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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. A Bill pending in the Lok Sabha lapses on its prorogation.
2. A Bill pending in the Rajya Sabha, which has not been passed by the Lok Sabha, shall not lapse on dissolution of the Lok Sabha.

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

2. Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report?

1. Undernourishment
2. Child Stunting
3. Child mortality

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1,2 and 3
- d. 1 and 3 only

3. There has been a persistent deficit budget year after year. Which action/actions of the following can be taken by the Government to reduce the deficit?

1. Reducing revenue expenditure
2. Introducing new welfare schemes
3. Rationalising subsidies
4. Reducing import duty.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

4. The establishment of 'Payment Banks' is being allowed in India to promote financial inclusion. Which of the following statements is/are correct in this context?

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1. Mobile telephone companies and supermarket chains that are owned and controlled by residents are eligible to be promoters of Payment Banks.
2. Payment Banks can issue both credit cards and debit cards.
3. Payment Banks cannot undertake lending activities.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 and 2 only
  - b. 1 and 3 only
  - c. 2 only
  - d. 1,2 and 3
- 5. With reference to ‘LiFi’, recently in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. It uses light as the medium for high-speed data transmission.
2. It is a wireless technology and is several times faster than WiFi.

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
- 6. The term ‘Intended Nationally Determined Contributions’ is sometimes seen in the news in the context of**
- a. Pledges made by the European countries to rehabilitate refugees from the war-affected Middle East
  - b. Plan of action outlined by the countries of the world to combat climate change
  - c. Capital contributed by the member countries in the establishment Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
  - d. Plan of action outlined by the countries of the world regarding Sustainable Development Goals
- 7. Which one of the following is a purpose of “UDAY”, a scheme of the Government?**
- a. Providing technical and financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in the field of renewable sources of energy
  - b. Providing electricity to every household in the country by 2018
  - c. Replacing the coal-based power plants with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind and tidal power plants over a period of time
  - d. Providing for financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies

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**8. With reference to 'IFC Masala Bonds', sometimes seen in the news, which of the following statements given below is/are correct?**

1. The International Finance Corporation, which offers these bonds, is an arm of the World Bank.
2. They are the rupee-dominated bonds and are a source of debt-financing for the public and private sectors.

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

**9. Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijaynagar, consider the following statements:**

1. The tax rate on the land was fixed depending on the quality of the land.
2. Private owners of the workshops paid an industries tax.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**10. Which one of the following books of the ancient India has the love story of the son of the founder of Sunga dynasty?**

- a. Swapnavasavadatta
- b. Malavikagnimitra
- c. Meghadoota
- d. Ratnavali

**11. In the context of which of the following do you sometimes find the terms 'amber box, blue box and green box' in the news?**

- a. WTO affairs
- b. SAARC affairs
- c. UNFCCCaffairs
- d. India-EU negotiations on FTA

**12. Which of the following is/are included in the capital budget of the Government of India?**

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1. Expenditure on acquisition of assets like roads, building, machinery, etc.
2. Loans received from foreign governments.
3. Loans and advances granted to the States and Union Territories.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**13. What is/are the importance of the “United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification”?**

1. It aims to promote effective action through innovative national programmes and supportive international partnerships.
2. It has a special/particular focus on South Asia and North Africa regions, and its Secretariat facilitates the allocation of major portion of the financial resources to these regions.
3. It is committed to bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating the desertification.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**14. Recently which of the following currencies has been proposed to be added to the basket of IMF’s SDR?**

- a. Rouble
- b. Rand
- c. Indian Rupee
- d. Renminbi

**15. With reference to the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), consider the following statements:**

1. IMFC discusses matters of concern affecting the global economy, and advises the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the direction of its work.
2. The World Bank participates as the observer in IMFC’s meetings.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only

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- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

**16. “Rashtriya Garima Abhiyaan” is a national campaign to**

- a. Rehabilitate the homeless and destitute persons and provide them with suitable sources of livelihood
- b. Release the sex workers from their practice and provide them with alternative sources of livelihood
- c. Eradicate the practice of manual scavenging and rehabilitate the manual scavengers
- d. Release the bonded labourers from their bondage and rehabilitate them.

**17. With reference to the cultural history of medieval India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Siddhas (Sittars) of Tamil region were monotheistic and condemned idolatry.**
- 2. Lingayats of Kannada region questioned the theory of rebirth and rejected the caste hierarchy.**

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

**18. Which of the following best describes the term “import cover”, sometimes seen in the news?**

- a. It is the ration of value of imports to the Gross Domestic Product of a country
- b. It is the total value of imports of a country in a year
- c. It is the ratio between the value of exports and that of imports between two countries
- d. It is the number of months of imports that could be paid for by a country’s international reserves

**19. Consider the following pairs:**

<b>Community Sometimes mentioned in the news</b>		<b>In the affairs of</b>
<b>1. Kurd</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>
<b>2. Madhesi</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Nepal</b>
<b>3. Rohingya</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Myanmar</b>

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

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3

d. 3 only

**20. With reference to the “Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical weapons (OPCW)”, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is the organization of European Union in working relation with NATO and WHO.**
- 2. It monitors chemical industry to prevent new weapons from emerging.**
- 3. It provides assistance and protection to States (Parties) against chemical weapon threats.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1,2 and 3

**21. With reference to “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana”, consider the following statements:**

- 1. Under this scheme, farmers will have to pay a uniform premium of two percent for any crop they cultivate in any season of the year.**
- 2. This scheme covers post-harvest losses arising out of cyclones and unseasonal rains.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

**22. In which of the following regions of India are you most likely to come across the “Great Indian Hornbill” in its natural habitat?**

- Sand deserts of northwest India
- Higher Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir
- Salt marshes of western Gujarat
- Western Ghats

**23. Which of the following are the key features of “National Ganga River Basin Authority(NGRBA)”?**

- River basin is the unit of planning and management.
- It spearheads the river conservation efforts at the national level.
- One of the Chief Ministers of the states through which the Ganga flows becomes the Chairman of NGRBA on rotation basis.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**24. Why does the Government of India promote the use of “Neem-coated Urea” in agriculture?**

- a. Release of Neem oil in the soil increases nitrogen fixation by the soil microorganisms
- b. Neem coating slows down the rate of dissolution of urea in the soil
- c. Nitrous oxide, which is a greenhouse gas, is not at all released into atmosphere by crop fields
- d. It is a combination of weedicide and a fertilizer for particular crops

**25. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. The Chief Secretary in a State is appointed by the Governor of that State.**
- 2. The Chief Secretary in a State has a fixed tenure.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**26. With reference to “Stand up India Scheme”, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. Its purpose is to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women entrepreneurs. It provides for refinance through SIDBI.

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

**27. The FAO accords the status of “Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)” to traditional agricultural systems. What is the overall goal of this initiative?**

1. To provide modern technology, training in modern farming methods and financial support to local communities of identified GIAHS so as to greatly enhance their agricultural productivity.
2. To identify and safeguard ecofriendly traditional farm practices and their associated landscapes, agricultural biodiversity and knowledge systems of the local communities.

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3. To provide Geographical Indication status to all the varieties of agricultural produce in such identified GIAHS.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 and 3 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**28. Which of the following is/are the tributary/tributaries of Brahmaputra?**

- 1. Dibang
- 2. Kameng
- 3. Lohit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

**29. The term “Core Banking Solutions” is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following statements best describes/describe this term?**

- 1. It is a networking of a bank’s branches which enables customers to operate their accounts from any branch of the bank on its network regardless of where they open their accounts.
- 2. It is an effort to increase RBI’s control over commercial banks through computerization.
- 3. It is a detailed procedure by which a bank with huge non-performing assets is taken over by another bank.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

**30. Consider the following pairs:**

<b>Terms sometimes seen in the news</b>	<b>Their Origin</b>
1. Annex-I Countries	: Cartagena Protocol
2. Certified Emissions Reductions	: Nagoya Protocol
3. Clean Development Mechanism	: Kyoto Protocol

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

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**31. In the context of the developments in Bioinformatics, the term “transcriptome”, sometimes seen in the news refer to**

- a. A range of enzymes used in genome editing
- b. The full range of mRNA molecules expressed by an organism
- c. The description of the mechanism of gene expression
- d. A mechanism of genetic mutations taking place in cells

**32. “Mission Indradhanush” launched by the Government of India pertains to**

- a. Immunization of children and pregnant women
- b. Construction of smart cities across the country
- c. India’s own search for the Earth-like planets in outer space
- d. New Educational Policy.

**33. Which of the following best describes/describe the aim of “Green India Mission” of the Government of India?**

1. Incorporating environmental benefits and costs into the Union and State Budgets thereby implementing the “the green accounting”.
2. Launching the second Green Revolution to enhance agricultural output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future.
3. Restoring and enhancing forest cover and responding to climate change by a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1,2, and 3 only

**34. With reference to pre-packed items in India, it is mandatory to the manufacturer to put which of the following information on the main label, as per the Food Safety and Standards (Packing and Labeling) regulations, 2011?**

1. List of ingredients, including additives
2. Nutrition information

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3. Recommendations, if any, made by the medical profession about the possibility of any allergic reactions.
4. Vegetarian/ Non-Vegetarian

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1, 2 and 3
  - b. 2,3 and 4
  - c. 1,2 and 4
  - d. 1 and 4 only
- 35. “Project loon”, sometimes seen in the news, is related to**
- a. Waste Management Technology
  - b. Wireless Communication Technology
  - c. Solar Power Production Technology
  - d. Water Conservation Technology
- 36. “Net metering” is sometimes seen in the news in the context of promoting the**
- a. Production and use of solar energy by the households/consumers
  - b. Use of piped natural gas in the kitchens of households
  - c. Installation of CNG kits in motor-cars
  - d. Installation of water meters in urban households
- 37. India’s ranking in the “Ease of Doing Business Index” is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following has declared that ranking?**
- a. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
  - b. World Economic Forum
  - c. World Bank
  - d. World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- 38. Banjaras during the medieval period of Indian history were generally**
- a. Agriculturists
  - b. Warriors
  - c. Weavers
  - d. Trades
- 39. Who among the following had first deciphered the edicts of Emperor Ashoka?**
- a. Georg Buhler
  - b. James Prinsep
  - c. Max Muller
  - d. William Jones

**40. With reference to the “Gram Nyayalaya Act”, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. As per the Act, Gram Nyayalayas can hear only civil cases and not criminal cases.
2. The Act allows the local social activists as mediators/reconciliators

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

**41. With reference to the “Trans-Pacific Partnership”, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia.
2. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of maritime security only.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

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

**42. Consider the following statements:**

**The India-Africa Summit**

- 1. Held in 2015 was the third such Summit**
- 2. Was actually initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1951.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**43. What is/are the purpose/purposes of the “Marginal Cost of Funds-based Lending Rate (MCLR)” announced by RBI?**

1. These guidelines help improve the transparency in the methodology followed by banks for determining the interest rates on advances.
2. These guidelines help ensure availability of bank credit at interest rates which are fair to the borrowers as well as the banks.

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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

**44. What is/are unique about “Kharai Camel”, a breed found in India?**

- 1. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometers in seawater
- 2. It survives by grazing on mangroves.
- 3. It lives in the wild and cannot be domesticated.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3.

**45. Recently, our scientists have discovered a new and distinct species of banana plant which attains a height of about 11 meters and has orange coloured fruit pulp. In what part of India has it been discovered?**

- a. Andaman Islands
- b. Anaimalai Forests
- c. Maikala Hills
- d. Tropical Rain Forests of Northeast

**46. Which one of the following is the best description of “INS Astradharini”, that was in the news recently?**

- a. Amphibious Warfare Ship
- b. Nuclear-powered Submarine
- c. Torpedo launch and recovery vessel
- d. Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

**47. What is “Greased Lightning-10 (GL-10)”, recently in the news?**

- a. Electric plane tested by NASA
- b. Solar-powered two-seater aircraft designed by Japan
- c. Space Observatory launched by China
- d. Reusable Rocket designed by ISRO

**48. With reference to “Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion”, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. This initiative aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies, and to demonstrate value addition techniques, in an integrated manner, with cluster approach.
2. Poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers have larger stake in this scheme.
3. An important objective of the scheme is to encourage the farmers of commercial crops to shift to the millet cultivation by offering them free kits of critical inputs of nutrients and micro irrigation equipment.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

**49. The “Swadeshi” and “Boycott” were adopted as methods of struggle for the first time during the**

- a. Agitation against the Partition of Bengal
- b. Home Rule Movement
- c. Non-Cooperation Movement
- d. Visit of the Simon Commission to India

**50. With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements:**

1. The concept of Bodhisattva is central to Hinayana sect of Buddhism.
2. Bodhisattva is a compassionate one on his way to enlightenment.
3. Bodhisattva delays achieving his own salvation to help all sentient beings on their path to it.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 2 only
- d. 1,2 and 3

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<b>1. (b)</b>	<b>2. (c)</b>	<b>3. (c)</b>	<b>4. (b)</b>	<b>5. (c)</b>	<b>6. (b)</b>	<b>7. (d)</b>	<b>8. (c)</b>	<b>9. (c)</b>	<b>10. (b)</b>
<b>11. (a)</b>	<b>12. (d)</b>	<b>13. (c)</b>	<b>14. (d)</b>	<b>15. (c)</b>	<b>16. (c)</b>	<b>17. (a)</b>	<b>18. (d)</b>	<b>19. (c)</b>	<b>20. (b)</b>
<b>21. (b)</b>	<b>22. (d)</b>	<b>23. (a)</b>	<b>24. (b)</b>	<b>25. (d)</b>	<b>26. (c)</b>	<b>27. (b)</b>	<b>28. (d)</b>	<b>29. (a)</b>	<b>30. (c)</b>
<b>31. (b)</b>	<b>32. (a)</b>	<b>33. (c)</b>	<b>34. (c)</b>	<b>35. (b)</b>	<b>36. (a)</b>	<b>37. (c)</b>	<b>38. (d)</b>	<b>39. (b)</b>	<b>40. (b)</b>
<b>41. (d)</b>	<b>42. (a)</b>	<b>43. (c)</b>	<b>44. (d)</b>	<b>45. (a)</b>	<b>46. (c)</b>	<b>47. (a)</b>	<b>48. (a)</b>	<b>49. (a)</b>	<b>50. (b)</b>