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GENERAL STUDIES TEST SERIES

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION - 2018

TEST 7: CURRENT AFFAIRS - II

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. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct about Army Static Switch Communication Network (ASCON) project?

1. It is India's army communication network, which will serve Himalayan with entire North-Eastern region of our country.
2. This project will be developed by Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI), which is India's first Public Sector Unit (PSU).

Select the correct code given below:

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

Q2. Consider the following statements in regard to Intensified Mission Indradhanush:

1. The programme aims for full immunization to more than 90% coverage by 2018.
2. It is a part of Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) of Govt. of India
3. Intensified Mission Indradhanush previously had the target for full immunization to more than 90% by 2020.

Select the correct answer code:

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

Q3. Which of the following provisions is/are found in the Whistle-Blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015?

1. It prohibits disclosures to be made if they are covered by the Official Secrets Act, 1923.
2. It prohibits the reporting of a corruption-related disclosure if it falls under certain prohibited categories which are modelled on those under the RTI Act.

Select the correct code:

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

Q4. Consider the following declarations:

1. Ufa Declaration
2. Sanya Declaration
3. Amritsar Declaration
4. eThekwini Declaration
5. Xiamen Declaration

Which of the above declarations are associated with BRICS?

- (a) 1, 3 and 5 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only (d) All of the above

Q5. With reference to Project Sunrise, consider the following statements:

1. The project is aimed at developing photovoltaic cells and new manufacturing processes which can be used to make solar energy products in India.
2. The project is funded by US Government to build self-sufficient solar powered buildings in remote Indian villages.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q6. With reference to portal and their integrated states, which of the following pair is/are **incorrectly** matched?

1. APeKX : Andhra Pradesh
2. e-Mitra : Maharashtra
3. MITRA : Rajasthan

Select the correct code:

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

Q7. With reference to Article 35A of the Constitution recently in news, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Article 35A is related to special rights and privileges of permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. Article 35A was inserted in the Indian Constitution by the President Order of 1956.

Select the correct code:

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

Q8. Which of the following operations were initiated by Myanmar and India separately, related to Rohingya Crisis?

1. Operation Insaniyat
2. Operation Pyi Thaya
3. Operation Naga Min

Select the correct code:

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

Q9. Mission XI Million is aimed at providing

- (a) Free education to 11 million children in rural areas of the country
(b) Rural electrification of 11 million villages of the country
(c) Popularize football across the country
(d) None of the above

Q10. Consider the following statements about TREAD scheme:

1. The scheme comes under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
2. The focus of the scheme is to promote self-employment for women in non-farm sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q11. E-Shakti is an initiative of

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
(c) NABARD
(d) Ministry of Health

Q12. The term "90-90-90" in news recently, belongs to which of the following diseases:

- (a) Aids (b) Hepatitis C
(c) Swine flu (d) Cancer

Q13. ISRO's Aditya Mission will study which of the following celestial body of the solar system.

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

Q14. Regarding the Global Human Capital Index for the year 2017, consider the following statements:

1. The index has been released by World Economic Forum.
2. India has been placed at 103rd rank, lowest among the BRICS economies.
3. The list was topped by Finland.

Select the right option:

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

Q15. India's first Hyperloop project will come up in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
(b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Gujarat

Q16. With reference to - Chakma and Hajong refugees, recently in news, which of the following statement is/correct in this context?

1. While Hajongs are Buddhist, the Chakmas are Hindus.
2. They were originally inhabitants of Bangladesh

Select the correct option using the codes given below:

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

Q17. A term "51% Attack" used in the recent news, it is used in context of:

- (a) Biodiversity threat to marine ecosystem
(b) Disturbed areas of middle-east
(c) Blockchain technology usually in Crypto currency
(d) Alert by CITES for declining pangolin

Q18. With reference to - Sardar Sarovar project recently in news, which of the following statement(s) is/are **incorrect**?

1. The Sardar Sarovar Project is an inter-state project with a terminal dam on river Narmada in Gujarat
2. Four states including Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra will receive water and electricity supply from the dam.

Select the correct codes:

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

Q19. With reference to “Saubhagya Plan”, recently in news, which of the following statement is/are correct?

1. All willing Households across the country will be given electricity connections free of cost under this plan
2. The Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) will be the nodal agency for the operationalization of the scheme throughout the country.

Select the correct code:

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

Q20. Recently, NITI Aayog has launched —SATH , a program providing “Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital” with the State Governments.

Which of the following statement is/are correct in this context?

1. The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education and Tourism sectors.
2. The program aims to identify and build three future 'role model' states for Tourism industry.

Select the correct code:

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

Q21. With reference to the “Bitcoins” recently in news, which of the following statement is/are correct?

1. Bitcoin is an electronic or digital currency that works on a peer-to-peer basis.
2. It can be send from one person to another with the help of a central bank.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q22. Recently after Doklam standoff, Mandarin language made compulsory for:

- (a) Indian Army
(b) Sashtra Seema Bal (SSB)
(c) Indo -Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP)

(d) It is only voluntary language to be learnt by some officers.

Q23. Use of NOTA as an option of voting is allowed in which of the following elections in India?

1. Lok Sabha
2. Rajya Sabha
3. Vidhan Sabha

Select the correct code:

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

Q24. India recently signed the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant Agreement with World Bank. Consider the following statements with respect to GEF:

1. The Union Govt. has signed GEF Agreement for Ecosystem Service Improvement Project.
2. The project will be financed in 60:40 ratio by World Bank out of its GEF Trust Fund and Govt. of India respectively.
3. The project’s duration is of 5 years.

Select the correct code:

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

Q25. Cabinet recently approved creation of “Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh” (MUSK). Consider the following statements in regard to MUSK:

1. It is a non-lapsable pool in the Public Account for primary and secondary education.
2. Under it, all proceeds of secondary and higher education cess will be credited and utilised for the government’s schemes in education sector.
3. It will be administered and maintained by the Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

Select the correct code:

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

Q26. 19th round of RCEP Trade Negotiating Committee was held in which of the following Indian cities?

- (a) Hyderabad (b) Delhi

(c) Mumbai

(d) Bangalore

Q27. Union Cabinet recently approved MoU with BRICS countries to set up BRICS Agriculture Research Platform (ARP). Consider the following statements about BRICS-ARP:

1. The MoU on establishment of the Agricultural Research Platform was signed in the 8th BRICS Summit held in 2016 at Goa.
2. BRICS-ARP will serve as a global platform for science-led agriculture-based sustainable development for addressing the issues of world hunger, under-nutrition, poverty, enhancing agricultural trade, climate resilient agriculture and bio-security.

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

Q28. With reference to CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology, which of the following statements are correct?

1. Using CRISPR system, scientists can add, remove or alter specific RNA sequences in the genome.
2. It has two components, a single-guide RNA and Cas.

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

Q29. India recently ratified 2nd commitment period of Kyoto Protocol. With reference to Kyoto Protocol, consider the following statements:

1. The Kyoto Protocol is an international GHGs emissions reduction treaty linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
2. The protocol commits its Parties by setting internationally binding GHGs emission reduction targets. It was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 and entered into force in 2005.
3. The 2nd commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol or Doha Amendment is from 2017-2020.

Select the correct code:

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

Q30. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Ken-Betwa Inter-Linking of Rivers Project?

1. The project will benefit the drought prone areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka in terms of meeting irrigation, drinking water and electricity needs of people across 6 districts in the two states
2. Ken-Betwa river interlinking project will be the first river project that will be located within a tiger reserve.

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

Q31. Which of the following statements regarding Hypspx (Hyper Spectral Imaging) is correct?

- (a) It is a form of Earth observation technology being explored by ISRO
(b) It is a radar technology used by the INS Vikramaditya
(c) It is the name given to ISRO's latest satellite launch vehicle
(d) It is an early warning earthquake system developed by INCOIS

Q32. Consider the following statements and choose the correct code:

1. My Fast Tag is a mobile application for smoothening electronic toll collection in India.
2. It has been launched by the National Highway Authority (NHAI).
3. It works on RFID (Radio Frequency Identification).

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

Q33. With reference to the recently adopted Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons under the aegis of the United Nations, consider the following statements:

1. It is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons, with the goal of leading towards their total elimination.
2. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons prohibits States Parties from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, or

stockpiling nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

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

Q34. The recently launched programme 'Innovate in India' or 'i3' is related to

- (a) Accelerating biopharmaceutical development in India
(b) ISRO's efforts to provide a fillip to India's e-vehicles programme
(c) The National Campaign for Water Conservation in India
(d) Govt. of India programme to promote innovation in science and technology

Q35. Consider the following statements about the Logistics Data Bank Project

1. It will be implemented by Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation.
2. It will make India's logistics sector more efficient through the use of Information 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

Q36. Government of India recently launched a scheme named "Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)". Consider the following statements about AGEY:

1. It is part of the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
2. Under AGEY, the SHGs will operate railway network services.

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. "Linke Hofmann Busch" is used in context of which of the following

- (a) Renewable Energy
(b) Gravitational Waves

(c) Railway Coaches

(d) Digital Payments System

Q38. The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana is associated with

- (a) Doubling farmer's income by 2022
(b) E-NAM
(c) NITI Aayog's Model Land Leasing Law
(d) Creation of modern farm infrastructure

Q39. An institution G5 Sahel or G5S is related to which of the following region:

- (a) Central Asia
(b) South East nations
(c) Central Africa
(d) Island Countries of Pacific Ocean

Q40. The Justice B.N. Srikrishna committee was set up with a mandate to

- (a) Identify the reasons for the huge pendency of cases in the judiciary and suggest ways to address this issue.
(b) Review and recommend changes to Bilateral Investment Treaty arbitration mechanisms only.
(c) Examine the nature of evolution of prison reforms in developed countries and recommend suitable prison reform measures modified to suit Indian context.
(d) Examine specific issues in India's arbitration ecosystem and present a roadmap required to make India a robust centre for international and domestic arbitration.

Q41. Consider the following statements:

1. The Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) was a comprehensive door-to-door enumeration exercise carried across the country.
2. The SECC was conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

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

Q42. 'INS Tarini', that was in the news recently is

- (a) A sailboat on which an all-woman crew of the Indian Navy will circumnavigate the globe

- (b) India's first nuclear powered submarine
- (c) India's first indigenously developed missile
- (d) India's first warfare ship

Q43. Consider the following statements:

1. Under the Digital India initiative, one Common Service Centre (CSC) is envisaged in every Panchayat.
2. CSCs are a one-stop solution for various government-to-citizen and business-to-citizen services.

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

Q44. Consider the following statements about Hybrid Annuity Model of Public Private Partnership:

1. Hybrid Annuity based PPP model has been adopted for the first time in the country in sewage management sector.
2. It helps address the issue of NPA-riddled banks being wary of lending for projects being implemented by the private sector.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q45. The Ministry of Commerce's 'Hortinet' mobile application will

1. Minimise disruption to trade.
2. Enable identification of the source of contaminated food products.
3. Use push notifications to enhance the outreach of Krishi Vigyan Kendras with farmers engaged in horticulture.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q46. Consider the following statements with reference to the Internet Government Forum (IGF):

1. It is a forum for intergovernmental dialogue on policy issues related to internet governance.

2. It contributes to capacity building for internet governance.
3. India has been a host country of the IGF in the past.

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

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

Q47. The Code on Wages, 2017 recently introduced in the Parliament, governs which of the following aspects?

1. Fixing the minimum wage.
2. Fixing the number of hours that will constitute a working day.
3. Determination of bonus.
4. Penalties to be imposed for contravening any provision of the code.

Select the correct code:

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

Q48. Consider the following statements about Earth Overshoot Day

1. Marks the date when humanity's annual demand on nature exceeds what earth can regenerate in that year.
2. Earth Overshoot Day is hosted and calculated by UNEP.

Select the correct code:

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

Q49. The "Trilateral Highway" and the "Kaladan Multi-Modal Transport and Transit Project" both are often in the news with reference to which one of the following countries?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Thailand

Q50. The Global Wildlife Programme

1. Is a World-Bank led global partnership.
2. It aims to promote wildlife conservation and sustainable development by protecting keystone species.

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

Q51. “Deep Ocean Mission” is a programme to be initiated by

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (d) Department of Science and Technology

Q52. The recently launched portal, “PENCIL”, is an initiative of the

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (d) Ministry of Human Resource Development

Q53. “RE-Invest” expos will enable the Indian state to fulfil which one of the following directive principles?

- (a) Promotion of cottage industries on an individual or co-operation basis in rural areas.
- (b) Protection and improvement of the environment and safeguarding forests.
- (c) Raising the level of nutrition of people to improve public health.
- (d) Providing early childhood care and education for all children until they complete the age of six years.

Q54. The Ministry of Agriculture’s ‘Seven-point Strategy’ to double farmers’ income by 2022 includes which of the following?

1. Effective use of input cost (through initiatives such as the Soil Health Card Scheme and Neem-coated Urea).
2. Value addition (through food processing)
3. Risk, Security and Assistance (PM Fasal Bima Yojana).
4. Reduction of post-harvest losses (by providing loans against negotiable warehouse receipts with interest subvention benefits, building storage facilities and integrated cold chains in rural areas).

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

Q55. The secretary of which one of the following ministries/departments is NOT included in the ‘High Level Forum on 5G India 2020’ constituted recently?

- (a) Department of Telecom
- (b) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (d) Department of Science and Technology

Q56. The ‘North East Connectivity Summit’

1. Was conceived and designed by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
2. Theme for the 2017 edition is ‘Act East from Nagaland’.
3. The 2018 North East Connectivity Summit will be in Tawang.

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

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

Q57. The framework, ‘Graded Surveillance Measure’, was recently introduced by which one of the following Indian regulatory authorities?

- (a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- (b) National Highways Authority of India
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India

Q58. Which of the following will be conducted by India in 2017?

- (a) BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise (BIMSTEC DMEx)
- (b) South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMEx)
- (c) Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)
- (d) None of the above

Q59. The ‘Phyto-Pharma Plant Mission’, ‘B4’, and ‘Frugal Microscopy through the Foldscope’ are programmes/initiatives recently launched by the Department of Biotechnology in which one of the following regions?

- (a) EAG states
- (b) North East Region
- (c) Western Ghats
- (d) Central Indian States

Q60. 'Angio Chip' was recently in news, it is related to:

- (a) Increasing shelf life of fruits exported to western countries.
- (b) To Monitor Agro Production
- (c) IoT Solutions for Manufacturing Sector in India
- (d) Tiny patch of heart tissue with its own blood vessels.

Q61. Consider the following statements:

1. The share of area sown using certified seeds out of the total area sown is called the seed replacement ratio.
2. The seed replacement ratio in India is around sixty-five per cent.

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

Q62. India's National Steel Policy 2017 envisages:

1. Our total crude steel production capacity surpassing China's by 2025.
2. Reducing substantially the steel sector's dependency on coking coal as a raw material over the next ten years.

Select the correct code:

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

Q63. Operation Insaaniyat, recently in news, relates to

- (a) Extending assistance under the Rakhine State Development Programme in conjunction with the Government of Myanmar.
- (b) Creating shelters for refugees in Indian states that border Myanmar.
- (c) Providing Nepal with fresh water supply.
- (d) Assistance to Bangladesh in response to the humanitarian crisis due to large influx of refugees.

Q64. Consider the following statements:

1. Partnership for Land Use Science (Forest-Plus) is a joint programme by USAID and MoEFCC to strengthen capacity for REDD+ implementation in India.
2. REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) is a climate change mitigation programme developed by the US Agency for International Development and India's Environment Ministry.

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

Q65. 'Inclusive India Initiative' is

- (a) A mass awareness campaign of the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.
- (b) A DIPP initiative to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in rural India that are at the forefront of sustainable economic growth.
- (c) A programme of the National Literacy Mission Authority to promote digital literacy among adults.
- (d) A programme to strengthen the banking structure in India.

Q66. In reference to the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, consider the following statements:

1. India have an 'Open Sky' air services agreement on a reciprocal basis only with SAARC countries and countries located beyond 5000 km from Delhi.
2. India and Japan have signed an agreement under which their airlines can operate an unlimited number of flights between the two countries in accordance with the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016.

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

Q67. Which of the following statements about "Solar Mamas" is/are correct?

1. They come from across Africa (and now from other regions too – Latin America, West Asia).

2. They are trained at the Barefoot College in Rajasthan's Tilonia village.

Select the correct code:

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

Q68. Which of the following statements about the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Assistance Programme (ITEC) is/are correct?

1. It is essentially a bilateral programme of assistance of the Government of India.
2. Its activities are also associated with regional and multilateral organisations like ASEAN and AARDO.

Select the correct code:

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

Q69. Consider the following statements about National Nutrition Strategy:

1. Ministry of Health has drafted the National Nutrition Strategy.
2. The nutrition strategy envisages a framework wherein the four proximate determinants of nutrition – uptake of health services, food, drinking water & sanitation and income & livelihoods – work together to accelerate decline of under nutrition in 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

Q70. Consider the following statements about Mission Parivar Vikas:

1. The key strategic focus of Mission Parivar Vikas, a central family planning initiative, is on improving access to contraceptives through delivering assured services, ensuring commodity security and accelerating access to high quality family planning services.
2. The main objective of the Mission Parivar Vikas family planning initiative is to bring down the Total Fertility Rate to 2.1 by the year 2030.

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

Q71. Key observations and recommendations of NITI Aayog's Ease of Doing Business Report include.

1. Faster growing states exhibited fewer delays in granting clearances and were more flexible in implementing environment laws.
2. Access to low cost capital is recognised by most businesses as unique to doing business in India in recent times.
3. Better dissemination of government information related procedures, to businesses, is needed.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

Q72. Consider the following statements about the 'Global Alliance for Literacy (GAL) within the Framework of Lifelong Learning':

1. It is a multi-stakeholder partnership
2. India is a part of this initiative
3. It is a UNESCO-led initiative

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

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

Q73. Consider the following statements:

1. Income inequality in India is at its highest level since the year the Income Tax Act was passed.
2. The 'World Inequality Report' is annual publication of the international confederation Oxfam.

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

Q74. The 'Tokyo Convention 1963', recently in the news, was seen in the context of

- (a) No-Fly-List of unruly passengers
(b) Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project
(c) Exodus of Rohingyas from Myanmar
(d) Navika Sagar Parikrama

Q75. With reference to 'CARB-X', consider the following statements:

1. It is a New Space enterprise.

2. It is focused on research and development projects to address the problem of “Gram-negative” bacteria.

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

Q76. Consider the following statements about the ‘Smart Streets Lab’ programme:

1. Its aim is to build networks of intelligent, “on-demand” lighting systems in public spaces that only light up in the presence of a person or bicycle.
2. It was recently launched in Andhra Pradesh by the World Resources Institute in association with the state government.

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

Q77. Which of the following temples was restored by the Archaeological Survey of India?

- (a) Thiruketeswaram temple
(b) Ta Phrom temple
(c) Ananda temple
(d) Angkorwat Temple

Q78. The Private Detective Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2007:

1. Requires every agent of private detective agencies to acquire a license.
2. Prescribes punishments for any agent of the private detection agency violating a person’s right to privacy and freedom.
3. Specifies that a private detective must be an Indian citizen.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q79. Indigenous games disciplines – States in which they have traditionally been played

1. Kalaripayattu – Kerala
2. Silambam – Tamil Nadu
3. Mukna – Assam
4. Khomlainai – Manipur

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

- (a) 1 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) None of the above

Q80. Where is the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC), recently approved by the Union Cabinet, set to come up?

- (a) Salem, Tamil Nadu
(b) Amritsar, Punjab
(c) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
(d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Q81. Which of the following is/are provisions of the Law Commission of India’s draft bill for the use and regulation of DNA-based technology?

1. A DNA Profiling Board will be constituted, which will be responsible for establishing DNA laboratories.
2. DNA profiling would be undertaken exclusively for identification of a person and not for extraction of any other information.
3. No bodily substances will be taken from a person who is arrested as an accused of a crime unless consent is given for the same.

Select the correct code:

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

Q82. The promulgation of the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017

1. enables the Union Government to authorise the RBI to issue directions to banks for initiating proceedings in case of a default in loan repayment.
2. empowers the RBI to appoint authorities or committees to advise banking companies for stressed asset resolution.

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

Q83. The ‘Chennai Declaration’, sometimes seen in the news, is associated with the issue of

- (a) Adapting to climate change in coastal communities

- (b) Wetland conservation
- (c) Tackling the challenge of antimicrobial resistance
- (d) Disaster Management

Q84. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council?

1. The Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC) is an independent body designed to guide the government on policy decisions.
2. There is fixed organisation structure of PMEAC with Prime Minister as its chairman.

Select the correct code:

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

Q85. Consider the following statements regarding recently released Global Competitiveness Report, 2017:

1. The report is released by the World Bank.
2. India's rank in Global Competitiveness Report has slipped compared to last year.
3. India is placed higher than other members of BRICS in Global Competitiveness Report, 2017.

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

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

Q86. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Shell Companies in India?

1. A Shell Company is described as a non-trading organization that does not engage in any activity but exists only as a medium for another business organization.
2. In India, Shell Companies have not been defined.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q87. The DB Shekatkar Committee had a mandate to recommend measures for which of the following objectives?

1. Enhancing combat capability

2. Rebalancing Defence Expenditure of the Armed Forces with an aim to increase "teeth to tail ratio"

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q88. The "2 + 2" Dialogue between India and Japan is conducted in which of the following fields?

- (a) Foreign and Defence Affairs
- (b) Foreign and Economic Affairs
- (c) Economic and Education Affairs
- (d) Economic and Defence Affairs

Q89. Consider the following statements regarding Cassini Huygens:

1. The Mission was to study the planet Saturn and its system, including its rings and natural satellites.
2. It was a collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

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

Q90. With reference to the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor, consider the following statements:

1. It will be a sea corridor linking Africa with India and other countries of South-East Asia and Oceania.
2. Japan would provide the technology and quality infrastructure for these projects.

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

Q91. Which of the following state has recently made a draft legislation to preserve its heritage having historic, cultural, aesthetic and environmental value and restore heritage buildings and sites which are not protected by Archaeological Survey of India or by any other government policies?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Kerala

(c) Jammu & Kashmir

(d) Uttarakhand

Q92. Parali I island which was recently in news due to fast shrinking, it is part of:

(a) Andaman and Nicobar

(b) Lakshadweep

(c) West Bengal

(d) Gujarat

Q93. With reference to the Sardar Sarovar Dam, consider the following statements:

1. It is the biggest concrete dam by volume.

2. It is built on Narmada River.

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. Which of the following State has become the first state in the country to announce a Cyber Security Police?

(a) Jharkhand

(b) Haryana

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Gujarat

Q95. Which one of the following countries is NOT a member, but an observer, of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)?

(a) France

(b) China

(c) Pakistan

(d) United Kingdom

Q96. India will receive its first ever shipment of crude and natural gas from this country

(a) United States

(b) Indonesia

(c) Iran

(d) Russia

Q97. Consider the following statements:

1. SHAKTI Scheme is to Harness and distribute Power transparently in India.

2. It is expected to reduce power costs to consumers.

3. It also auctions long-term coal linkages to power companies.

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

Q98. The LIMB System initiated by the Central Government recently, will

(a) Enhance participatory governance by increasing citizen engagement in policy-making

(b) Promote India as a centre for international arbitration

(c) Enable state governments to build capacity of, and devolve powers to, constitutional local bodies

(d) Help reduce government litigation

Q99. India's first electric bus service has launched in which state?

(a) Himachal Pradesh

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Gujarat

(d) Kerala

Q100. Consider the following statements about INS Kalvari:

1. It is India's first indigenously built Scorpene submarine.

2. Nuclear capable Submarine also has superior stealth and the ability to launch crippling attacks on the enemy with precision-guided weapons.

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