

UPPCS Prelims 2025 Test 15 (Solution) – Full Length Test 4 (SSW - 8077834630)

Question 1. Choose the incorrect statement regarding the Government of India Act, 1858:

- (a) Introduced the position of Viceroy of India
- (b) Abolished the East India Company
- (c) Introduced dyarchy in the provinces
- (d) Created Secretary of State for India

Answer: (c)

Explanation:

Dyarchy was introduced later in the provinces by the Government of India Act, 1919, not by the 1858 Act. The 1858 Act abolished the Company and introduced governance under the British Crown via the Viceroy and the Secretary of State.

Question 2. Who illuminated and decorated the original Preamble of the Constitution?

- (a) Nand Lal Bose
- (b) Vasant Vaidya
- (c) Beohar Rammanohar Sinha
- (d) H.V.R. Iyengar

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Beohar Rammanohar Sinha beautifully illuminated the original Preamble.

Question 3. How many subjects are listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution?

- (a) 12
- (b) 18
- (c) 20
- (d) 29

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Eleventh Schedule (73rd Amendment) lists 29 subjects for Panchayats.

Question 4. The Preamble declares India to be a –

- (a) Federal, Democratic, Sovereign Republic
- (b) Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic
- (c) Sovereign, Federal, Democratic Republic
- (d) Federal, Socialist, Republic

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The 42nd Amendment (1976) inserted the words Socialist and Secular in the Preamble.

Question 5. Assertion (A): The term 'Secular' in the Preamble means the state has no religion of its own.

Reason (R): The Indian Constitution provides for equal respect and protection to all religions.

Code:

- (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

Answer - (a)

Explanation – The Indian concept of secularism promotes equal respect and treatment of all religions by the state, hence both the assertion and reason are correct and related.

Question 6. Match the following:

- A. 10th Amendment – 1. Dadra & Nagar Haveli
- B. 12th Amendment – 2. Goa, Daman & Diu
- C. 14th Amendment – 3. Puducherry
- D. 36th Amendment – 4. Sikkim

Code:

- (a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (b) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
- (c) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
- (d) A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1

Answer - (a)

Explanation –

A. 10th Amendment – Dadra & Nagar Haveli
Year: 1961

Incorporated Dadra and Nagar Haveli into the Indian Union after it was liberated from Portuguese control. Correct match: 1

B. 12th Amendment – Goa, Daman & Diu
Year: 1962

Incorporated Goa, Daman and Diu as Union Territories after liberation from Portuguese rule.
Correct match: 2

C. 14th Amendment – Puducherry (then Pondicherry)

Year: 1962

Incorporated the former French territories (Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam) into the Indian Union. Correct match: 3

D. 36th Amendment – Sikkim

Year: 1975

Sikkim became the 22nd state of India. Correct match: 4

Question 7. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 24 prohibits child labour in hazardous employment.
2. Article 25 grants freedom to propagate religion.

Which of the statements is/are true?

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

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Both provisions exist under Fundamental Rights and are enforced.

Question 8. Which of the following writs can be issued against private individuals also?

- (a) Habeas Corpus
- (b) Mandamus
- (c) Certiorari
- (d) Prohibition

Answer: (a) Habeas Corpus

Explanation: Habeas Corpus can be issued against both public authorities and private individuals for unlawful detention.

Other writs:

Mandamus – Issued to a public authority to perform a public duty; not against private individuals.

Certiorari – Issued by a higher court to a lower court/tribunal to quash an illegal order; applies to public authorities only.

Prohibition – Issued to judicial/quasi-judicial bodies to stop proceedings; not against private individuals.

Question 9. Which of the following principles are Gandhian in nature?

- A. Promotion of village panchayats
- B. Participation of workers in management
- C. Organisation of cottage industries
- D. Organisation of agriculture and animal husbandry

Code:

- (a) A, C and D
- (b) A and B
- (c) A, B and C
- (d) A, B, C and D

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Participation of workers (Article 43A) is liberal-intellectual, others are Gandhian.

Question 10. Arrange the following events chronologically:

1. Verma Committee Report on Fundamental Duties
2. 42nd Constitutional Amendment
3. Swaran Singh Committee

Code:

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Order is: Swaran Singh Committee (1976), 42nd Amendment (1976), Verma Committee (1999).

Question 11. Consider the following statements:

1. The Prime Minister can appoint ministers from outside Parliament.
2. Such a person must become a member of Parliament within six months.
3. This is permitted by Article 75 of the Constitution.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d)

Explanation: All three statements reflect constitutional and practical provisions of the Indian parliamentary system.

Question 12. Choose the true statement from the following:

(a) The President can use absolute veto over Money Bills.

(b) Pocket veto is a discretionary power of the President.

(c) The President must assent to Constitutional Amendment Bills.

(d) Both (b) and (c) above

Answer: (d) Both (b) and (c) above

Explanation:

Money Bills cannot be returned, hence absolute veto is not applicable.

Pocket veto is used at the President's discretion.

Article 368 mandates the President must give assent to a Constitutional Amendment Bill.

Question 13. Who was the first Vice-President of India?

(a) Zakir Hussain

(b) V.V. Giri

(c) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

(d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Answer: (c) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Explanation: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan served as the first Vice-President of India from 1952 to 1962. He later became the second President of India.

Question 14. Match the following:

List-I (Body) | List-II (Function/Feature)

A. Cabinet | 1. Collectively responsible to Lok Sabha

B. Prime Minister | 2. Highest legal officer

C. Council of Ministers | 3. Real executive authority

D. Attorney General | 4. First among equals

Code:

A B C D

(a) 3 2 1 4

(b) 3 4 1 2

(c) 3 1 2 4

(d) 1 2 4 3

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Cabinet – real executive, PM – primus inter pares, CoM – collectively responsible, AG – chief law officer.

Question 15. Arrange the following events related to the appointment of a Chief Minister:

1. Prove majority in Legislative Assembly
2. Appointment by the Governor
3. Election to Legislative Assembly (if not member)
4. Swearing-in Ceremony

Code:

(a) 2-4-1-3

(b) 4-2-1-3

(c) 2-1-4-3

(d) 1-2-3-4

Answer: (a)

Explanation: First, the Governor appoints, then oath, then confidence vote, then (if needed) CM becomes a member within 6 months.

Question 16. Which of the following Articles relates to the Advocate General of the State?

(a) Article 74

(b) Article 165

(c) Article 143

(d) Article 167

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Article 165 of the Constitution deals with the Advocate General of the State.

Question 17. Lok Sabha representation of Uttar Pradesh is:

(a) 39

(b) 48

(c) 80

(d) 81

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of Lok Sabha seats at 80.

Question 18. Which of the following statements about Rajya Sabha is incorrect?

- (a) It cannot initiate a Money Bill
- (b) It can approve a national emergency
- (c) It has no role in removal of Vice President
- (d) It has equal powers in Constitutional Amendments

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Rajya Sabha initiates removal of Vice President; Lok Sabha agrees.

Question 19. The term of the State Legislative Assembly may be extended during a National Emergency:

- (a) For 6 months at a time
- (b) For 1 year at a time
- (c) For 3 years continuously
- (d) Cannot be extended

Answer - (b)

Explanation – During National Emergency, the Assembly's term can be extended by Parliament for one year at a time, but not beyond 6 months after the Emergency ends.

Question 20. Which of the following is not true regarding Judicial Review in India?

- (a) It is a part of the Basic Structure
- (b) It is explicitly mentioned in the Constitution
- (c) It is exercised by both SC and HCs
- (d) It was upheld in Kesavananda Bharati Case

Answer - (b)

Explanation – The term “Judicial Review” is not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution; it is interpreted through various provisions like Article 13, 32, 226.

Question 21. Under which Article of the Constitution is the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) established?

- (a) Article 145
- (b) Article 147
- (c) Article 148
- (d) Article 150

Answer: (c) Article 148

Explanation: Article 148 of the Indian Constitution provides for an independent office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Question 22. In which year was the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act passed?

- (a) 1991
- (b) 1992
- (c) 1993
- (d) 1994

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Act was passed in December 1992 and came into force on 24 April 1993.

Question 23. Which Article of the Constitution deals with the administration of Scheduled Areas in states other than the northeastern states?

- (a) Article 244
- (b) Article 243
- (c) Article 340
- (d) Article 338

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Article 244 provides for special administration of Scheduled Areas under the Fifth Schedule.

Question 24. Under which Article is the Election Commission of India constituted?

- (a) Article 320
- (b) Article 321
- (c) Article 324
- (d) Article 326

Answer: (c) Article 324

Explanation: Article 324 provides for the constitution of the Election Commission and empowers it with superintendence, direction, and control over elections.

Question 25. Which of the following pair is not correctly matched?

- (a) National Commission for Women – Statutory Body
- (b) National Human Rights Commission – Constitutional Body
- (c) NITI Aayog – Executive Body
- (d) Election Commission – Constitutional Body

Answer – (b)

Explanation – NHRC is a statutory body established under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Question 26. What is the allocation for the “Zero Poverty Uttar Pradesh Campaign” in FY 2025–26?

- (a) ₹100 crore
- (b) ₹500 crore
- (c) ₹250 crore
- (d) ₹750 crore

Answer: (c) ₹250 crore

Explanation: The state aims to become the first poverty-free state and has allocated ₹250 crore for this campaign.

Question 27. What was the literacy rate of Uttar Pradesh according to Census 2011?

- (a) 57.6%
- (b) 69.72%
- (c) 67.68%
- (d) 61.8%

Answer: (c) 67.68%

Explanation: Literacy rate in UP increased from 56.27% (2001) to 67.68% (2011).

Question 28. National Sugar Institute, a premier centre for sugar technology and engineering, is located in:

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Gorakhpur
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (b) Kanpur

Explanation: The National Sugar Institute (NSI) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs is located in Kanpur.

Question 29. Consider the following statements:

1. Sonbhadra is rich in minerals like limestone and bauxite.
2. The Sharda Canal originates in the western region of UP.
3. Ghaghara is a tributary of the Ganga.

Which statements are correct?

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

Answer: (c) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

Sonbhadra is a mineral-rich district.

Sharda Canal originates in Lakhimpur Kheri (Terai region, not western UP).

Ghaghara is a major tributary of the Ganga.

Question 30. The Kailash Fair, honoring Lord Shiva, is held annually in which city of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Agra
- (b) Chitrakoot
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Lalitpur

Answer: (a) Agra

Explanation: The Kailash Fair is held near Agra in the Hindu month of Bhadrapada, attracting thousands of Shiva devotees.

Question 31. Food web is:

- (a) Always linear
- (b) A simple energy pathway
- (c) A realistic representation of energy flow
- (d) Restricted to three trophic levels

Answer – (c) A realistic representation of energy flow

Explanation – Food webs are complex and depict multiple interconnected food chains.

Question 32. Choose the true statement:

- (a) Phosphorus cycles through atmosphere rapidly.
- (b) Ocean acts as the largest carbon sink.
- (c) Biomagnification affects producers the most.
- (d) Ammonification is done by autotrophs.

Answer – (b) Ocean acts as the largest carbon sink.

Explanation – (a) False – The phosphorus cycle is sedimentary and does not involve the atmosphere. It cycles very slowly through rocks, soil, and living organisms, not the air.

(b) True – The ocean is the largest carbon sink on Earth, storing both dissolved CO₂ and carbon in marine biomass and sediments. It absorbs large amounts of atmospheric carbon, playing a crucial role in climate regulation.

(c) False – Biomagnification refers to the increase in concentration of toxic substances (like mercury or DDT) as we move up the food chain. It affects top consumers the most, not producers.

(d) False – Ammonification is carried out by decomposers (bacteria and fungi), which are heterotrophs, not autotrophs.

Question 33. Choose the incorrect statement:

- (a) Coral reefs are both foundation species and habitats.
- (b) Eco-mark is mandatory for BIS certified goods.
- (c) Ecotype involves genetic adaptation to local conditions.
- (d) Ecocline represents gradual environmental transitions.

Answer – (b) Eco-mark is mandatory for BIS certified goods

Explanation – Eco-mark is a voluntary eco-label, not mandatory.

Question 34. Choose the correct statement:

- (a) Fluorinated gases deplete the ozone layer.
- (b) CO₂ is the most abundant GHG by concentration.
- (c) HFCs have lower GWP than CO₂.
- (d) Water vapor is an anthropogenic GHG.

Answer – (b) CO₂ is the most abundant GHG by concentration.

Explanation – While less potent, CO₂ is the most prevalent anthropogenic GHG.

Question 35. Matching COPs with Host Countries:

- A. COP21 – 1. France
- B. COP27 – 2. Egypt
- C. COP28 – 3. UAE
- D. COP29 – 4. Azerbaijan

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer – (a) 1 2 3 4

Explanation – All COPs match their correct host countries.

Question 36. Assertion (A): Brown carbon particles warm the atmosphere.

Reason (R): They reflect all light and increase Earth's albedo.

Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation
- (b) A is true, R is false
- (c) Both A and R are false
- (d) A is false, R is true

Answer – (b) A is true, R is false

Explanation – Brown carbon absorbs UV and blue light, leading to warming, not reflection.

Question 37. Which of the following is not a cause of biodiversity loss under HIPPO framework?

- (a) Climate change
- (b) Habitat destruction
- (c) Invasive species
- (d) Overexploitation

Answer – (a) Climate change

Explanation – The HIPPO acronym summarizes the five major causes of biodiversity loss as identified by conservation biologists, especially by E.O. Wilson:

H – Habitat Destruction

I – Invasive Species

P – Pollution

P – Population (human population growth)

O – Overexploitation

Question 38. Choose the incorrect statement about the Nagoya Protocol:

- (a) It is a supplementary agreement to the CBD
- (b) It aims at biosafety from LMOs
- (c) It focuses on fair and equitable benefit-sharing
- (d) It was adopted in 2010

Answer – (b) It aims at biosafety from LMOs

Explanation – Biosafety from LMOs is covered under the Cartagena Protocol (2000).

The Nagoya Protocol (2010) deals with Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of genetic resources.

Question 39. The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017–31) includes a new thematic focus on:

- (a) Urban biodiversity
- (b) Agroforestry
- (c) Wildlife disease surveillance
- (d) Animal husbandry

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Wildlife health and disease surveillance is a new action theme in NWAP 2017–31.

Question 40. Which of the following is not a Natural World Heritage Site of India?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Great Himalayan National Park
- (c) Western Ghats
- (d) Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve

Answer – (d)

Explanation – Nilgiri is not on the list of World Heritage Sites, though it is a UNESCO MAB site.

Question 41. What was India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) according to WPP 2024?

- (a) 2.6
- (b) 2.3
- (c) 2.1
- (d) 2.0

Answer: (d) 2.0

Explanation: As per WPP 2024, India's TFR has declined below replacement level (2.1), reaching 2.0.

Question 42. Match the following national income concepts with their definitions:

- A. GDP_{FC} – 1. GDP_{MP} – Net Indirect Taxes
- B. GNP – 2. GDP + Net Factor Income from Abroad
- C. NDP – 3. GDP – Depreciation
- D. NNP_{FC} – 4. GNP – Depreciation – NIT

Code:

- (a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (b) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1
- (c) A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2
- (d) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1

Answer: (a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4

Explanation:

All definitions match standard macroeconomic formulas and accounting conventions.

Question 43. Arrange the following in chronological order:

- I. LPG Reforms
- II. Nationalisation of Banks
- III. Introduction of GST
- IV. Establishment of NITI Aayog

Code:

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

Answer – (d) II, I, IV, III

Explanation –

Bank nationalisation – 1969

LPG reforms – 1991

NITI Aayog – 2015

GST – 2017

Question 44. Consider the following features of GST:

- 1. Destination-based tax
- 2. Eliminates cascading effect
- 3. Input Tax Credit availability

Which of the above are features of GST?

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

Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

GST is a destination-based tax, allows seamless input credit across the supply chain, and removes cascading of taxes (tax on tax), making it more efficient.

Question 45. Which of the following best explains the concept of the Poverty Trap?

- (a) Poverty caused by natural calamities
- (b) Continuous low income due to poor human capital
- (c) High government taxation
- (d) Lack of foreign aid

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Poverty Trap or Vicious Circle of

Poverty (Ragnar Nurkse) explains that low income → low savings → low investment → low productivity → reinforces poverty.

Question 46. Which of the following affects the money flow in India?

1. Repo Rate changes
2. Open Market Operations
3. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
4. Minimum Support Price (MSP)

Code:

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

Answer – (c)

Explanation –

Monetary policy tools like Repo Rate, CRR, and OMOs directly affect liquidity and credit.

MSP, though not monetary policy, influences rural money flow via government expenditure.

Question 47. Who is authorized to mint coins in India?

- (a) RBI
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) SEBI
- (d) NITI Aayog

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Under the Coinage Act, Ministry of Finance is responsible for minting all coins.

Question 48. Match the following indexes with their publishing authorities:

- A. CPI (Rural/Urban) – 1. NSO
- B. CPI-IW – 2. Labour Bureau
- C. WPI – 3. NSO
- D. GDP Deflator – 4. DPIIT

Code:

- (a) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
- (b) A-1, B-2, C-4, D-3
- (c) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
- (d) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3

Answer: (b)

Explanation: NSO handles CPI (Rural/Urban), Labour Bureau handles CPI-IW, and WPI is managed by DPIIT.

Question 49. What is the name of India's digital currency issued by RBI?

- (a) Bharat Coin
- (b) e-Rupee
- (c) DigiRupee
- (d) CBDC-India

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Digital Rupee (e-Rupee) is India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) launched in 2022–23.

Question 50. When was the Planning Commission of India established?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1950
- (c) 1951
- (d) 1952

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Planning Commission was established on 15 March 1950 by a resolution of the Government of India.

Question 51. Who is the Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission?

- (a) N. K. Singh
- (b) Arvind Panagariya
- (c) Ajay Narayan Jha
- (d) Soumya Kanti Ghosh

Answer: (b) Arvind Panagariya

Explanation: Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog, is serving as the Chairman of the Commission.

Question 52. List-I (Period) List-II (Characteristic)

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Paleolithic Age | 1. Polished stone tools, pottery |
| B. Neolithic Age | 2. Hand axes, choppers |
| C. Chalcolithic Age | 3. Metal + stone tools |
| D. Mesolithic Age | 4. Microliths |

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Paleolithic (hand axes), Neolithic (polished tools), Chalcolithic (copper + stone), Mesolithic (microliths).

Question 53. Match the following sites with related findings:

- A. Burzahom - 1. Ochre Coloured Pottery
 B. Langhnaj - 2. Cord-impressed pottery
 C. Chopani Mando - 3. Dog burial with master
 D. Neolithic Pottery - 4. Bone tools and ornaments

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Burzahom – dog burial; Langhnaj – bone tools; Chopani Mando – cord pottery; Neolithic – OCP.

Question 54. In Mesolithic paintings, which animal is not found?

- (a) Elephant
 (b) Deer
 (c) Horse
 (d) Snake

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Snakes are not depicted in Mesolithic cave paintings.

Question 55. The "Great Bath" was found at which Harappan site?

- (a) Harappa
 (b) Kalibangan
 (c) Mohenjo-daro
 (d) Dholavira

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The Great Bath, a prominent public structure, was discovered at Mohenjo-daro.

Question 56. Match List-I with List-II and choose the correct code:

List-I (Session) | List-II (President)

- A. Calcutta, 1928 | 1. Motilal Nehru

- B. Lahore, 1929 | 2. Jawaharlal Nehru
 C. Karachi, 1931 | 3. Sarojini Naidu
 D. Kanpur, 1925 | 4. Vallabhbhai Patel

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer – (c)

Explanation –

A. Calcutta, 1928 → Motilal Nehru (1)

Motilal Nehru presided over the Calcutta Session of the Congress in 1928, where the Nehru Report was presented, demanding Dominion Status.

B. Lahore, 1929 → Jawaharlal Nehru (2)

The historic session where Purna Swaraj was declared, and 26 January was resolved to be observed as Independence Day, was presided over by Jawaharlal Nehru.

C. Karachi, 1931 → Vallabhbhai Patel (4)

After the assassination of Bhagat Singh, the Karachi session emphasized Fundamental Rights and the Gandhian approach to economy. It was presided over by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

D. Kanpur, 1925 → Sarojini Naidu (3)

The Kanpur Session of 1925 was notable as Sarojini Naidu became the first Indian woman President of INC.

Question 57. Choose the incorrect pair:

- (a) Warren Hastings – Abolition of Dual System in Bengal
 (b) Lord Dalhousie – Doctrine of Lapse
 (c) Lord Canning – Widow Remarriage Act
 (d) Lord Ripon – Vernacular Press Act

Answer: (d)

Explanation: The Vernacular Press Act was introduced by Lord Lytton, not Lord Ripon who repealed it

Question 58. Match the following papers with their languages:

- A. Kesari – 1. English

- B. Maratha – 2. Marathi
C. Indian Opinion – 3. Gujarati
D. The Bengalee – 4. English

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Kesari (Marathi), Maratha (English), Indian Opinion (Gujarati and others), The Bengalee (English).

Question 59. Identify the correct chronological order of the following education commissions:

1. Sadler Commission
2. Radhakrishnan Commission
3. Hunter Commission
4. Kothari Commission

Code:

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

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Chronological order: Hunter (1882), Sadler (1917–19), Radhakrishnan (1948), Kothari (1964–66).

Question 60. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below:

List-I (Land Revenue System) – List-II (Introduced By)

- A. Ryotwari – 1. Holt Mackenzie
B. Mahalwari – 2. Warren Hastings
C. Izaredari – 3. Thomas Munro
D. Permanent Settlement – 4. Lord Cornwallis

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Ryotwari – Thomas Munro, Mahalwari – Holt Mackenzie, Izaredari – Warren Hastings, Permanent Settlement – Cornwallis.

Question 61. Who was the first Indian to be elected to the leadership of the Communist International (Comintern)?

- (a) M.N. Roy
(b) S.A. Dange
(c) Shaikat Usmani
(d) Muzaffar Ahmad

Answer - (a)

Explanation – M.N. Roy became the first Indian to be elected to the leadership of Comintern after attending its second congress in 1920.

Question 62. Which event marked the beginning of the Civil Disobedience Movement?

- (a) Gandhi-Irwin Pact
(b) Dandi March
(c) Simon Commission's visit
(d) Poona Pact

Answer - (b)

Explanation – Civil Disobedience Movement formally began with Gandhi's salt law violation at Dandi on April 6, 1930.

Question 63. Who succeeded Abbas Tayyabji in leading the Dharasana raid?

- (a) Sarojini Naidu
(b) C. Rajagopalachari
(c) Subhash Bose
(d) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

Answer - (a)

Explanation – After Abbas Tayyabji's arrest, Sarojini Naidu led the non-violent raid on the Dharasana Salt Works.

Question 64. Which of the following leaders called 22 December 1939 as "Deliverance Day"?

- (a) B.R. Ambedkar
(b) Subhash Chandra Bose
(c) Mohammad Ali Jinnah
(d) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

Answer - (c)

Explanation – After Congress resigned from ministries, Jinnah called 22 December as "Deliverance Day" to celebrate the end of Congress rule.

Question 65. Which revolutionary group was involved in the 1925 Kakori Train Robbery?

- (a) Abhinav Bharat
- (b) Hindustan Republican Association
- (c) Anushilan Samiti
- (d) Ghadar Party

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), formed in 1924 by revolutionaries like Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqullah Khan, was responsible for the Kakori Train Robbery.

Question 66. Choose the true statement:

- (a) Welby Commission examined Indian expenditure.
- (b) Dadabhai Naoroji wrote "Poverty and Un-British Rule".
- (c) Gokhale was member of Imperial Legislative Council.
- (d) All of the above

Answer: (d) All of the above

Explanation: All statements are correct and integral to Moderate nationalist discourse.

Question 67. Who was the female leader associated with the Sanyasi Revolt as mentioned in Anandamath?

- (a) Rani Gaidinliu
- (b) Debi Chaudhurani
- (c) Rani Laxmibai
- (d) Rani Durgavati

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Debi Chaudhurani, a key figure in the Sanyasi Revolt, was featured prominently in Bankim Chandra's novel Devi Chaudhurani, symbolizing early resistance by women against British rule.

Question 68. The Ahom Revolt of 1828 was against:

- (a) Annexation of Punjab

(b) British betrayal post-Burma War

(c) Forced Indigo cultivation

(d) Christian missionaries

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The British failed to honour the promise of restoring Ahom rule after the First Anglo-Burma War, leading to a rebellion under Gombard Konwar.

Question 69. Which of the following was annexed by Lord Dalhousie using the Doctrine of Lapse?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Gwalior
- (c) Jhansi
- (d) Hyderabad

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Jhansi was annexed in 1854 when Rani Laxmibai's adopted son was denied succession.

Question 70. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (a) Treaty of Salbai – First Anglo-Maratha War
- (b) Treaty of Bassein – Third Anglo-Maratha War
- (c) Treaty of Devgaon – Bhonsle & British
- (d) Treaty of Purandar – Jai Singh I & Shivaji

Answer: (b) Treaty of Bassein – Third Anglo-Maratha War

Explanation: Treaty of Bassein (1802) was the cause of the Second Anglo-Maratha War, not the third.

Question 71. Who among the following was not a Navratna in Akbar's court?

- (a) Abul Fazl
- (b) Man Singh
- (c) Abdul Qadir Badayuni
- (d) Faizi

Answer – (c) Abdul Qadir Badayuni

Explanation –

The Navratnas (Nine Gems) of Emperor Akbar's court were a group of nine extraordinary talents in diverse fields like literature, music, administration, and military. These were:

Abul Fazl – Historian and chief advisor, author of Akbarnama and Ain-i-Akbari.

Faizi – Poet laureate and Abul Fazl's brother; translated Sanskrit texts into Persian.

Raja Birbal – Court jester and wit; also advisor on religious matters.

Raja Todar Mal – Finance Minister; known for his land revenue system.

Raja Man Singh – Trusted general in Akbar's army.

Tansen – Legendary musician of Hindustani classical music.

Abdul Rahim Khan-I-Khana – Poet and noble, known for his Hindi couplets.

Fakir Aziao-Din – Mystic and advisor.

Mullah Do-Piyaza – A witty courtier (though some consider him semi-legendary).

Question 72. Who among the following is referred to as "Zinda Pir"?

- (a) Babur
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Aurangzeb
- (d) Jahangir

Answer: (c) Aurangzeb

Explanation: Due to his orthodox Islamic lifestyle and simplicity, Aurangzeb was referred to as "Zinda Pir" or the "Living Saint."

Question 73. Choose the incorrect statement:

- (a) Battle of Chandwar was fought between Ghori and Jaichand
- (b) Muhammad bin Qasim conquered up to Bihar
- (c) Bakhtiyar Khalji made Lakhnauti his capital
- (d) Muhammad Ghori died in 1206 CE

Answer – (b)

Explanation – Qasim never conquered Bihar; Bakhtiyar Khalji did.

Question 74. Which of the following factors contributed to the rise of Magadha?

1. Use of elephants in warfare
2. Fertility of Gangetic plains
3. Capital at Taxila
4. Rich iron ore deposits

Select the correct code:

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

(c) 1, 2 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: (c) 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation: Taxila was the capital of Gandhara, not Magadha. The rest three directly contributed to Magadha's military and economic strength.

Question 75. Choose the incorrect statement:

- (a) Sarnath is where Buddha gave his first sermon
- (b) Buddha was born in Lumbini
- (c) Mahayana rejects idol worship
- (d) Buddhism believes in rebirth

Answer - (c)

Explanation – Mahayana Buddhism encourages idol worship and rituals; Hinayana does not.

Question 76. Assertion (A): Jain monks practiced extreme austerity.

Reason (R): Jain philosophy emphasizes complete detachment from worldly life.

Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation
- (c) A is true, but R is false
- (d) A is false, but R is true

Answer - (a)

Explanation – Detachment and austerity are core Jain principles. Hence R correctly explains A.

Question 77. Which of the following statements about Jainism is incorrect?

- (a) It accepts existence of soul.
- (b) It does not believe in creator god.
- (c) It believes in annihilation of universe.
- (d) It preaches Ahimsa.

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Jainism believes the universe is eternal and not annihilated. It is governed by cosmic law.

Question 78. Which Mauryan ruler was known by the title 'Amitrochates'?

- (a) Ashoka
- (b) Bindusara

- (c) Chandragupta Maurya
(d) Dasaratha

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Greek sources like Strabo refer to Bindusara as 'Amitrochates', meaning destroyer of enemies (Amitraghat).

Question 79. Assertion (A): Gupta period is considered the Golden Age of ancient Indian history.

Reason (R): It witnessed immense development in science, arts, and literature.

Code:

- (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.

Answer – (a)

Explanation – The Gupta period is rightly called the Golden Age due to its exceptional contributions in science (Aryabhatta), literature (Kalidasa), and architecture (Ajanta caves).

Question 80. Which Indo-Parthian king ruled during the visit of St. Thomas?

- (a) Gondophernes
(b) Hermeus
(c) Azes I
(d) Menander

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Gondophernes ruled north-west India during 1st century CE; associated with spread of Christianity.

Question 81. Which of the following determines the structural complexity of a food web?

- (a) Number of producers
(b) Number of trophic levels
(c) Number of interlinked chains
(d) Presence of parasites

Answer – (c) Number of interlinked chains

Explanation – More interlinked chains = higher complexity and stability.

Question 82. The Silent Valley National Park is located in:

- (a) Kerala
(b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Assam
(d) Uttarakhand

Answer: (a) Kerala

Explanation: Located in the Western Ghats, Silent Valley is known for its tropical evergreen forest and biodiversity.

Question 83. Which of the following gases is not involved in the formation of photochemical smog?

- (a) Nitrogen oxides
(b) Ozone
(c) Carbon monoxide
(d) Methane

Answer: (d) Methane

Explanation: Photochemical smog mainly involves NO_x, ozone, and hydrocarbons, not methane.

Question 84. Which step converts nitrite (NO₂⁻) to nitrate (NO₃⁻)?

- (a) Nitrogen fixation
(b) Nitrification
(c) Ammonification
(d) Denitrification

Answer – (b) Nitrification

Explanation – Specifically, Nitrobacter bacteria convert nitrite to nitrate.

Question 85. Assertion (A): Warming oceans intensify cyclones.

Reason (R): Higher sea surface temperatures provide more latent heat to fuel storms.

Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation
(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation
(c) A is true, R is false
(d) A is false, R is true

Answer – (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation

Explanation – Warm waters energize tropical cyclones via moisture and heat.

Question 86. Consider the following statements:

1. NAPCC focuses on climate change mitigation only.
2. It operates under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (b) Only 2

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect – NAPCC addresses both adaptation and mitigation.

Statement 2 is correct – The nodal ministry is MoEFCC.

Question 87. Green Carbon refers to carbon stored in:

- (a) Cement factories
- (b) Oceans
- (c) Terrestrial vegetation like forests and plants
- (d) Urban green buildings

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Green Carbon is carbon stored in terrestrial vegetation – especially forests – through photosynthesis.

Question 88. Which of the following is not a threat to biodiversity?

- (a) Habitat loss
- (b) Invasive species
- (c) Climate change
- (d) Seed dispersal

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Seed dispersal is a natural ecological process that supports biodiversity.

Question 89. Which Indian river crosses the Tropic of Cancer twice?

- (a) Mahi
- (b) Chambal
- (c) Narmada
- (d) Krishna

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Mahi river originates in MP, flows through Rajasthan and Gujarat, and crosses the Tropic of Cancer twice.

Question 90. Which Indian city lies almost on the same longitude as Bengaluru?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Dehradun
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Ahmedabad

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Both Bengaluru and Hyderabad lie close to 77°E longitude.

Question 91. Choose the incorrect statement from the following:

- (a) Bhils are known for archery.
- (b) Santhals celebrate the Sohrai festival.
- (c) Todas are known for their embroidered shawls.
- (d) Jarwa tribe practices settled agriculture.

Answer: (d) Jarwa tribe practices settled agriculture

Explanation: The Jarwa are a nomadic tribe and hunter-gatherers. They do not practice settled agriculture.

Question 92. Match the Himalayan division with its feature:

- A. Himadri – 1. Buggyals and Margs
- B. Himachal – 2. Duns and Doons
- C. Shiwaliks – 3. Glacial valleys
- D. Trans-Himalayas – 4. Tethys sediments

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (b)

Chotanagpur – Iron and steel

Mumbai – Petrochemicals

Ahmedabad – Cotton textiles

Vishakhapatnam – Shipbuilding and steel

Question 99. Which of the following cities is famous for glass industry?

- (a) Agra
- (b) Firozabad
- (c) Moradabad
- (d) Kanpur

Answer: (b) Firozabad

Explanation: Firozabad (UP) is called “City of Glass” due to its glass and bangle industry.

Question 100. The term “Atoll” refers to:

- (a) A type of volcanic island
- (b) A lake formed in a crater
- (c) A coral island surrounding a lagoon
- (d) A submerged river valley

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Atolls are ring-shaped coral islands that enclose a lagoon, typically formed on submerged volcanoes.

Question 101. Match List-I (Planet) with List-II (Characteristic):

- A. Mercury | 1. Hottest planet
- B. Venus | 2. Closest to Sun
- C. Jupiter | 3. Largest planet
- D. Saturn | 4. Prominent rings

Code:

- A B C D
- (a) 2 1 3 4
- (b) 1 2 3 4
- (c) 2 1 4 3
- (d) 4 3 1 2

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Mercury → Closest to Sun

Venus → Hottest (due to greenhouse effect)

Jupiter → Largest

Saturn → Known for its rings

Question 102. Which of the following correctly describes the climate of London?

- (a) Tropical monsoon
- (b) Warm temperate western margin
- (c) Tropical desert
- (d) Equatorial

Answer: (b)

Explanation:

London lies in the marine west coast climate (Cfb) – mild summers, cool winters, rainfall throughout the year.

Question 103. Match List-I (Landform) with List-II (Agent of Formation):

- A. Cirque | 1. Glacial
- B. Inselberg | 2. Wind
- C. Moraines | 3. Glacial
- D. Yardang | 4. Wind

Code:

- A B C D
- (a) 1 2 3 4
- (b) 2 1 3 4
- (c) 1 4 3 2
- (d) 3 2 1 4

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Cirque → Glacial erosion

Inselberg → Residual hill (exogenic/weathering)

Moraines → Glacial deposition

Yardang → Wind erosion

Question 104.

Which of the following are endogenic forces?

- 1. Volcanism
- 2. Folding
- 3. River erosion
- 4. Wind deposition

Select the correct Answer:

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation:

Endogenic forces are internal (e.g., volcanism, tectonics, folding, faulting).

Question 105. Consider the following about Jet Streams:

1. They are high-speed winds in the upper troposphere.
2. Subtropical Jet Stream affects Indian monsoon circulation.
3. Jet Streams are stronger in summer due to heating.

Which statements are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Jet streams form due to temperature contrast at upper levels. They are weaker in summer due to reduced thermal gradient, but Subtropical Jet Stream affects the onset and withdrawal of monsoon.

Question 106. Choose the correct statement about India's nuclear doctrine:

- (a) India allows first use of nuclear weapons.
- (b) India follows a 'Massive Retaliation' policy.
- (c) India has signed the NPT and CTBT.
- (d) India has denied the existence of its nuclear triad.

Answer: (b) India follows a 'Massive Retaliation' policy.

Explanation: India's doctrine includes No-First-Use and a commitment to massive retaliation.

Question 107. Which launch vehicle carried Chandrayaan-3 to the Moon?

- (a) PSLV-XL
- (b) GSLV Mk II
- (c) LVM3
- (d) SSLV

Answer: (c) LVM3

Explanation: GSLV Mk III (renamed LVM3) launched Chandrayaan-3 successfully in 2023.

Question 108. Choose the true statement from the following:

- (a) Phycology is the study of fungi
- (b) Lichenology studies algae
- (c) Mycology is the study of lichens
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (d)

Explanation: Phycology – algae, Mycology – fungi, Lichenology – lichens (algae + fungi symbiosis). All given options are incorrect.

Question 109. Which of the following is not found in prokaryotic cells?

- (a) Nucleoid
- (b) Ribosomes
- (c) Nuclear membrane
- (d) Plasma membrane

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Prokaryotes lack a true nucleus and thus do not have a nuclear membrane.

Question 110. Consider the following:

1. Cecum
2. Rectum
3. Colon
4. Appendix

Arrange them in the correct order of food passage through the large intestine.

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Food enters from cecum → appendix → colon → rectum.

Question 111. What is the ratio of RBCs to WBCs in human blood?

- (a) 100:1
- (b) 600:1
- (c) 10:1
- (d) 200:1

Answer: (b)

Explanation: On average, there are 600 RBCs for every WBC in human blood.

Question 112. Which of the following joints allows the widest range of motion?

- (a) Hinge joint
- (b) Pivot joint
- (c) Ball and socket joint
- (d) Gliding joint

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Ball and socket joints (hip and shoulder) allow movement in all directions.

Question 113. What is the pigment responsible for the yellow color of urine?

- (a) Bilirubin
- (b) Hemoglobin
- (c) Urochrome
- (d) Uric acid

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Urochrome, a breakdown product of hemoglobin, gives urine its yellow color.

Question 114. Which technique is used in precise gene editing using Cas9 enzyme?

- (a) DNA fingerprinting
- (b) CRISPR
- (c) PCR
- (d) RNA interference

Answer: (b)

Explanation: CRISPR-Cas9 enables targeted gene editing using guide RNA and Cas9 enzyme.

Question 115. The unit of electric power in SI is:

- (a) Watt
- (b) Volt
- (c) Ampere
- (d) Ohm

Answer – (a) Watt

Explanation –

Electric Power = Voltage $\times$ Current.

The SI unit is Watt (W), where $1\text{ W} = 1\text{ V} \times 1\text{ A}$.

Question 116. Which of the following is the good conductor of heat?

- (a) Wood
- (b) Air
- (c) Silver

(d) Plastic

Answer – (c) Silver

Explanation – Among all known substances, silver is the best conductor of heat. Wood, air, and plastic are poor conductors (insulators).

Question 117. Match List-I (Instrument) with List-II (Quantity Measured):

- A. Sphygmomanometer – 1. Temperature
- B. Barometer – 2. Blood Pressure
- C. Thermometer – 3. Atmospheric Pressure
- D. Ammeter – 4. Electric Current

Code:

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (b) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| (d) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

Answer – (c) 2 3 1 4

Explanation –

Sphygmomanometer $\rightarrow$ Blood Pressure

Barometer $\rightarrow$ Atmospheric Pressure

Thermometer $\rightarrow$ Temperature

Ammeter $\rightarrow$ Electric Current

Question 118. Assertion (A): We wear white clothes in summer.

Reason (R): White color absorbs all heat radiation falling on it.

Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

Answer – (c) A is true but R is false

Explanation – We wear white clothes because they reflect most of the sunlight, not absorb it. R is false.

Question 119. Match List-I (Physical Quantity) with List-II (SI Unit):

- A. Pressure – 1. Ohm

- B. Resistance – 2. Pascal
C. Work – 3. Joule
D. Electric Current – 4. Ampere

Code:

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (b) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (c) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (d) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |

Answer – (a) 2 1 3 4

Explanation –

Pressure → Pascal

Resistance → Ohm

Work → Joule

Electric current → Ampere

Question 120. Which of the following is incorrect?

- (a) NaCl is an ionic compound
(b) H₂O has covalent bonds
(c) Diamond is a good conductor of electricity
(d) Graphite is soft and slippery

Answer – (c) Diamond is a good conductor of electricity

Explanation – Diamond is an insulator; graphite conducts electricity due to free electrons.

Question 121. Assertion (A): Gases can be compressed easily.

Reason (R): Gas molecules have negligible intermolecular space.

Code:

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation
(c) A is true, but R is false
(d) A is false, but R is true

Answer – (c) A is true, but R is false

Explanation – Gases can be compressed due to large intermolecular space, not negligible. Hence, R is false.

Question 122. Which metal is liquid at room temperature?

- (a) Lead
(b) Mercury
(c) Zinc
(d) Aluminum

Answer – (b) Mercury

Explanation – Mercury (Hg) is the only metal that is liquid at room temperature (≈25°C). It is used in thermometers and barometers.

Question 123.

Alum is used in water purification for:

- (a) Killing germs
(b) Removing hardness
(c) Coagulation of impurities
(d) Increasing taste

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Alum (Al₂(SO₄)₃) helps in coagulating suspended particles, making them settle easily.

Question 124. What is phishing in cyber security?

- (a) Sending virus
(b) Data encryption
(c) Fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive info
(d) Network hacking using brute force

Answer – (c)

Explanation – Phishing involves fake websites/emails/messages to steal passwords, bank details, etc.

Question 125. The IT Act in India was passed in:

- (a) 1998
(b) 2000
(c) 2005
(d) 2010

Answer – (b) 2000

Explanation – The Information Technology Act, 2000, provides legal framework for electronic governance and cybercrime control in India.

Question 126. The rare Caracal, recently spotted in Rajasthan's Mukundra Hills, has which IUCN Red List status in India?

- (a) Critically Endangered
(b) Endangered

- (c) Near Threatened
- (d) Vulnerable

Answer: (c) Near Threatened

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** First recorded sighting of **Caracal** in Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.
- **Details:** Globally Least Concern, in India Near Threatened; Schedule I of WPA 1972. Estimated <50 in India, mainly in Gujarat, Rajasthan, MP.

Question 127. India's first PPP-model green waste processing plant has been set up in:

- (a) Bhopal, MP
- (b) Indore, MP
- (c) Surat, Gujarat
- (d) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer: (b) Indore, MP

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** Established in **Bicholi Hapsi, Indore** under **SBM–Urban** in partnership between Indore Municipal Corporation and Astronomical Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- **Details:** Aims at sustainable waste management via PPP model.

Question 128. Which species' first-ever population estimate in India was released during the 7th NBWL meeting?

- (a) Irrawaddy Dolphin
- (b) River Dolphin
- (c) Dugong
- (d) Olive Ridley Turtle

Answer: (b) River Dolphin

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** The 7th NBWL meeting released the first-ever **river dolphin estimate** in India – 6,327 individuals.
- **Details:** India's river dolphins include the Ganges river dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*). Indicator of healthy river ecosystems.

Question 129. Volcán de Fuego, which erupted in 2025, is located in:

- (a) Chile
- (b) Guatemala

- (c) Ecuador
- (d) Costa Rica

Answer: (b) Guatemala

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** In 2025, Guatemala evacuated 500+ people after **Volcán de Fuego** erupted, spewing gas and ash.
- **Details:** Most active volcano in Central America; in 2018, a major eruption killed 215 people and buried San Miguel Los Lotes village. Located in the **Pacific Ring of Fire**.

Question 130. The Pratibimb module, launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs, is used for:

- (a) Mapping biodiversity hotspots
- (b) Tracking maritime piracy incidents
- (c) Mapping cybercrime networks and infrastructure
- (d) Monitoring illegal mining activities

Answer: (c) Mapping cybercrime networks and infrastructure

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** The 'Pratibimb' module under I4C enables location-based mapping of cybercriminals and infrastructure.
- **Details:** Achievements: 6,046 accused arrested, 17,185 crime links found, 36,296 investigation requests handled. Linked to National Cybercrime Portal and Helpline 1930.

Question 131. Which South American country declared a state of emergency in Lima in 2025?

- (a) Bolivia
- (b) Ecuador
- (c) Peru
- (d) Chile

Answer: (c) Peru

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** Peru declared a state of emergency in **Lima**, deploying the army due to internal security concerns.
- **Details:** Peru borders Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, and Chile; notable features include Lake Titicaca, Nazca Lines, and Humboldt Current.

Question 132. INDRA 2025 naval exercise is between India and:

- (a) USA
- (b) Japan
- (c) Russia
- (d) UK

Answer: (c) Russia

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** The 14th edition of **INDRA** was held off Chennai (March 28–April 2, 2025).
- **Details:** Started in 2003, focuses on maritime security cooperation and interoperability between Indian and Russian Navies.

Question 133. According to the Global Terrorism Index 2025, which country ranked **1st** globally in terrorism impact?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) Burkina Faso
- (d) Syria

Answer: (c) Burkina Faso

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** The **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025**, released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), ranked **Burkina Faso** as the country most affected by terrorism.
- **Details:**
 - Burkina Faso accounted for a significant share of global terrorist deaths, largely due to militant activity in the Sahel region.
 - Other top affected countries: Pakistan (2nd), Syria (3rd).
 - India ranked 14th, with attacks declining compared to neighbouring countries.
 - The report highlighted increased use of AI by terrorist groups and a sharp rise in terrorism-related deaths in Niger (94%) and Pakistan (45%).

Question 134. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is caused by:

- (a) Bacteria
- (b) Virus transmitted by rodents

- (c) Fungus
- (d) Protozoa

Answer: (b) Virus transmitted by rodents

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** Actor Gene Hackman's wife died from HPS in Feb 2025.
- **Details:** Spread via urine, feces, saliva of rodents; common carriers include deer mouse; endemic to the Western Hemisphere.

Question 135. The Astra missile recently tested from Tejas is a:

- (a) Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile
- (b) Short-range surface-to-air missile
- (c) Anti-ship missile
- (d) Air-to-surface missile

Answer: (a) Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile

Explanation:

- **Why in News:** DRDO test-fired Astra from Tejas AF Mk1 prototype off Chandipur coast.
- **Details:** BVRAAM with >100 km range; no line-of-sight needed; multi-platform integration possible.

Question 136. The main objective of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) is:

- (a) Promote use of herbal medicines
- (b) Increase full immunization coverage in low-coverage areas
- (c) Provide nutrition to school children
- (d) Eradicate malaria

Answer – (b) Increase full immunization coverage in low-coverage areas

Explanation – IMI, launched in 2017 as an extension of Mission Indradhanush (2014), aims to **increase immunization coverage**, targeting pregnant women and children who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.

Why in News – IMI 5.0 (2023) results were highlighted in March 2025 National Vaccination Day celebrations.

Question 137. Match the following personalities with their notable works:

List–I (Personality) | List–II (Work)

A. Shantanu Gupta | 1. The Indian Constitution: A

Conversation with Power

B. Gautam Bhatia | 2. 101 Reasons Why I Will Vote for Modi

C. Jayashree Venkatesan | 3. Ramsar Award – Wise Use of Wetlands

Code:

(a) A-2, B-1, C-3

(b) A-1, B-2, C-3

(c) A-2, B-3, C-1

(d) A-3, B-1, C-2

Answer – (a) A-2, B-1, C-3

Explanation –

- **Shantanu Gupta** – Political graphic novel *101 Reasons Why I Will Vote for Modi* (2024).
- **Gautam Bhatia** – *The Indian Constitution: A Conversation with Power* (2025).
- **Jayashree Venkatesan** – Won Ramsar Award for Wise Use of Wetlands.
Why in News – All were in headlines between 2024–2025 for awards/publications.

Question 138. Who was awarded the **Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2025**?

(a) T.M. Krishna

(b) R.K. Shriramkumar

(c) L. Subramaniam

(d) Sudha Ragunathan

Answer – (b) R.K. Shriramkumar

Explanation – Rudrapatna Krishnamurthy Shriramkumar, renowned violinist from Karnataka's **Rudrapatna village** ("Sangeet Grama"), received the **Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2025** – the highest honour in Carnatic music, conferred annually by the **Madras Music Academy**.

Why in News – Award announced in early 2025 recognising his contributions to Carnatic music.

Question 139. The **Abel Prize 2025** was awarded to:

(a) Terence Tao

(b) Masaki Kashiwara

(c) Pierre Deligne

(d) Manjul Bhargava

Answer – (b) Masaki Kashiwara

Explanation – Japanese mathematician **Masaki Kashiwara** won the **2025 Abel Prize** for his

groundbreaking work in **algebraic analysis and representation theory**. The Abel Prize is awarded annually by the **King of Norway** and is considered the "Nobel Prize of Mathematics."

Why in News – Awarded in March 2025 with a prize money of 7.5 million Norwegian kroner.

Question 140. India's first textile machine park is being set up in which Uttar Pradesh location?

(a) Lucknow

(b) Chaparghata, Kanpur

(c) Bhadohi

(d) Meerut

Answer – (b) Chaparghata, Kanpur

Explanation – The textile machine park will be established on **875 acres in Chaparghata village, Bhongaon area near Kanpur**, under PPP model, aiming to reduce import dependence and cut machine costs by 40%. It will generate ~1.5 lakh jobs and have export potential of ₹30,000 crore.

Why in News – Announced in 2025 by UP MSME Minister as the first such park in India.

Question 141. The Dolphin Safari in Varanasi will be set up between which villages?

(a) Kaithi and Dhakhwa

(b) Rajghat and Assi

(c) Ramnagar and Shivpur

(d) Sarnath and Kachhawa

Answer – (a) Kaithi and Dhakhwa

Explanation – The Dolphin Safari aims to conserve Gangetic dolphins and promote eco-tourism, with operations between **Kaithi and Dhakhwa** in Varanasi district. 'Dolphin Mitras' will educate locals and tourists.

Why in News – Announced in 2025 to protect India's National Aquatic Animal.

Question 142. Under MYUVA (Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) scheme, the maximum amount of **interest-free loan** provided for new entrepreneurs in the first stage is:

(a) ₹3 lakh

(b) ₹5 lakh

(c) ₹7.5 lakh

(d) ₹10 lakh

Answer – (b) ₹5 lakh

Explanation – MYUVA (Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) offers interest-free loans up to ₹5 lakh to educated and skilled youth, with provision for a composite loan up to ₹7.5 lakh

after successful repayment.

Why in News – In 2025, ₹100 crore was distributed to 2,500 youth in Gorakhpur & Basti divisions.

Question 143. Which state became the first in India to set up a **Senior Citizens Commission** in 2025?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer – (a) Kerala

Explanation – Kerala established the **Senior Citizens Commission** under the Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Act, 2025, to protect elderly rights and advise on policy.

Why in News – Bill passed in 2025 makes Kerala the first state to have such a statutory body for elderly welfare.

Question 144. Which state topped the medal tally at the **Khelo India Para Games 2025**?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer – (b) Haryana

Explanation – Haryana won **104 medals** (34 Gold, 39 Silver, 31 Bronze) at KIPG 2025, followed by Tamil Nadu (74) and Uttar Pradesh (64).

Why in News – Event concluded in New Delhi on 28 March 2025, with 18 national records broken.

Question 145. Assertion (A): “AI Washing” refers to the genuine integration of AI in all company operations.

Reason (R): It is named after “greenwashing” to indicate exaggerated environmental claims.

Code:

- (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

Answer – (d) A is false, but R is true

Explanation – AI Washing means **misrepresenting or overstating AI use**, often to attract funding or market advantage. The term

comes from “greenwashing,” which refers to misleading environmental claims.

Why in News – Gaining attention in 2025 as a regulatory and investor concern.

Question 146. The first-ever **e-Toycathon 2025** was organised by:

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) C-DAC under MeitY
- (c) National Skill Development Corporation
- (d) Ministry of MSME

Answer – (b) C-DAC under MeitY

Explanation – The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, organised e-Toycathon to promote indigenous innovation in the electronic toy sector.

Why in News – Event launched in 2025 to boost domestic electronic toy manufacturing.

Question 147. The ‘Sahkar Taxi’ service launched in 2025 is based on which operational model?

- (a) Public–Private Partnership
- (b) Cooperative model
- (c) Franchise model
- (d) Government-owned corporation

Answer – (b) Cooperative model

Explanation – ‘Sahkar Taxi’, launched by Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, is a cooperative-based app taxi service, aiming to provide fair pricing and competition to private players.

Why in News – Introduced amid CCPA notices to Ola and Uber for discriminatory pricing.

Question 148. The Tinsmet Cave, recently in news, is located in:

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

Answer – (b) Israel

Explanation – Tinsmet Cave in Israel revealed evidence of **peaceful coexistence and cultural exchange** between Homo sapiens and Neanderthals in the Levant region.

Why in News – New archaeological findings published in 2025.

Question 149. Which of the following rivers does NOT flow into the North Sea?

- (a) Rhine
- (b) Thames
- (c) Elbe
- (d) Danube

Answer – (d) Danube

Explanation – The Danube flows into the Black Sea, while the **Rhine, Thames, Weser, and Elbe** flow into the North Sea.

Why in News – The North Sea incident in 2025 highlighted the ecological vulnerability of this busy maritime region.

Question 150. Match the following UP schemes with their launch year:

- A. Mukhya Mantri Abhyuday Yojana – 1. 2021
- B. One District One Product – 2. 2018
- C. UP Matra Vandana Scheme – 3. 2020
- D. Kanya Sumangala Yojana – 4. 2019

Code:

A B C D

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

Answer: (a)

Explanation: These schemes were launched to support skill development, maternal health, MSMEs, and girls' education in UP.