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GENERAL STUDIES TEST SERIES

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION - 2018

TEST 4: CURRENT AFFAIRS - I

Time Allowed: Two Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

Instructions:

1. This Test Booklet contains 100 items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best.
2. All items carry equal marks.
3. Mark your answer on the Answer Sheet provided separately. For marking your answer darken the circle against the option by using a Pencil.
4. **Penalty for wrong Answers:**

THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS

- (1) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- (2) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
- (3) If a question is left blank i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for the question.

Q1. Consider the following statements about Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) Summit:

1. It was held at Mexico.
2. It is successor of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005–2015).
3. GPDRR is global forum for reviewing of progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q2. Combustible ice is a frozen mixture, consists of which gas?

- (a) Methane hydrate
(b) Methyl hydrate
(c) Methyl hydride
(d) Methane hydride

Q3. Consider the following statements about recently launched VAJRA Scheme:

1. It enables NRIs and overseas scientific community to participate and contribute to research and development in India.
2. Any NRI or otherwise can collaborate with faculties in public funded Indian institutions only.
3. It is implemented by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) of India.

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q4. Which of the following statement(s) is/are incorrect about the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 which was in news recently?

1. The bill prohibits commercial and altruistic surrogacy.
2. The intending couple should have a 'certificate of essentiality' and a 'certificate of eligibility' issued by the appropriate authority.
3. Insurance coverage for the surrogate mother is a must.

Select the correct code:

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

Q5. Consider the following about the Fuel Administered Price Mechanism:

1. The APM was created after the Government nationalized the international oil majors
2. In Administered Pricing, under the cost plus formula, prices of all petroleum products are fixed
3. Cross subsidization among petroleum products was in existence under the administered pricing mechanism
4. Recently, Administered Price Mechanism (APM) for petrol and diesel were dismantled by the government.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Q6. LIGO-India project is envisaged as an international collaboration between the LIGO project of USA and lead institutions of India, which is/are?

1. Institute of Plasma Research (IPR) Gandhinagar.
2. Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA).
3. Pune and Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT), Indore.

Select the correct code:

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding SATH programme:

1. It has been launched by Ministry of Human Resource Development.
2. It is an initiative through which NITI Ayoga will partner with three states and turn them into role models for other states by helping them improve their education and health sectors.

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

Q8. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about City Liveability Index?

1. The Ministry of Urban Development has launched the 'City Liveability Index' for measuring the quality of life in 116 major cities with a population of above one million each.
2. The cities will be assessed on a comprehensive set of 79 parameters, including availability of roads, education, healthcare etc.

Select the correct code:

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

Q9. Which of the following ILO Conventions on Child Labour have been ratified by India recently?

1. Equal Remuneration convention.
2. Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) convention relating to removing discrimination between men and women in employment and occupation.
3. The Minimum Age Convention.
4. The Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention.

Select the correct code:

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

Q10. The Agaria Community belongs to:

- (a) A traditional toddy tappers community of Andhra Pradesh
- (b) A traditional fishing community of Maharashtra
- (c) A traditional silk-weaving community of Karnataka
- (d) A traditional salt-pan workers community of Gujarat

Q11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Representation of the People Act bar political parties from receiving foreign funds.
2. The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act bar political parties from receiving foreign funds.

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

Q12. Consider the following statements:

1. Promoting sprinkler-irrigation among agriculturists in water-scarce and hill regions.
2. Promoting the utilisation of renewable energy in irrigation-intensive regions.
3. Providing some means of protective irrigation to all agricultural farms in the country.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are the main aim(s) of 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana'?

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

Q13. Section 139AA inserted in the Income Tax Act, which was in news recently deals with?

1. Provision of Aadhaar being mandatory for getting a PAN.
2. Provision of Aadhaar being mandatory for getting a GST number.

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

Q14. Recently Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved the membership of which of the following nations?

1. Ukraine
2. Colombia
3. Argentina
4. Madagascar
5. Tonga

Select the correct code:

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

Q15. Consider the following statements with reference to recently launched Cartosat-2 series satellite by ISRO:

1. Cartosat-2 is a remote sensing satellite.
2. It will be used for Land Information Systems (LIS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) applications.

3. It is also used in weather forecasting.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q16. Consider the following statements with reference to Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) which was in news recently:

1. The GES is a personal initiative of US President Barack Obama to bring entrepreneurs from across the globe on one platform.
2. The 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) is hosted by China.

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

Q17. Consider the following statements with reference to Global Entry Programme which was in news recently:

1. India recently signed to join this programme.
2. This scheme will allow expedited entry into the US to all travellers from India.

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

Q18. Recently Sachin Tendulkar has joined 'Super Dads' campaign, consider the following statements about the Campaign:

1. It is launched by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) that celebrates a father's essential role in a child's early cognitive development.
2. It will celebrate Father's Day and highlights the importance of love, play, protection and good nutrition for the healthy development of young children's brains.

Select the correct code:

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

Q19. Which of the statement(s) is/are correct regarding United Nation Ocean Conference?

1. The first high-level United Nations Conference hosted by USA at United Nations Headquarters in New York in June 2017.
2. The conference was held to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Select the correct code:

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

Q20. Which organization measures the Global Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index?

- (a) World Bank
(b) United Nations Development Programme.
(c) Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.
(d) United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Q21. Consider the following statements about India's first freight village:

1. It will be set up in New Delhi.
2. It is to be developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

Select the correct code:

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

Q22. Which Indian organisation has won the 2017 Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) Award?

- (a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
(b) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
(c) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Q23. Which of the following committees has been formed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on corporate governance?

- (a) Uday Kotak committee
(b) Naysa Modi committee
(c) Tejas Muthusamy committee
(d) Saketh Sundar committee

Q24. Recently ISRO has successfully launched GSAT-19 communication satellite, consider the following statements about GSAT-19:

1. It is launched by Vehicle Mark-III D-1 (GSLV-Mk III D-1) into Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO).
2. It is also called "Fat Boy" and developed to improve telecommunication and broadcasting areas.
3. The GSLV-Mk III is a four-stage rocket with cryogenic engine.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) None of the above

Q25. India's first-ever Rural LED Street Lighting Project will be set up in which of the following state?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Gujarat (d) Uttar Pradesh

Q26. Consider the following statements about India's first single-women pension scheme:

1. It is launched by Telangana Government.
2. Under it, a financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month to single women on humanitarian grounds.
3. This scheme is only for join's and divorced women.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q27. Recently "Green Thumb" initiative has been launched in India to promote green cover and to protect the environment on 2017 World Environment Day (WED). it is launched by:

- (a) Google (b) TATA Projects
(c) Microsoft (d) Reliance

Q28. Consider the following statements:

1. Austria has officially become the 29th member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
2. The main aim of NATO is to guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means.

3. Its headquarters is located at Brussels, Belgium.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q29. Match the following:

1. Mukurthi National Park (MNP): Tripura
2. Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary : Punjab
3. Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary : Tamil Nadu
4. Sri Venkateswara National Park : Andhra Pradesh

Which of the above is/are not correctly matched?

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

Q30. India and which United Nations organisations have launched partnership fund to promote sustainable development?

- (a) UNESCO (b) UNIDO
(c) UNOSSC (d) UNWTO

Q31. Which Indian personality has launched 'Selfie with Daughter' app to raise awareness among people about female foeticide and sex selection?

- (a) Narendra Modi
(b) Sushma Swaraj
(c) Maneka Gandhi
(d) Pranab Mukherjee

Q32. Consider the "Project Jal Sanchay", which was recently in news:

1. It is a water conservation model, has been selected for the national award for excellence in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGP).
2. The model is adopted successfully in Nalanda district of south central Bihar.
3. Under this check dams were created and traditional Aahar-Pyne irrigation system and traditional water bodies were desilted and renovated.

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

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

- (c) 1 and 3 only (d) None of the above

Q33. Which expert committee has been constituted to study free movement along Myanmar border?

- (a) V. Shashank Shekhar committee
(b) S. Jayaraman committee
(c) Rina Mitra committee
(d) Satyendra Garg committee

Q34. Which Indian state has highest number of child labourers, as per latest Child Rights and You (CRY) report 2017?

- (a) West Bengal
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Bihar

Q35. Consider the following statements:

1. PFRDA has launched digital enrolment process "APY@eNPS" for Atal Pension Yojna.
2. APY is for every citizen of India who is in the age group of 24-60 years.

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

Q36. Recently Union Government has launched ECBC (Energy Conservation Building Code) 2017, consider the following statements about ECBC 2017:

1. It prescribes energy performance standards for new commercial buildings to be constructed across India.
2. It is indigenously developed by Department of Science and Technology.

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

Q37. The Australian Walk Free Foundation's activities help achieve a target listed under which one of the following Sustainable Development Goals?

- (a) (Goal 8) Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and

productive employment and decent work for all.

- (b) (Goal 1) End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

- (c) (Goal 4) Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

- (d) (Goal 11) Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Q38. Which of the following activities has the 'States Division' of the Ministry of External Affairs – which fosters the principle of cooperative federalism and aims to facilitate and deepen the external linkages of the states/union territories – engaged in the recent past?

1. Sister City and Sister Province Agreements.
2. Facilitation of visits of foreign dignitaries to India.
3. Humanitarian Operations.

Select the correct code given below:

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

Q39. 'Agenda for Action 2020' is recently in the news in the context of strengthening the strategic partnership between India and:

- (a) ASEAN (b) BRICS
(c) European Union (d) G20

Q40. Consider the following statements:

1. PMGDISHA' will make one person from every eligible rural and urban poor household digitally literate.
2. Preference would be given to SC, ST, BPL, women, differently-abled persons and minorities.
3. It has been described as one of the largest digital literacy programmes of the world.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) All of the above

Q41. Investment Facilitation Mechanism (IFM), recently in news, is related to

- (a) WTO
- (b) G – 20
- (c) EU Investment in India
- (d) RCEP

Q42. Nitaqat scheme which protects its domestic work spaces from outsiders is of

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Oman
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) UAE

Q43. Himayat Scheme is aimed to

- (a) Provide corporate exposure to the youth of Left Wing Extremist Area
- (b) Skill training to local youth of J&K in job intensive vocational courses
- (c) To provide residential schooling facility to all children in J&K
- (d) For training and placement of rural poor youth from 27 LWE affected districts

Q44. Ishan Uday is:

- (a) A scholarship scheme for students of Northeast India
- (b) To provide exposure visits for talented students from the NE region for internship in IITs, NITs, and NIFTS.
- (c) A Scheme for Promotion of Organic Agriculture
- (d) Scheme to increase the food grain production in small category states.

Q45. Consider the following statements regarding hypoxia:

1. It refers to a reduced level of oxygen in the water.
2. Hypoxic zones can occur naturally.

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

Q46. ‘Deep Blue’ and ‘Deep Mind’ are terms sometimes seen in the news in the context of

- (a) Artificial Intelligence
- (b) Mining Deep Seabed Mineral Resources
- (c) Virtual reality courses
- (d) Poly metallic nodule mining areas

Q47. The Chabahar port opens out to the

- (a) Gulf of Aden
- (b) Strait of Hormuz
- (c) Persian Gulf
- (d) Gulf of Oman

Q48. The Union Government has recently launched ‘MERIT’ app. It is related to which of the following ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (b) Ministry of Culture
- (c) Ministry of Mines
- (d) Ministry of Power

Q49. Wari Warkari or Varkari (Pandharpur Wari) is a festival of which of the following community?

- (a) Sindhis
- (b) Gonds
- (c) Santhals
- (d) Marathas

Q50. India’s first legislative assembly (Vidhan Sabha) to become paperless belongs to the state of:

- (a) Assam
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Q51. Consider the following statements regarding Advance Pricing Agreement.

1. It is an agreement between taxpayers (corporates) and the central tax authority (in case of India it is CBDT)
2. One of the drawbacks of APA is that the taxpayer has no the option to roll back the APA.

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

Q52. Consider the statements regarding benefits of liquid nitrogen:

1. It is used to quickly freeze ingredients.
2. It is also used in cryogenic medical procedures like removing cancerous tissues

3. Its consumption is not harmful for human body.

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

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

Q53. Scientists from the Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) have developed gelator that can suck up oil and congeal it. Consider the following statements regarding it:

1. It can be easily applied over oil-water mixture and do not cause any environmental damage.
2. It can recover oil from oil-water mixture and can be reused several times.

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

Q54. Which of the following is **not** correctly matched?

1. Muntra-S : for manned surveillance missions.
2. Muntra-M : for detecting mines
3. Muntra-N : for operation in areas where there is nuclear radiation only.

Choose the correct code:

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) None

Q55. Which of the following Metro has become the world's first completely 'green' Metro system for adhering to green building norms for its residential colonies?

- (a) Bengaluru Metro
(b) Kochi Metro
(c) Delhi Metro
(d) Kolkata Metro

Q56. Comprehensive Online Modified Modules on Induction Training (COMMIT) is for

- (a) to improve the public service delivery mechanism
(b) to provide skilled manpower for industry
(c) to provide certificates under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

- (d) All of the above

Q57. Sagar Vani is:

- (a) A new FM channel of Prasar Bharti for coastal communities
(b) Integral part of SAMPADA scheme for disseminating information regarding Agro-Marine Processing
(c) To disseminate ocean information and alerts to the user community.
(d) To enable citizens within the reach of this system to communicate basic information – name, age, gender, etc, of persons discovered in case of disaster relief.

Q58. The NITI Aayog has approved 6 transport proposals of the transport ministry exploring options to improve public transport. One of them is Metrino, which is:

- (a) A pod-like vehicle is propelled through a near-vacuum tube connecting cities at speeds matching that of an aircraft.
(b) Elevated corridors built with rail lines where freight trucks can be placed.
(c) Small automated vehicles- cable cars or pod cars – equipped to carry small number of passengers.
(d) Fully automatic, driverless small pod travel independently suspended over an overhead network.

Q59. India's biggest Global Skill Park will be set up in which of the following city?

- (a) Bhopal (b) Kanpur
(c) Pune (d) Varanasi

Q60. Which state government has launched 'Elevate 100' scheme to identify and nurture innovative start-ups?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Gujarat
(c) Kerala (d) Haryana

Q61. Reliance Defence and Engineering Limited (RDEL) has recently launched Shachi and Shruti, which are:

- (a) Anti-submarine warfare carrier
(b) Seaplane tender
(c) Torpedo boat
(d) Offshore Patrol Vessels

Q62. The Union Government has recently launched Aarambh mobile app for:

- (a) providing care and support to the victims to child sexual abuse
- (b) For providing easy credit for start ups
- (c) to report child sexual abuse images and videos
- (d) maintenance of rural roads

Q63. The Union Finance Ministry has recently launched the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana. Consider the following statements regarding it.

- 1. PMVVY is a Pension Scheme exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above.
- 2. The scheme is exempted from Service Tax/ GST.
- 3. On death of the pensioner during the policy term of 10 years, the Purchase Price shall be paid to the beneficiary.
- 4. The scheme allows for premature exit for the treatment of any critical/ terminal illness only of purchaser and not for spouse and other dependants.

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

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

Q64. Consider the following statements regarding Paika Rebellion of Odisha:

- 1. Paikas were part of the permanent professional military of the Gajapati rulers of Odisha.
- 2. Baxi Jagabandhu was the leader of the Paika Rebellion.
- 3. During rebellion the Paikas attacked British symbols of power, setting ablaze police stations, administrative offices and the treasury.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q65. Consider the following statements regarding Integrated Monitoring and Advisory Council (IMAC):

- 1. It is an apex body on "Roadmap to achieve 50% reduction in import dependency in Oil & Gas by 2021-22".
- 2. Open Acreage Licensing policy (OALP) is one of the measure to reduce import dependency.

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

Q66. Which of the following policy initiatives have been taken in recent past to enhance domestic production of Oil and Gas

- 1. National Data Repository (NDR)
- 2. Open Acreage Licensing policy (OALP)
- 3. Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP)
- 4. Discovered Small Field Policy
- 5. Tapping unconventional sources such as Coal Bed Methane (CBM) and Shale Gas

Select the correct code:

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

Q67. Moreh is a place in which of the following states?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Q68. Consider the following statements regarding Hydrocarbons Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP):

- 1. It works on profit sharing model.
- 2. Doubling India's existing oil production is one of the objective of the policy.

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

Q69. Consider the following statements regarding trademarks:

1. Trademark refers to graphical representation of goods or services to make it distinguishable from the others.
2. Trademarks can be given to structures.
3. All the trademarks are available for the 'fair usage' for the purpose of education, research etc. under the Trademarks Act.

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

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

Q70. Consider the following statements regarding Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI):

1. It is released by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
2. ITU is the leading UN agency for ICT.
3. India is ranked a high 23rd out of 165 nations in GCI.

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

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

Q71. Consider the following statements:

1. India has been ranked 116 out of 157 nations on the 2017 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index.
2. The report released by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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

Q72. A group of Indian astronomers have discovered a massive supercluster of galaxies, and have named it Saraswati. Consider the following statements regarding Superclusters:

1. A supercluster is a large group of smaller galaxy clusters or galaxy groups, which is among the largest-known structures of the cosmos.
2. The Milky Way, the galaxy in which earth is located is part of a supercluster called the Laniakea Supercluster.

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

Q73. 'Sloan Digital Sky Survey' term was recently seen in news. It is about:

- (a) Development of weaponry and military technology in outer space.
(b) Placing high-altitude balloons in the stratosphere at an altitude of about 18 km to create an aerial wireless network.
(c) An ambitious plan to make a digital 3D map of the universe.
(d) Tracking pieces of debris or space junk.

Q74. Consider the following statements regarding Doppler Weather Radar:

1. Doppler weather radar is an observational tool for monitoring and predicting severe weather events.
2. It uses the Doppler effect by bouncing a microwave signal off a desired target to produce velocity data.

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

Q75. Union Government has recently launched Cashless treatment Scheme in Emergency (CTSE). It is related to which of the following:

- (a) To provide help and succor to the retired railway employees at the time of need.
(b) To provide immediate medical service and care in case of rail accidents or calamities.
(c) To provides health care to active duty and retired Military personnel and their dependents.
(d) For medical aid in disaster relief.

Q76. Great Red Spot, a massive storm (cyclone), is a feature of which of the following star/planet?

- (a) Sun (b) Moon
(c) Mars (d) Jupiter

Q77. Which of the following city has been declared India's first World Heritage City by UNESCO?

- (a) Varanasi (b) Ahmedabad
(c) Jaipur (d) Chandigarh

Q78. Consider the following statements regarding Juno spacecraft:

1. It is orbiting Jupiter from pole to pole.
2. Juno will study the Jupites's gravitational field.
3. It is an interplanetary space craft.

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

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

Q79. Which state has become the first state to lay down the minimum educational qualifications for contesting elections to village cooperative societies and various other cooperative bodies?

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Kerala (d) Rajasthan

Q80. Which of the following countries are parts of Horn of Africa?

1. Djibouti 2. Sudan
3. Kenya 4. Somalia

Select the correct code:

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

Q81. Which of the following statements are correct about Global Foreign Exchange Committee (GFXC)?

1. It is an initiative of IMF.
2. It deals with the issue related to WTO negotiations
3. It work towards promotion of a robust and transparent forex market.
4. It is an initiative of BIS

Select the correct code:

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

Q82. Which of the following is/are part of UNESCO World Heritage Site?

1. Australia's Great Barrier Reef
2. Japan's men-only island
3. Sun Temple, Modhera (India)

Select the correct code:

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

Q83. Hamburg Action Plan was recently in news. It is related to which of the following global forum?

- (a) G7 (b) United Nations
(c) G4 (d) G20

Q84. Swayam and Swayam Prabha are digital initiatives of which of the following ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
(b) Ministry of Human Resource and Development
(c) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
(d) Ministry of Minority Affairs

Q85. "Programme 17 for 17" is a 17 point action plan for:

- (a) Building digital campuses and high quality education.
(b) Mobilize 100 million youth for shaping a better future of 100 million children.
(c) Rehabilitating the children withdrawn from employment
(d) Opening 17 million new bank account for school children under Jan Dhan Yojana.

Q86. Jigyasa is :

- (a) First-of-its-kind Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to address major engineering challenges.
(b) For setting up of Science Cities in all the states of the country.
(c) To enable NRI and overseas scientists community to participate and carry out R&D in the country.
(d) A student- scientist connect programme for well-planned research laboratory based learning.

Q87. Consider the following statements regarding India-Bangladesh Border:

1. India and Bangladesh share a 4,096 km land boundary, largest among the international boundaries that India shares with its neighbours.

2. The border runs along four Indian states.

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

Q88. Khawthlangtuipuiis a river of which of the following state?

- (a) Meghalaya
(b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Manipur
(d) Mizoram

Q89. The UNESCO World Heritage Committee has put the city of Hebron on its list of world heritage in danger. Hebron is located in:

- (a) Turkey (b) Israel
(c) Palestine (d) Syria

Q90. Maitree is a joint exercise of India with which of the following country?

- (a) France (b) Indonesia
(c) Thailand (d) Nepal

Q91. Consider the following statements regarding The Energy Resources Institute (TERI):

1. TERI is a non-profit research, policy research organisation that conducts research work in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development.
2. The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) has been ranked first among world's best climate think tank by the International Centre for Climate Governance (ICCG) recently.

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

Q92. Consider the following statements regarding Kambala:

1. Kambala is a bull taming event of coastal Karnataka.
2. The word "Mattu" means bull and this day of Pongal is for celebration of the cattle and the season of kambala starts at this day.

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

Q93. Consider the following statements regarding Asian Development Bank (ADB):

1. ADB is a multilateral development bank that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region.
2. India is the second largest shareholder in ADB.

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

Q94. Diphu Pass is a mountain pass around the area of the disputed tri-point borders of:

- (a) India- China-Nepal
(b) India- Bhutan- China
(c) India- China-Myanmar
(d) India-Myanmar-Bangladesh

Q95. Consider the following statements regarding Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air (QRSAM) short range missile:

1. The missile has a strike range of 70 km.
2. It is indigenously developed.
3. It involves an all-weather weapon system capable of tracking and firing.

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

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

Q96. Consider the following statements regarding one-horned rhinoceros:

1. The Indian rhinoceros is ranged throughout the entire stretch of the Indo-Gangetic Plain.
2. It is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

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

Q97. Innovate in India (i3) program i3 is a flagship program of the Government of India. Consider the following statements regarding it:

1. It is in collaboration with World Bank.

