to the direction of the pressure gradient force.
 2. When there is no friction and the pressure gradient force is balanced by the Coriolis force, the resultant wind is known as the geostrophic wind.
- 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
11. Consider the following statements regarding the Himalayan and Peninsular rivers:
1. The peninsular rivers exhibit greater meandering tendencies and shift their course more frequently than the Himalayan rivers.
 2. Himalayan rivers form a dendritic pattern in plains while peninsular rivers form trellis, radial and rectangular patterns.
- 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
12. With reference to the Indus river, consider the following statements:
1. It originates from a glacier in the Kailash Mountain range.
 2. The Satluj is the largest tributary of the Indus.
 3. The Indus flows in India only through the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
13. Red and Yellow soils are widely prevalent in the Deccan Plateau. With reference to these soils, consider the following statements:
1. They develop on crystalline igneous rocks in areas of low rainfall.
 2. The reddish color of the soil is due to the diffusion of Iron.
- 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
14. Which of the following islands is the largest of the Lakshadweep islands?
- (a) Andrott Island (b) Agatti Island
(c) Kavaratti Island (d) Minicoy Island
15. 'Shompen tribes' recently seen in news are from which state/UT?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Assam
(c) Lakshadweep
(d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
16. Arrange the following coasts of the western coastal plains from north to south:
1. Kathiawar coast 2. Konkan coast
 3. Kachchh coast 4. Malabar coast
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 3-1-2-4 (b) 3-2-1-4
(c) 1-2-4-3 (d) 1-4-2-3
17. Arrange the following states/UTs of India in descending order as per the length of their coastline:
1. Andhra Pradesh
 2. Maharashtra
 3. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 4. Gujarat

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

18. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the following tributaries of Ganga from west to east?

- (a) Gomati-Ghaghara-Gandak-Kosi
(b) Ghaghara-Gomati-Gandak-Kosi
(c) Gomati-Gandak-Kosi-Ghaghara
(d) Gandak-Gomati-Ghaghara-Kosi

19. Consider the following statements regarding La Niña:

1. During La Niña, trade winds are even stronger than usual, pushing more warm water toward Asia.

2. La Niña causes drought-like conditions in the Indian sub-continent.

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

20. With reference to ocean currents, consider the following statements:

1. Labrador current is a cold ocean current flowing from the Arctic Ocean south along the east coast of Canada.

2. Kuroshio Current is a north-flowing warm current off the coast of Japan in the Pacific Ocean.

3. The Gulf Stream is a warm current that flows from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic coast of Europe.

4. Agulhas Current is a warm current found along the east coast of Africa.

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

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

21. Arrange the following metals in increasing effectiveness as sacrificial anodes for iron.

1. Aluminium. 2. Zinc
3. Magnesium. 4. Tin

Select the correct answer using the code below.

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

22. Arrange the following in increasing order of degree of ionization in water:

1. NaOH. 2. $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$
3. $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

Select the correct answer using the code below.

- (a) 1–2–3. (b) 2–3–1
(c) 3–2–1. (d) 3–1–2

23. Suppose four test tubes are labelled as follows:

A. contains distilled water.

B. contains ferric hydroxide solution.

C. contains a carbonic acid solution.

D. contains sodium chloride solution.

Phenolphthalein solution will turn pink in:

- (a) A only (b) B only
(c) C only. (d) D only

24. Consider the following statements:

1. Plaster of Paris hardens when mixed with water.

2. During hardening, Plaster of Paris is converted into gypsum. Ten water of crystallization is added to it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2, and 2 correctly explains 1
(d) Both 1 and 2, but 2 does not explain 1

25. Assertion (A): Lower carboxylic acids are highly soluble in water.

Reason (R): They form hydrogen bonds with water molecules through the $-\text{COOH}$ group.

- (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.

26. If two samples are both at 0°C , one consisting of ice and the other of water, then:
 (a) The ice contains more thermal energy.
 (b) Both contain equal thermal energy.
 (c) The water contains more internal energy due to latent heat.
 (d) The ice has greater molecular motion.
27. Consider the following statements about calcium cyanamide (nitrolim):
 1. Nitrolim supplies nitrogen to crops and improves soil Structure.
 2. Weedicide
 3. Fungicide
 Which of the above is/are uses of nitrolim:
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
28. Pumice stone is an example of which kind of colloidal solution?
 (a) Emulsion. (b) foam
 (c) solid sol (d) Aerosol
29. Which one of the following solutions has the highest mass by mass percentage of solute?
 (a) 5 g solute in 95 g water
 (b) 10 g solute in 190 g water
 (c) 20 g solute in 180 g water
 (d) 15 g solute in 185 g water
30. Which of the following is **not** a strong acid:
 (a) Hydroiodic acid (HI)
 (b) Hydrofluoric acid (HF)
 (c) nitric acid (HNO_3)
 (d) Hydrochloric acid (HCl)
31. Keeping a fixed incident ray of light, if a plane mirror is rotated with an angle of 20° , the reflected ray will turn by which among the following values?
 (a) 10° (b) 20°
 (c) 30° (d) 40°
32. A boy completes one round of a circular track of diameter 200 m in 30 s. What will be the displacement at the end of 3 minutes 45 s?
 (a) 200 m (b) 400 m
- (c) 100 m (d) 236 m
33. A convex lens has a focal length of 15 cm. At what distance should an object be placed in front of the lens to get a real image of the same size of the object?
 (a) 15 cm (b) 10 cm
 (c) 30 cm (d) 40cm
34. A sound wave having frequency of 300 Hz is travelling in an unknown medium. Its wavelength is not known. It travels a distance equal to 150 times its wavelength in time t. The value of t is:
 (a) 0.5s (b) 18s
 (c) 1.5s (d) 28
35. When a light ray enters into a glass medium from water at an angle of incidence 0° , What would be the angle of refraction?
 (a) 90°
 (b) 45°
 (c) 0°
 (d) The ray will not enter at all
36. If an object is at rest, then the time (X-axis) versus the distance (Y-axis) graph
 (a) is vertical
 (b) is horizontal
 (c) has 45° positive slope
 (d) has 45° negative slope
37. Which one of the following does not convert electrical energy into light energy?
 (a) A candle
 (b) A light emitting diode
 (c) A laser
 (d) A television set
38. We are given three copper wires of different lengths and different areas of cross section. Which one of the following would have highest resistivity?
 (a) Copper wire of 50 cm length and 1 mm diameter
 (b) Copper wire of 25 cm length and 0.5 mm diameter

- (c) Copper wire of 10 cm length and 2.0 mm diameter
(d) All the wires would have same resistivity.
39. A non-spherical shining spoon can generally be considered as a
(a) Spherical mirror (b) Parabolic mirror
(c) Plane mirror (d) Lens
40. A container is filled with water at 4°C. The water will overflow if the temperature of water is ____:
(a) Increased
(b) Decreased
(c) Increased or decreased
(d) None of them
41. Which one of the following laws of electromagnetism does not give the direction of magnetic field?
(a) Right-hand thumb rule
(b) Fleming's left-hand rule
(c) Fleming's right-hand rule
(d) Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction
42. Which one of the following statements is not correct?
(a) Sound waves in gases are longitudinal in nature
(b) Sound waves having frequency below 20 Hz are known as ultrasonic waves
(c) Sound waves having higher amplitudes are louder
(d) Sound waves with high audible frequencies are sharp
43. Consider the following statements:
Statement-I: The leader of the largest Opposition party having not less than one-tenth seats of the total strength of the House is recognized as the leader of the Opposition.
Statement II: The Original Constitution defines who can be called the Leader of the Opposition.
Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

44. Consider the following pairs:

Famous Treaty	War
1. Treaty of Wadgaon :	First Anglo-Maratha war
2. Treaty of Bassein :	Second Anglo-Sikh war
3. Treaty of Seringapatnam:	Third Anglo-Mysore war

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

45. Consider the following pairs:

Congress Resolutions	Associated Congress President
1. Resolution on Fundamental Rights:	Vallabhai Patel
2. Resolution on National Economic Programme:	Jawaharlal Nehru
3. Resolution on National Planning Committee:	Subhash Chandra Bose

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

46. Consider the following countries:

1. Peru 2. Chile
3. Bolivia

How many of the above countries' coastal areas are washed by the Humboldt Current?

- (a) Only one (b) Only two

- (c) All three (d) None
47. With reference to personal income, consider the following:
1. Undistributed profits
 2. Taxes on social security
 3. Unemployment benefits
 4. Corporate taxes
- How many of the above are parts of income earned but not received?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) Only three (d) All four
48. In the context of economics, the term 'cantillon effect' best explains the relationship between which of the following?
- (a) Exchange rate and external trade
(b) Inflation and growth rate
(c) Inflation and foreign reserves
(d) Money supply and purchasing power
49. Consider the following:
1. Irrigation
 2. Agriculture
 3. Excise
- How many of the above were included in the reserved list of Provincial Government under Government of India act, 1919?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
50. Consider the following statements about the Parliamentary Sessions in India:
1. The gap between any two sessions of Parliament should not exceed six months.
 2. As per Article 85 (1) of the Indian Constitution, the Speaker shall from time to time summon the Lok Sabha to meet.
- 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
51. Consider the following statements with reference to the Law Commission of India:
1. It is a statutory body.
 2. The Commission works on projects based on references received from the

Central Government, Supreme court, and High courts.

3. The reports of the Law Commission are laid in Parliament by the President.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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

52. With reference to the Delhi Sultanate, consider the following pairs:

Department	Function
1. Diwan-i-Wizarat :	Administration of justice
2. Diwan-i-Ariz :	Administration of the army
3. Diwan-i-Insha :	Administration of agricultural affairs

How many of the pairs given above are not correctly matched?

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

53. Consider the following constitutional offices:

1. The Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
2. Attorney General of India
3. Judges of the Supreme Court
4. Comptroller and Auditor General of India

The Second Schedule of the Indian Constitution contains the provisions relating to the emoluments of how many of the above offices?

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

54. Under the Constitution of India, the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) is subject to how many of the following reasonable restrictions?

1. Contempt of court
2. Public health
3. Protection of the interests of Scheduled Tribes (STs)

4. Security of the State

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

55. Consider the following statements:

1. It is home to one of Ashoka's six Major Pillar edicts inscribed in Brahmi script and Pali language.

2. It contains a Sanskrit rock inscription attributed to the Saka ruler Rudradaman.

3. It is a sacred place for Jains and Hindus. Which of the following mountain/hills has been described in the statements given above?

- (a) Udayagiri hill (b) Girnar Hills
(c) Horsley Hills (d) Anantagiri Hills

56. Which of the following provisions was not added to the Indian Constitution under the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976, which is often called the mini-Constitution?

- (a) It made the President bound to the advice of the cabinet.
(b) It provided for the creation of the All-India Judicial Services.
(c) It extended the one-time duration of the President's rule in a state from 6 months to one year.
(d) It lowered the minimum age of the voters from 21 years to 18 years.

57. Consider the following with reference to high-powered money:

1. Time deposits with commercial banks
2. Currency in circulation
3. Bankers deposits with Reserve Bank of India

How many of the above are the components of high-powered money?

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

58. The Constitution of India came into force on January 26th, 1950. In this context, what were the roles played by S.N. Mukherjee and B.N. Rau?

(a) They were the calligrapher and designer respectively.

(b) They were the chairman of the drafting committee and the legal advisor to the constituent assembly respectively.

(c) They were the legal advisor to the constituent assembly respectively and the calligrapher respectively.

(d) They were the chief draftsman of the constitution and the legal advisor to the constituent assembly respectively

59. Consider the following pairs:

Book	Written by
1. The Golden Threshold	Sarojini Naidu
2. Hind Swaraj :	Mahatma Gandhi
3. Unhappy India :	Lala Lajpat Rai

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

60. Consider the following statements regarding

the Payment Banks:

1. These banks can avail the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) Facility.
2. These banks are allowed to issue debit cards and third party fund transfers.
3. These banks can accept fixed deposits only upto ₹1 lakh per customer.

Which of the statements given above is/are

correct?

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

61. Consider the following statements regarding

the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) in an economy:

1. It enhances productive capacity in the long term.
2. It leads to crowding out of private investment.
3. It strengthens the aggregate demand in

- the economy.
How many of the statements given above are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
62. Consider the following statements regarding the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF):
1. It removes the binding constraint on RBI to show government securities on the balance sheet.
2. All the participants who are eligible for LAF (Liquidity Adjustment Facility) are also eligible for SDF.
3. It is operated during the market hours.
How many of the above statements are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
63. How many of the following are covered under Revenue Expenditure in an economy?
1. Fertilizer subsidy
2. Construction of National Highways
3. Interest payments
Select the correct answer using the code given below.
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
64. Consider the following statements:
1. Fiscal deficit refers to the difference between a government's total revenue and expenses in a given fiscal year.
2. The fiscal deficit as a percent of the GDP of India has consistently increased in the last five years.
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
65. Under which category of the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on agriculture would the implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) by India likely fall?
(a) Amber box (b) Green box
(c) Blue box (d) None
66. In the context of the advent of Europeans in India, who among the following had followed a practice of issuing "cartaz", which was a kind of permit to ply ships in the Asian waters without which the ships were liable to be confiscated and the cargo plundered?
(a) Dutch (b) Portuguese
(c) French (d) Mughals
67. In the context of Indian history, the Hartog Committee of 1929 was related to
(a) Examining the recommendations of the Simon Commission.
(b) Examining the charges levelled against the members of the Hindustan Republic Association.
(c) Report on the development in the field of education.
(d) Improving the service conditions of the Indian policemen.
68. With reference to Indian politics, consider the following statements about the national party's status:
1. A party recognized as a state party in at least three states can be deemed a National Party.
2. National party can have a maximum of 40 'star campaigners'.
3. Currently, India has more than 10 national political parties.
How many of the statements given above are correct?
(a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
69. With reference to the office of Governor, consider the following statements:
1. According to the Constitution of India, a person can be governor of only one state

- at a time.
2. The governor is completely bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers.
3. Like the President, governors have no constitutional discretionary powers.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one (b) Only two
(c) All three (d) None
70. The ruler of which of the following princely states had decided to turn his state into a democracy and got the constitution of his state drafted by Gandhiji in 1939?
- (a) Baroda (b) Aundh
(c) Junagadh (d) Rajkot
71. Which of the following factors generate ocean currents?
1. Rotation of the earth
 2. Configuration of coastline
 3. Difference in salinity of ocean water
 4. Revolution of the earth
 5. Planetary winds
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.
- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only (b) 2, 3 and 5 only
(c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 3 and 5 only
72. Which of the following is the prominent essence of the Indian preamble?
- (a) Separation of powers
(b) Protection of rights of the state
(c) Supremacy of the constitution
(d) Parliamentary supremacy
73. World's richest monazite (from which Thorium is mainly obtained) deposits in India are located in
- (a) Kerala (b) Gujarat
(c) Assam (d) Karnataka
74. With reference to phases of population growth in India, consider the following statements:
1. The decades 1901–1921 are referred to as the period of stagnant growth.
 2. The decades 1921–1951 are referred to as the period of population explosion.
- 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
75. Consider the following statements with reference to Dryland farming in India:
1. It is largely confined to regions having an annual rainfall of less than 100 cm.
 2. These regions grow hardy and droughtresistant crops such as ragi, bajra, moong, gram and guar.
- 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
76. Consider the following statements:
1. Mixed farming is found in highly developed parts of the world.
 2. The system in which the farmers specialize in vegetables is known as truck farming.
 3. In the Kolkhoz model of farming, the individual farmers held small plots to meet their daily requirements.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
77. With reference to the distribution of vegetation in the world, consider the following statements:
1. Mediterranean regions are dominated by the presence of short trees with scanty leaves.
 2. The Savanna vegetation is termed as 'selvas' due to its presence of trees along with grasses.
 3. The transition of steppe vegetation is characterized by the presence of trees towards the poles and shorter grass

towards the equator.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

78. Arrange the following ports in India in a North-South direction:

1. Kandla (Deendayal Port Authority)
2. Vishakhapatnam
3. Marmagao
4. Tuticorin
5. Mangaluru

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

79. Consider the following pairs with reference to pillars of human development:

Pillar	Description
1. Equity	: Equal access to Opportunities available to everybody
2. Empowerment	: To have the power to make choices
3. Sustainability	: continuity in the availability of opportunities
4. Productivity	: a measure of output per unit of input.

How many of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

80. Consider the following pairs:

Waterways	Drains into
1. Rhine	: North Sea
2. Volga Waterway	: Black sea
3. Mississippi-Ohio	: Gulf of Mexico waterway

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

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

81. Consider the following pairs:

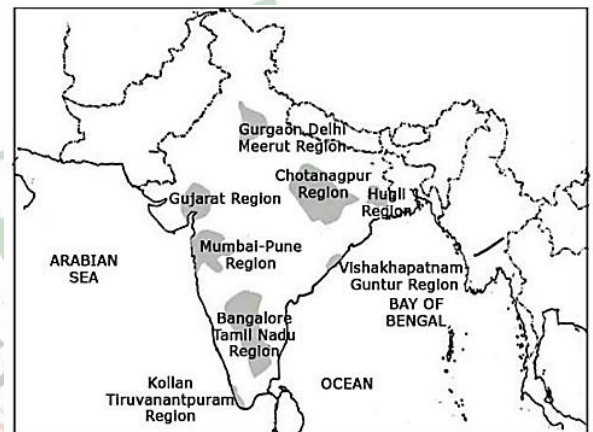
Shifting Practised in the region cultivation

1. Milpa : Indonesia
2. Ladang : Central America
3. Jhuming : North Eastern India
4. Taungya : Sri Lanka

How many pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

82. Which of the following is referred to in the below-given map?



- (a) Major industrial regions
(b) Minor industrial regions
(c) IT hubs of India
(d) Major mining areas

83. Consider the following pairs:

Schedule	Provisions
1. 4th Schedule	: Allocation of seats in the Rajya Sabha to the states and the Union Territories
2. 6th Schedule	: Provisions relating to the administration and control of Scheduled Areas
3. 10th Schedule	: Provisions relating to disqualification of the members of the Parliament

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

84. In the context of historical underpinnings of the Indian constitution, which of the following Acts introduced ordinances for the first time?

- (a) Indian Councils Act of 1892
(b) Indian Councils Act of 1861
(c) Government of India Act of 1919
(d) Government of India Act of 1909

85. Which of the following are the advantages of parliamentary democracy?

1. Responsible Government
2. Wide Representation
3. Strict Separation of powers
4. Harmony Between Legislature and Executive

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

86. With reference to fundamental duties, consider the following statements:

1. To provide opportunities for education to his child or ward between the age of six and fourteen years has been part of the original list of duties enacted through the 42nd amendment act.

2. To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so, is not included under fundamental duties.

3. The Constitution does not provide for their direct enforcement by the court.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

87. Consider the following pairs:

Port	Well known as
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1. Kochi port	India's first transshipment terminal
2. Kolkata port	India's sole riverine major port
3. Vadhavan port	India's 12th major port

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
(b) Only two pairs
(c) All three pairs
(d) None of the pairs

88. In the southern hemisphere, the longest day of the year normally occurs in the

- (a) Second half of month of December
(b) First half of month of December
(c) First half of month of June
(d) Second half of month of June

89. With reference to the Indian History, Abdur Razzaq Samarqandi, Francois Bernier, Peter Mundy, were

- (a) Court historians
(b) Travellers to India
(c) Arabic scholars
(d) Invaders

90. With reference to the cave traditions of India Mahajanak Jataka, Umag Jataka and Mara Vijaya can be found in which of the following caves?

- (a) Ellora Caves
(b) Ajanta Caves
(c) Elephanta Caves
(d) Bagh Caves

91. With reference to Indian History, consider the following statements:

1. The English, French and Dutch established their factories at Masulipatnam.

2. Alfonso de Albuquerque introduced the Blue Water Policy in India.

3. Rudolf Aquaviva and Antonio Monserrate visited the court of Jahangir.

- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) None
92. Which one of the following explains the term 'Shalabhanjika'?
- (a) Bhikkuni in the Buddhist sangha.
(b) Stone sculpture at the Elephanta Caves.
(c) Incarnation of river goddess usually found at the entrance of a garbhagriha in a Nagara temple.
(d) Woman whose touch caused tree to flower and bear fruit.
93. Which of the following statements is not correct with reference to Swami Vivekananda?
- (a) He introduced Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world.
(b) He represented India in the first Parliament of Religion held in Chicago (U.S.) in 1893.
(c) He joined Ramakrishna Mission in 1887, an organisation established by his Guru Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa.
(d) His nationalism is deeply rooted in Indian spirituality and morality.
94. Which form of power sharing is characterized by the division of power between the central government and the state governments, where each level of government has its own sphere of authority and responsibility?
- (a) Unitarism (b) Federalism
(c) Autocracy (d) Oligarchy
95. If a 13-year-old child is working in a carpets manufacturing factory, which of the following fundamental rights is being violated in this situation?
- (a) Right to Equality
(b) Right to Freedom
(c) Right against Exploitation
(d) Right to Constitutional Remedies
96. Consider the following :
- | | |
|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Religion | 2. Race |
| 3. Caste | 4. Sex |
| 5. Place of birth | 6. Merit |
- How many of the above forms of discrimination are prohibited under article 15 of the Indian constitution?
- (a) Only two (b) Only three
(c) Only four (d) Only five
97. Consider the following statements:
Statement-I: The Democratic form of government improves the quality of decision making.
Statement-II: A democratic government is a better government because it is more accountable form of government.
Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?
- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
(c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
(d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
98. The journal 'Young India' was published by
- (a) Annie Besant
(b) M.K. Gandhi
(c) Lala Lajpat Rai
(d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
99. Consider the following pairs:
- | Plan | Prominent Feature |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Second Five-year Plan | Growth with stability |
| 2. Fourth Five-year Plan | Nehru-Mahalanobis model |
| 3. Sixth Five-year Plan | Removal of poverty and attainment of self-reliance |
| 4. Eighth Five-year Plan | High growth of agriculture and |

	allied sector
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How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

100. Which of the following best describes "Total Fertility Rate (TFR)"?

- (a) The number of children born per woman during her reproductive years.
(b) The number of children born per woman during her entire lifetime.
(c) The number of children born to a couple within the first five years of marriage.
(d) The number of live births per 1,000 people in a given year.

101. Consider the following pairs with reference to soil conservation methods :

Term	Described as
1. Mulching	The bare ground between plants is covered with a layer of organic matter like straw
2. Contour Barriers	Broad flat steps or terraces are made on the steep slopes
3. Intercropping	Different crops are grown in alternate rows

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

102. Consider the following:

- In the twentieth century, with the growth of nationalism, that the identity of India came to be visually associated with the image of Bharat Mata.
- In the 1870s Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote 'Vande Mataram' as a hymn to the motherland.

3. The painting of Bharat Mata was originally created by Raja Ravi Verma. How many of the above statements are correct?

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

103. Which of the following rulers of Medieval India has composed a work on state craft known as the 'Amuktamalyada'?

- (a) Harihar
(b) Bukka
(c) Deva Raya II
(d) Krishna Deva Raya

104. The classification of lands as 'Polaj', 'Parauti', 'Chachar' and 'Banjar' was done in the reign of

- (a) Akbar
(b) Sher Shah Suri
(c) Mohammad bin Tughlaq
(d) Allaudin Khilji

105. With reference to Lingayat sect, consider the following statements :

- They worship Shiva in a formless and genderless form.
- They do not practice funerary rites such as cremation and perform burial of the dead.
- They challenged the idea of caste and Brahmanical supremacy.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

106. With reference to the cultural history of India, which one of the following is the correct description of the term 'Khanqah'?

- (a) The tomb of a Sufi saint
(b) A Sufi lodge, used as rest house for travellers
(c) An open prayer place of Muslims
(d) The shrine of Muslim ulemas

107. Which of the following best describes the fundamental characteristics of a socialist economy?

- (a) Minimal government intervention in economic activities
- (b) Private ownership of the means of production
- (c) Income and wealth equality
- (d) Central planning and control of resources

108. With reference to the Green Revolution, consider the following statements:

1. The spread of green revolution technology enabled India to achieve self-sufficiency in food grains.
2. The use of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds was restricted to the more affluent states such as Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.
3. It increased the disparities between small and big farmers.

How many of the above statements are correct?

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

109. Consider the following particulars :

1. Right to be informed
2. Right to be protected
3. Right to seek redressal
4. Right to be assured
5. Right to emergency medical aid

How many of the above-mentioned rights are provided under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019?

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

110. Which of the following best describe the term 'Disguised Unemployment'?

- (a) When the work requires the service of two people but eight people are engaged.
- (b) When highly educated youth engaged in low paying jobs.

(c) When disruptive technology like AI and Quantum computing makes the unskilled and semi-skilled jobless.

(d) When people are not able to find a job during some months of the year.

111. Which one of the following best describes the concept of 'Opportunity Cost' in economic terms?

- (a) The actual cost of producing a good or service.
- (b) The financial cost of an economic decision.
- (c) The value of the next best alternative foregone when making a choice.
- (d) The total expenses incurred in a business venture.

112. Consider the following pairs :

Desert	Location
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|------------|---------------|
| 1. Mojave | North America |
| 2. Simpson | South America |
| 3. Namib | Africa |

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

113. Consider the following statements regarding international Yoga Day 2026:

1. International Yoga Day is observed on 21 June, proposed by PM Modi at the UN General Assembly on 27 September 2014, with the first celebration in 2015.
 2. The theme for 2026 is "Yoga for Ageing".
- 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

114. Which country became the first Arab nation to introduce a nationwide minimum age requirement of 15 years for social media access?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) United Arab Emirates
- (c) Qatar
- (d) Kuwait

115. Consider the following statements regarding the Zojila Tunnel:

1. The Zojila Tunnel is under construction on the Srinagar-Leh Highway, connecting Baltal to Meenamarg.
2. Once completed, it will be the world's longest single-tube bi-directional road tunnel at such high altitude, reducing travel time from ~3.5 hours to 15-20 minutes.

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

116. The Kirthai-II Hydroelectric Project is situated on which river?

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

117. Fotu La Pass is located in which mountain range?

- (a) Pir Panjal Range
(b) Great Himalayan Range

- (c) Zaskar Range
(d) Ladakh Range

118. What is the revised base year for the new Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series introduced by India in 2026?

- (a) 2011-12 (b) 2015-16
(c) 2022-23 (d) 2024-25

119. Arrange the following gallantry awards in the correct order of precedence (highest to lowest):

- I. Param Vir Chakra II. Ashoka Chakra
III. Mahavir Chakra IV. Kirti Chakra
V. Vir Chakra VI. Shaurya Chakra

Select the correct answer given below:

- (a) I, III, II, V, IV, VI (b) I, II, III, IV, V, VI
(c) I, II, III, V, IV, VI (d) II, I, III, IV, V, VI

120. Who became the first Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess title in 2026?

- (a) Viswanathan Anand
(b) D Gukesh
(c) R Praggnanandhaa
(d) Arjun Erigaisi

ANSWER KEY

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11.	b	12.	c	13.	c	14.	a	15.	d	16.	a	17.	a	18.	a	19.	a	20.	d
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