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1. Consider the following:

1. Khadar
2. Bhabar
3. Bhangar
4. Terai

Arrange the relief features of the Northern plains from south to north.

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

2. Consider the following Statements with respect to the River Mahi:

1. This River cuts the tropic of cancer twice.
2. The River originates from the Aravalli range.
3. It drains into the Arabian Sea through the Gulf of Kutch.
4. The River pass through the city of Vadodara.

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

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

3. Consider the following statements with respect to the Meiteis and the Kuki community of Northeast India:

1. Both of them are categorised as the Scheduled tribes.
2. Both communities are spread across the northeastern States, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.

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

4. Consider the following Statements:

1. It is the latest tiger reserve of the country.
2. The Reserve has Tropical dry deciduous mixed forests.
3. The Reserve is located in the State that has the highest number of tiger reserves in the country.

Which of the following tiger reserves is described above?

- (a) Ratapani Tiger Reserve
- (b) Dholpur – Karauli Tiger Reserve
- (c) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- (d) Madhav Tiger Reserve

5. Consider the following:

Sl. no	Strategic Infrastructure	Connects	National Highway
1.	Pamban Road Bridge	Mandapam-Rameshwaram.	NH-49
2.	North-South Corridor	Srinagar-Kanyakumari	NH-44
3.	DSDBO Road	Leh to Daulat Beg Oldie	NH-1
4.	Atal Tunnel	Manali-Leh	NH-3

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

6. As you travel across the Eastern Ghats, you are likely to encounter how many of the following species growing naturally?

1. Indian Rosewood
2. Red Sanders
3. Indian Kino Tree
4. Mara uri (*Antiaris toxicaria*)
5. Poplar Sterculia (*Hildegardia populifolia*)

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

7. Consider the following pairs:

Sl.no.	Soils	Deficient
1.	Alluvial Soil	Potash and Lime
2.	Black Soil	Organic matter
3.	Red Soil	Iron and Potash
4.	Laterite Soil	Phosphate and Calcium

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

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

8. Which of the following statements regarding the Red Soils of India is/are correct?

1. Their colour is red due to the presence of iron oxide, which is formed by leaching.
2. They are found in various shades such as brown, chocolate, yellow, and even black, depending upon the degree of iron oxidation.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

9. Consider the following:

Statement I :

"Breaks in the monsoon" refer to temporary interruptions in rainfall activity during the southwest monsoon season.

Statement II :

It is due to the north-south shifting of the monsoon trough.

Which one of the following is correct with respect to the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II explains Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I.
- (c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is not correct.
- (d) Statement I is not correct, but Statement II is correct.

10. Consider the following with respect to the Greater Nicobar Islands:

1. The island has a Tropical deciduous forest.
2. Only the Shompen tribes inhabit this island.
3. Crab-eating Macaque, an endangered species, is endemic to this island.

	List I (Iron and Steel Hub)		List II (River near it)
(A)	Bokaro	1.	Subarneka
(B)	Jamshedpur	2.	Damodar
(C)	Rourkela	3.	Chandrabhaga
(D)	Vijayapura	4.	Brahmani

Codes :

A B C D

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

12. With reference to Tropical Evergreen Forests, consider the following statements:

1. These forests generally receive more than 200 cm of annual rainfall.
2. Rosewood, rubber and mahogany are among the major trees found in these forests.
3. In India, they are found only along the slopes of the Western and Eastern ghats.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

	Wet temperate forests	Chestnuts
2.	Temperate forests	Pine
3.	Alpine forests	Silver fir
4.	Tundra	Mosses

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

15. With reference to tropical deciduous forests, consider the following statements:

1. They are known as 'monsoon forests'.
2. Teak is a dominant species of this forest.
3. Trees in these forests shed their leaves as they receive an annual rainfall of less than 50 cm.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

(5-A)

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16. With reference to the 2011 Census, consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Population density	State	Reasons
1.	Less than 250 persons per sq.km	Assam	Extreme climatic conditions, difficult terrain
2.	Between 251 and 500 persons per sq.km	Bihar	Dissected terrain, less fertile soils
3.	Above 750 persons per sq.km	Kerala	Plains with fertile soils, higher rainfall

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. A country can reap the benefits of a demographic dividend if the dependency ratio of the population increases.
- 2. A majority of India's population is under the age of 35 years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following tribes:

- 1. Bakarwals
- 2. Gujjars
- 3. Bhotiyas
- 4. Gaddis

How many of the above practice transhumance in the Himalayas?

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

19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. According to 2011 Census, less than ten percent of India's population comprises internal migrants.
- 2. Internal migration always changes the size and distribution of the population.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

20. With reference to different phases of population growth in India, consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Period	Changes in components of population growth	Reasons
1.	1901-1921	High birth rate and high death rate	Illiteracy, poor health, lack of accessibility to food supplies
2.	1921-1951	Low birth rate and high death rate	Better health and sanitation, Great Economic Depression, World war
3.	1951-1981	Low birth rate and low death rate	Centralized planning, Increase in international migration
4.	Post 1981	High birth rate and lower death rates	Better female education rates, decrease in mean age at marriage

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a tributary of River Ganga.
- 2. It originates in the Indian Himalayas.

Which one of the following rivers best fits the description given above?

- (a) Yamuna
- (b) Ghaghara
- (c) Gandak
- (d) Son

22. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

River Ganga develops large meanders between Ambala and the Sunderbans.

Statement II:

The slope of the area between Ambala and Sunderbans is very high.

Which of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

23. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Lagoons form when barrier islands or coral reefs separate a body of water from the ocean.
- 2. Sambhar Lake and Pulicat Lake are lagoons separated from the sea by islands.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

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

24. With reference to the Brahmaputra river, consider the following statements:

- 1. It flows through the Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon.
- 2. The state of Arunachal Pradesh has the highest drainage area of the river in India.
- 3. Northern bank tributaries of the river form braided channels and cause floods.
- 4. The South-West monsoon causes a majority of the rainfall in its basin.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

25. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Local storm	Region	Effect
1.	Mango showers	Coastal Karnataka	Cause early ripening of mangoes
2.	Blossom showers	Andhra Pradesh	Cause blossoming of coffee flowers
3.	Loo	Assam	Helpful for jute cultivation

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

26. With reference to the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone, consider the following statements:

1. It is a high-pressure zone where trade winds converge.
2. Descending air in this zone causes thunderstorms and heavy rainfall.
3. Doldrums occur within this zone.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Which one of the following is **not** correct about regur soils?

- (a) The presence of compounds of aluminium and iron gives them a black color.
- (b) They have been formed by the disintegration of volcanic basaltic lava.
- (c) They are favorable for the cultivation of sugarcane and fruits.
- (d) A pebbly crust is a characteristic of these soils.

28. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Type of soil erosion	Area affected
1.	Sheet erosion	Northeastern hills
2.	Ravine erosion	The Ganga Brahmaputra plains
3.	Wind erosion	Rajasthan

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

29. Consider the following:

1. Seawater intrusion
2. Over-extraction
3. Rainfall

How many of the above could lead to higher electrical conductivity levels in groundwater?

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

30. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India is the second largest exporter of 'Telecommunications, Computer, & Information Services' in the world.

Statement II:

According to the UNCTAD, India has over twenty percent share in global export market of 'Telecommunications, Computer, & Information Services'.

Statement III:

India has steadily accounted for the third-largest share in global services exports over the last decade.

Which of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement II and III are correct, and both explain Statement I.
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct, but only one of them explains Statement I.
- (c) Only one among the Statements II and III is correct, and that explains Statement I.
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct.

31. Consider the following states:

- 1. Uttar Pradesh
- 2. Punjab
- 3. Haryana
- 4. Rajasthan
- 5. Gujarat

The planned Delhi-Mumbai Expressway passes through how many of the above states?

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

32. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Infrastructure Project	Significance	Connects
1.	Sudarshan Setu	India's longest Cable-stayed bridge	Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island
2.	Sonamarg Tunnel	World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet	Srinagar and Sonamarg
3.	Maitri Setu	India's longest bridge	Tripura in India with Chittagong in Bangladesh

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

33. Consider the following:

- 1. Bihta
- 2. Orvakal
- 3. Shivamogga
- 4. Kushinagar

Which among above are **not** brownfield airport projects of India?

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

34. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Indian commodities	Its major importers
1.	Ores and minerals	China, USA, Oman
2.	Tea	UAE, Iraq, Iran
3.	Electronic goods	USA, China, Netherlands

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

35. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Landform	Description
1.	Lonar crater lake	A crater formed due to meteorite
2.	The Great Rann of Kachchh	A saline playa
3.	Barren island	India's only active volcano located in the Nicobar Islands
4.	Mawmluh Cave	A stalactites cave formed during Holocene Epoch

How many of the above rows is/are correctly matched?

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

36. Consider the following:

- 1. Karbi-Anglong plateau
- 2. Palamu patland plateau
- 3. Dhupgarh peak
- 4. Barchans in Jaisalmer

Which of the above landforms are part of the Peninsular Plateau?

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

37. With reference to coastal plains of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Eastern coastal plain is broader than the Western coastal plain.
- 2. The Western coast is a submerged coastal plain, making it suitable for the development of ports and harbours.
- 3. Kayals and deltas are abundant along the Eastern coast.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38. Ladakh is a cold desert lying exactly between which one of the following ranges?

- (a) Greater Himalayas and Karakoram Range
- (b) Karakoram Range and Pir Panjal Range
- (c) Greater Himalayas and Pir Panjal Range
- (d) Karakoram Range and Shiwalik Range

39. Consider the following hills:

- 1. Aravalli hills
- 2. Nallamala hills
- 3. Javadi hills
- 4. Veliconda hills
- 5. Mahendragiri hills

Which of the above hills are examples of relict and residual mountains ?

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

40. Consider the following Pairs:

Sl. no.	River	Originates from
1	Vaitarna river	Gujarat
2	Bedti river	Maharashtra
3	Dhadhar river	Madhya Pradesh
4	Kalinadi	Karnataka

How many pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

41. Arrange the following hills from North to South:

- (a) Mishmi hills-Dafla hills-Naga hills-Mizo hills
- (b) Dafla hills-Mishmi hills-Naga hills-Mizo hills
- (c) Mishmi hills-Dafla hills-Mizo hills-Naga hills
- (d) Dafla hills-Mishmi hills-Mizo hills-Naga hills

42. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. no.	River	Associated Geographic Areas
1	Jhelum	Pir Panjal Range
2	Ravi	Dhauladhar Range
3	Beas	Kullu Valley
4	Sutlej	Shipki La Pass

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

43. The Ganga river is known by this name after which of the following locations?

- (a) Vishnu Prayag
- (b) Karna Prayag
- (c) Devprayag
- (d) Rudraprayag

44. Which of the following statements is correct regarding Lunar Eclipse?

- (a) Moon will be in between the Earth and Sun
- (b) Earth will be in between the Moon and Sun
- (c) Sun will be in between the Moon and Earth
- (d) Sun, Moon, and Earth are in straight line.

45. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. no.	Column A	Column B
1	Sutlej and Subansiri rivers	Antecedent Rivers
2	Jhelum and Chambal Rivers	Flows through a Gorge
3	Narmada and Damodar Rivers	Flows through a Rift Valley

How many pairs given above are **not** correctly matched?

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

46. Consider the following statements:

Statement I:

Western Rajasthan experiences arid climate conditions.

Statement II:

The Aravalli Range runs parallel to the southwest monsoon winds offering little barrier to rainfall.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct
- (d) Statement-I is not correct but Statement-II is correct

47. Consider the following statements:

Statement I:

During the cold weather season, high pressure develops over the northern plains of India.

Statement II:

This high-pressure area causes the movement of dry continental air from the land to the sea, leading to generally dry conditions over most parts of India.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct
- (d) Statement-I is not correct but Statement-II is correct

48. Consider the following information:

Sl. no.	Type of Soil	Description	Regions found
1	Alluvial Soils	Formed by river deposits; rich in potash and lime but poor in nitrogen	Northern plains
2	Red and Yellow Soils	Reddish colour due to iron oxides; turns yellow when hydrated	Parts of Chotanagpur plateau
3	Laterite Soils	Rich in humus and nitrogen; found in regions of low rainfall and dry climate	Parts of Meghalaya and Assam

How many of the above rows are correctly matched?

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. These soils are normally heavy and black in colour.
2. They are found in the areas of heavy rainfall and high humidity.
3. Organic matter in this type of soil may go up to fifty percent.
4. They can be found in the coastal areas of West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

Which of the following types of soil is described above?

- (a) Red and Yellow Soils
- (b) Black Soils
- (c) Peaty Soils
- (d) Saline Soils

50. Consider the following:

1. Varkala Cliffs
2. Natural Heritage of Tirumala Hills
3. Red Sand Hills, Andhra Pradesh
4. Naga Hill Ophiolite
5. Meghalayan Age Caves

Which of the above-mentioned Natural heritage sites from India have been added to the UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage?

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

51. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. no.	Waterfalls	Rivers
1	Hundru falls	Mahanadi river
2	Dhuandhar Falls	Narmada river
3	Jog Falls	Sharavathi river
4	Shivasamudram Falls	Tungabhadra river

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

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

52. Which among the following protected areas have a higher tiger density in India?

- (a) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve
- (b) Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- (c) Corbett National Park
- (d) Rathambore National Park

53. Consider the following statements:

Statement I:

The Peninsular rivers are older than the Himalayan rivers.

Statement II:

Peninsular rivers are non-perennial and flow over ancient crystalline rocks.

Statement III:

They exhibit youthful topographic features such as V-shaped valleys and gorges.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I
- (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I
- (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I
- (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct

54. Consider the following statements:

Statement I:

Cloudbursts occur when saturated clouds suddenly release heavy rainfall in a short period over a small area.

Statement II:

Cloudbursts are most common in hilly regions due to orographic uplift of moist air.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct
- (d) Statement-I is not correct but Statement-II is correct

55. Consider the following statements regarding climatic conditions in India:

- 1. The Great Himalaya Range blocks the cold continental winds from entering India.
- 2. Easterly jet stream helps in the sudden onset of the monsoon.
- 3. India's interior region experiences a continental type of climate.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

56. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Aravalli range extends from Gujarat to Delhi, passing through Rajasthan and Haryana.
- 2. The Satpura Range, part of the Deccan Plateau, spans Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- 3. Ajanta is located entirely within the state of Maharashtra.
- 4. Sahyadri stretches across the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa only.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

57. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. no.	River	Major Tributary
1	Mahanadi	Seonath
2	Godavari	Tungabhadra
3	Krishna	Bhima
4	Cauvery	Hemavati

How many of the above pairs is/are **not** correctly matched?

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

58. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given hills starting from the north and going towards the south?

- (a) Nallamalai Hills – Nilgiri Hills – Javadi Hills – Anaimalai Hills
- (b) Anaimalai Hills – Javadi Hills – Nilgiri Hills – Nallamalai Hills
- (c) Nallamalai Hills – Javadi Hills – Nilgiri Hills – Anaimalai Hills
- (d) Anaimalai Hills – Nilgiri Hills – Javadi Hills – Nallamalai Hills

59. Which one of the following is the correct sequence of the given Indian cities in the decreasing order of their average annual rainfall?

- (a) Kochi – Kolkata – Delhi – Patna
- (b) Kolkata – Kochi – Patna – Delhi
- (c) Kochi – Kolkata – Patna – Delhi
- (d) Kolkata – Kochi – Delhi – Patna

60. Consider the following statements:

1. Assam Shares a border with Bhutan and Bangladesh.
2. West Bengal shares a border with Bhutan and Nepal.
3. Mizoram shares a border with Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

61. Which one of the following is the most widespread type of forest in India?

- (a) Tropical wet evergreen
- (b) Thron scrub
- (c) Mangrove
- (d) Tropical dry deciduous

62. Consider the following conditions:

- i. Mean annual temperature of about 22°C
- ii. Annual precipitation exceeding 200 cm
- iii. Vegetation dominated by broad-leaved trees forming a dense upper canopy

Which one of the following forest types is most likely to be found under the above conditions?

- (a) Semi-evergreen forest
- (b) Tropical evergreen forest
- (c) Tropical deciduous forest
- (d) None of the above

63. Consider the following islands:

1. Cannanore islands
2. Minicoy
3. Amindivi

Select the correct order of island from South to North:

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

64. Which one of the following hills is **not** a part of the Purvanchal ?

- (a) Patkai Bum range
- (b) Lushai hills
- (c) Mikir hills
- (d) Naga hills

65. Which of the following rivers of Peninsular India have the Amarkantak region as their source?

- (a) Chambal, Betwa, Luni
- (b) Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery
- (c) Son, Johila, Narmada
- (d) None of the above

66. How many of the following countries borders both Israel and Iran?

1. Iraq
2. Syria
3. Jordan

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

67. Consider the following islands in the Pacific Ocean:

1. Luzon
2. Sakhalin
3. Ryukyu
4. Timor

Select the correct order of the islands as they occur from north to south:

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

68. Consider the following statements on Dugong:

1. They are classified as Vulnerable to extinction by IUCN.
2. They are present in Chilika Lake.
3. They live in deep waters.

How many of the above statement is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements on Apiculture:

1. India is the largest exporter of honey in the world.
2. In India, Uttar Pradesh ranks among the leading states in honey production.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

70. Which of the following countries share a border with Thailand?

1. China
2. Myanmar
3. Cambodia
4. Laos
5. Vietnam
6. Malaysia

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

71. Consider the following National Parks:

1. Moiling
2. Hemis
3. Kaziranga
4. Valley of Flowers

Arrange the above-mentioned national parks from the West to East:

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

72. With reference to the Sea of Marmara, consider the following statements:

1. The Dardanelles Strait connects it to the Black Sea.
2. The North Anatolian Fault runs beneath the sea.
3. The salinity of the sea is high due to the non-availability of any freshwater source.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following countries:

- 1. The Netherlands
- 2. Norway
- 3. Germany
- 4. The United Kingdom
- 5. Estonia

How many of the above countries shares their border with the North Sea?

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

74. With reference to the Menhirs of Mudumal, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is located in the state of Telangana.
- 2. The River Krishna flows near the site.
- 3. It is believed to be a megalithic astronomical observatory.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

75. Which of the following countries is involved in the Sandy Cay reef dispute?

- (a) China and Japan
- (b) China and the Philippines
- (c) China and Taiwan
- (d) Taiwan and Japan

76. Consider the following information:

Sl.no.	Country	Largest producer of
1.	Chile	Copper
2.	Botswana	Diamond
3.	Argentina	Lithium

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

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

77. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Chos of northern Haryana and Punjab and the badlands of Madhya Pradesh are the results of gully erosion.
- 2. More than two-thirds of saline and alkaline soils of India occur in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

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

78. Dandakaryna uplands region includes which of the following?

- 1. Tel – Jonk Valley Region
- 2. Bastur Upland
- 3. Indravati – Sabari Plain

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

79. Consider the following:

1. Planting salt-tolerant plants
2. Adopting crop rotation
3. Mulching
4. Application of Gypsum

Which of the above methods can be used to treat saline soil?

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

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

	List I (Dam)		List II (River)
(A)	Nagarjunasagar	1.	Mahanadi
(B)	Matatilla	2.	Barakar
(C)	Maithon	3.	Krishna
(D)	Hirakud	4.	Betwa

Codes:

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

81. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:

	List I (Power Plants)		List II (State)
(A)	Thal	1.	Andhra Pradesh
(B)	Manuguru	2.	Gujarat
(C)	Kakrapar	3.	Maharashtra
(D)	Kaiga	4.	Karnataka

Codes:

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

82. Consider the following statements:

1. Sugarcane is a temperate crop which largely grows in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
2. Soil with a pH of 6.5 to 7.5 is most suitable for sugarcane growth

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

83. Consider the following peaks:

1. Dhaulagiri
2. Kanchenjunga
3. Nanda-Devi
4. Kamet peak

The correct sequence of the peaks from west to east will be

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

84. Which of the following towns are **not** associated with the silk weaving industry in India?

1. Murshidabad
2. Ludhiana
3. Vadodara
4. Ambala

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

85. Arrange the following passes from North to South.

- (a) Bum La – Bomdi La – Chankan Pass
- (b) Bomdi La – Bum La – Chankan Pass
- (c) Chankan Pass – Bumla – Bomdila
- (d) Chankan Pass – Bomdi La – Bum La

86. Consider the following statements regarding the Peninsular plateau of India:

- 1. Ranchi and Malwa Plateaus are examples of patlands.
- 2. The Peninsular plateau is one of the most stable landmasses of India.
- 3. The general elevation of the peninsular plateau increases from west to east.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

87. Consider the following statements regarding Natural disasters:

- 1. Drought is occasional, and floods are frequent.
- 2. In India, more areas are affected by drought than by flood.
- 3. All underwater earthquakes cause tsunamis because they discharge a huge amount of water.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

88. Which of the following is **not** a characteristic of monsoonal Rainfall in India?:

- (a) Sudden burst
- (b) Dry spell
- (c) On first week of July, coverage is almost all over the country
- (d) The East Coast gets more Rainfall than the other parts

89. Among the following, select the suitable factors for wheat cultivation.:

- 1. Fertile, friable, loamy and clay soil
- 2. Sudden rise in temperature at the time of maturity
- 3. Cool climate with moderate Rainfall
- 4. Frost during flowering time

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

90. Consider the following statements: :

- 1. Lower Gondwana possesses the most valuable and best coalfields and accounts for about 80% of total coal production in India.
- 2. Anthracite coal is generally found in the Gondwana region.

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

91. Arrange the following states in descending order with regard to their Natural gas production:

1. Rajasthan
2. Tripura
3. Andhra Pradesh
4. Assam

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

92. Consider the following statements:

1. Indira Gandhi Canal System irrigates around one-fifth of the agricultural land in Punjab.
2. Sirhind Canal is the longest Canal system in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

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

93. Consider the following statements :

1. West Bengal is the largest producer of fish in India.
2. Smart and Eco-Friendly Fishing Harbours are being developed in the ports of Karaikal in Puduchery and Jakhau in Gujarat.
3. Indian Mackerel accounts for about one-third of the total fish catch in India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

94. Consider the following with respect to the Asian Elephant:

1. The highest densities of Asian Elephants are found in tropical deciduous forests.
2. According to the latest survey, Kerala harbours the largest population of the Asian Elephant in India.

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

95. Consider the following:

Statement I:

Most of the peninsular river flows from west to east.

Statement II:

It is due to the Upheaval of the Himalayas when the Northern flank of the Peninsular block was subjected to subsidence.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I.
- (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I.
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is not correct
- (d) Statement-I is not correct but Statement-II is correct

96. The term "Marusthali" denotes:

- (a) World's largest river island located in the Brahmaputra River.
- (b) Hot and dry winds that blow in the Northern India.
- (c) Pre-Monsoon showers in the Malabar Coast.
- (d) Northwest of Aravalli's range with arid topography.

97. A cargo vessel is sent from Patna (Bihar) to Dhubri (Assam) through the Inland national Waterways of India and Bangladesh. During its journey, the vessel passes through which of the following cities?

- 1. Bhagalpur
- 2. Farakka
- 3. Haldia
- 4. Khulna
- 5. Sylhet

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

98. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I:

Mizoram is known as the Molassis basin

Statement II:

Mizoram is made up of hard consolidated deposits.

Which of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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

99. The term "Bugyals" denotes:

- (a) A dry temperate forest ecosystem of the lower Himalayas
- (b) A tropical grassland found in the rain shadow region
- (c) A high-altitude alpine meadow of the Himalayas
- (d) A shrub-dominated landscape of the trans-Himalayan region

100. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:

	List I (Mineral belts in India)		List II (Minerals)
(A)	North-Eastern Plateau Region	1.	Iron ore and mica
(B)	South-Western Plateau Region	2.	Monazite and thorium
(C)	North-Western Region	3.	Dolomite and limestone

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

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

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1. With reference to the Himalayan rivers joining the Ganga downstream of Prayagraj from West to East, which one of the following sequences is correct?

(UPSC PYQ- 2024)

- Ghaghara – Gomati – Gandak – Kosi
- Gomati – Ghaghara – Gandak – Kosi
- Ghaghara – Gomati – Kosi – Gandak
- Gomati – Ghaghara – Kosi – Gandak

2. The total fertility rate in an economy is defined as:

(UPSC PYQ- 2024)

- the number of children born per 1000 people in the population in a year.
- the number of children born to a couple in their lifetime in a given population.
- the birth rate minus death rate.
- the average number of live births a woman would have by the end of her child-bearing age.

3. Consider the following statements :

(UPSC PYQ- 2023)

1. Amarkantak Hills are at the confluence of Vindhya and Sahyadri Ranges.
2. Biligirirangan Hills constitute the easternmost part of Satpura Range.
3. Seshachalam Hills constitute the southernmost part of Western Ghats.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

4. Consider the following statements:

(UPSC PYQ- 2023)

1. Jhelum River passed through Wular Lake.
 2. Krishna River directly feeds Kolleru Lake.
 3. Meandering of Gandak River formed Kanwar Lake
- How many of the statements given above are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

5. Consider the following pairs : **(UPSC PYQ- 2023)**

Sl.no.	Port	Well known as
1.	Kamarajar Port	First major port in India registered as a company
2.	Mundra Port	Largest privately owned port in India
3.	Visakahpatnam	Largest container ports in India

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

6. With reference to India, Didwana, Kuchaman, Sargol and Khatu are the names of **(UPSC PYQ- 2021)**

- Glaciers
- Mangrove areas
- Ramsar sites
- Saline lakes

7. Consider the following minerals: **(UPSC PYQ- 2020)**

1. Bentonite
2. Chromite
3. Kyanite
4. Sillimanite

In India, which of the above is/are officially designated as major minerals?

- 1 and 2 only
- 4 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 2, 3 and 4 only

8. What is common to the places known as Aliyar, Isapur and Kangsabati? **(UPSC PYQ- 2019)**

- Recently discovered uranium deposits
- Tropical rain forests
- Underground cave systems
- Water reservoirs

9. With reference to 'Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)' sometimes mentioned in the news while forecasting Indian monsoon, which of the following statements is/are correct? **(UPSC PYQ- 2017)**

1. IOD phenomenon is characterized by a difference in sea surface temperature between tropical Western Indian Ocean and tropical Eastern Pacific Ocean.
2. An IOD phenomenon can influence are El Nino's impact on the monsoon.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

10. In India, in which one of the following types of forests is teak a dominant tree species? **UPSC PYQ- 2015)**

- Tropical moist deciduous forest
- Tropical rain forest
- Tropical thorn scrub forest
- Temperate forest with grasslands



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