

1. Consider the following statements:
1. The executive power of the State is vested in the Governor.
 2. The Governor has constitutional discretion for the reservation of a Bill for the consideration of the President.

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

2. What is the main basis for allocation of seats to various States in the Lok Sabha?

- (a) Pre-Independence conventions
- (b) Population of the state
- (c) Total area of the state
- (d) Gross State Domestic Product of the state

3. Consider the following states:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. Karnataka
5. Tamil Nadu

Which of the states mentioned above have a bicameral legislature?

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

4. With reference to the Resolutions in the Parliament of India, consider the following statements:

1. All motions are resolutions but not all resolutions are motions.
2. All the resolutions must be voted upon in the House.
3. A statutory resolution can be moved only by a Minister.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Consider the following statements with respect to the Parliament of India:

1. Fourth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with allocation of seats in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
2. Both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have representation from all the Union Territories of 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

6. In which of the following matters, the powers of the State Legislative Council are equal to that of the State Legislative Assembly?

1. Introduction of Money Bills
2. Removal of Council of Ministers by a No Confidence Motion
3. Approval of ordinances issued by the Governor
4. Enlargement of the jurisdiction of the State Public Service Commission

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

7. With reference to the evolution of the Urban Local Bodies in India, consider the following statements:

1. The first Municipal Corporation in India was set up by the Regulating Act of 1773.
2. Local Self-government was a provincial subject under the Government of India Act, 1935.

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

8. Consider the following statements:

1. The Governor of Gujarat can establish separate development boards for Saurashtra and Kutch region.
2. No act of Parliament relating to ownership and transfer of land would apply to Nagaland unless permitted by the State Legislative Assembly.

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

9. With reference to the State Legislative Council, consider the following statements:

1. The Governor of the State acts as its de- facto Chairperson.
2. Its maximum strength is fixed at one-half of the total strength of the State Legislative Assembly.
3. It can be established and abolished by the respective State Legislative Assembly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10. With reference to the Union Cabinet Committees in India, consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India does not provide for the establishment of Cabinet Committees.
2. They can include a non-Cabinet Minister as its member.
3. All the cabinet committees are invariably headed either by the Prime Minister or the Union Home Minister.

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

11. Who among the following presides over the Lok Sabha in case of vacancy in the office of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker?

- (a) Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha
- (b) A Member of Lok Sabha appointed by the President
- (c) Senior-most Member of Parliament appointed by the President
- (d) A Member of the Panel of Chairpersons

12. Consider the following statements:

1. An ordinary bill can be introduced in either House of the Parliament but it cannot be introduced in the State Legislative Council.
2. In case of deadlock over passage of a Bill, the provision of Joint Sitting is available to the Parliament and not to the State Legislature.

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

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The right to vote is a Fundamental Right in India.
2. Individuals under preventive detention are not eligible to cast their votes in an election.

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

14. With reference to the election in Panchayats, consider the following statements:

1. All the members of Panchayats at the village, intermediate and district levels are directly elected.
2. The Chairperson of Panchayats at the intermediate and district levels are elected indirectly by and from amongst the elected members.

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

15. Consider the following statements with reference to the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA):

1. Its provisions are applicable to the states mentioned in the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
2. All seats of Chairpersons of Panchayats at all levels shall be reserved for the Scheduled Tribes.
3. Reservation for the Scheduled Tribes in Panchayats shall not be less than two-third of the total number of seats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements:

1. The privileges of the State Legislature extend to both the Governor and Advocate General of the State.
2. The State Legislature can punish members as well as outsiders for breach of its privileges or contempt.
3. Members of the House can refuse to appear as a witness in a Court when the State Legislature is in session.

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

17. With reference to the sessions of the Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. Adjournment terminates the sitting of the Parliament for a specified time.
2. The power of adjournment and adjournment sine die lies with the Presiding Officer of the House.
3. Prorogation terminates both the sitting and session of the House.
4. Dissolution is applicable in the case of Lok Sabha only.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

18. With reference to the finances of the local bodies, consider the following statements:

1. The State Legislature can authorize a municipality to levy, collect and appropriate taxes, duties, tolls and fees.
2. The Governor provides for the constitution of funds for crediting all money of the municipalities.

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

19. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Veto	Description
1.	Absolute veto	: Withholding of assent to the bill passed by the legislature
2.	Qualified veto	: Can be overridden by the legislature only through an ordinary majority
3.	Suspensive veto	: Can be overridden by the legislature only through a special majority
4.	Pocket veto	: Taking no action on the bill passed by the legislature

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

20. Which of the following are Constitutional bodies?

- 1. National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- 2. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
- 3. National Commission for Minorities
- 4. National Commission for Backward Classes
- 5. National Commission for Women

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Lok Sabha.
- 2. There is no provision for the individual responsibility of Ministers under the Indian Constitution.
- 3. Any order of the President is countersigned by the Council of Ministers in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements with reference to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC):

- 1. It comes into force on the first day of filing nomination papers by the candidates.
- 2. It has statutory backing under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- 3. During bye-elections to the State Legislative Assembly, the code is applicable in the entire State.

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

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

23. With reference to the Cabinet, consider the following statements:

- 1. The functions of the Cabinet are explicitly defined under the Indian Constitution.
- 2. Its decisions are binding on the Council of Ministers.
- 3. Its total members shall not exceed more than ten percent of the total strength of the Council of Ministers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. Who among the following is/are qualified to be a member of the Finance Commission of India?

1. A person who is the judge of a High Court or qualified to be appointed as one
2. A person who has wide experience in financial matters and in administration
3. A person who has special knowledge of economics

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

25. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of India has no provision for the reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the Rajya Sabha.
2. The 104th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019, ceased the reservation for the Anglo-Indians in Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies.

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. Consider the following statements:

1. All Financial Bills can be introduced in Lok Sabha only.
2. The Rajya Sabha can neither amend nor reject any Financial Bill.
3. The Speaker of Lok Sabha can certify a Bill as a Money Bill.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

27. Consider the following statements with reference to municipal personnel systems in India:

1. The Separate Personnel System for municipalities is against the principle of local autonomy.
2. In the Unified Personnel System, the State Government appoints and controls the municipal personnel.
3. In the Integrated Personnel System, the municipal personnel are the members of the state services.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. With reference to the Scheduled Areas under the Fifth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

1. Parliament has the power to declare an area as a Scheduled Area.
2. The executive power of the State Government doesn't extend to the Scheduled Areas in the State.
3. The Governor has the authority to restrict applicability of a law to a Scheduled Area in the State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to the Prime Minister of India?

1. Resignation or death of an incumbent Prime Minister automatically dissolves the Council of Ministers.

2. S/He appoints the Attorney General and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
3. S/He advises the President with regard to summoning and proroguing of the sessions of the Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

30. Consider the following statements:

1. In 'First Past the Post System', a candidate must get more than fifty percent of the votes polled to win the election.
2. In the 'Proportional Representation System', every political party gets seats in the legislature in proportion to the percentage of votes polled by it.

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

31. Consider the following statements:

1. It is not a statutory body.
2. It is created for the administration of a fast-developing town due to industrialisation.
3. All the members are nominated by the State Government.

Which of the following Urban Local Bodies is described in the statements given above?

- (a) Special Purpose Agency
- (b) Notified Area Committee
- (c) Town Area Committee
- (d) Township

32. Consider the following statements with reference to District Planning Committees (DPC) and Metropolitan Planning Committees (MPC):

1. They are created by an executive resolution of the State Governments.
2. One-third of their total members must be elected directly by the members of Panchayats and Municipalities.

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

33. Consider the following statements with reference to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha:

1. Both are elected from amongst the members of their respective Houses.
2. Both exercise a casting vote in the case of equality of votes in their respective Houses.

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

34. Consider the following statements with reference to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council:

1. Every decision is taken by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the weighted votes of the members present and voting at the meeting.
2. The weightage of votes of the Central Government is greater than the combined total weightage of all the State Governments.

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

35. Consider the following statements:

1. The State Finance Commission recommends grants-in-aid to Panchayati Raj Institutions from the Consolidated Fund of a State.
2. Unlike the Election Commission of India, the State Election Commission is not a Constitutional body.

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

36. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to the Vice-President of India?

1. S/He assumes the office of the President when it falls vacant for the unexpired term.
2. S/He does not perform the duties of the Chairperson of Rajya Sabha while acting as the President.
3. S/He does not preside over the joint sitting of both Houses of the Parliament.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

37. Consider the following statements with reference to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC):

1. One of its members must be a woman.
2. A former Judge of the Supreme Court is eligible to be appointed as its Chairperson.
3. Its Chairperson is not eligible for re-appointment.
4. It can punish violators of human rights up to 2 years of imprisonment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

38. Consider the following statements with reference to NITI Aayog:

1. It was created by an executive resolution by the Government of India.

2. The Prime Minister of India is the Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
3. Its Governing Council is headed by the Union Home Minister.

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

39. Consider the following statements with reference to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir:

1. The Chief Minister and other Ministers are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor.
2. The areas under Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir are to be taken into account while taking in account the total membership of its Legislative Assembly.
3. The Lieutenant Governor may nominate two women members to the Legislative Assembly.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

40. Under which of the following conditions can a political party be recognized as a National Party in India?

1. A party gets recognition as State Party in four or more States.
2. The party wins 2 percent of seats in the Lok Sabha from at least three different States.

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

41. With reference to the President's rule, consider the following statements:

1. The resolution approving the proclamation of the President's rule must be approved by both the Houses of Parliament by a special majority.
2. The Governor administers the State with the help of the Chief Secretary during the President's rule.
3. The Presidential proclamation imposing President's rule in a state is subject to judicial review.

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

42. With reference to the Comptroller and Auditor-General (CAG) of India, consider the following statements:

1. Salaries, pensions and administrative expenses of CAG are charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India.
2. Unlike in Britain, the CAG in India only audits the accounts after the expenditure is made.
3. The audit reports of CAG relating to the accounts of the Government are submitted to the President.

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

43. With reference to the Election Commission of India (ECI), consider the following statements:

1. In case of differences among members of ECI, the matter is decided by the Chief Election Commissioner.
2. It has advisory jurisdiction in the matter of disqualification of members of Parliament and State Legislatures.

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

44. With reference to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), consider the following statements:

1. It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It was established on the recommendation of Santhanam Committee.
3. The Central Government can authorize it to investigate a crime in a State without the consent of the concerned State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements with reference to central deputation of All India Services officers:

1. Concurrence of State Government is required for central deputation of cadre officers.
2. At any point in time, central deputation cannot be more than 40% of the total cadre strength.

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

46. With reference to the Parliamentary Committees, consider the following statements:

1. A Minister cannot be appointed as a member of the Public Accounts Committee.
2. Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have representation in the Estimates Committee.
3. The members of the Committee on Public Undertakings are nominated by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

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

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

47. Consider the following:

1. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
2. K. Kasturirangan Committee
3. Thungon Committee
4. G.V.K. Rao Committee

Which of the committees given above are related to Panchayati Raj Institutions in India?

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

48. Consider the following statements:

1. Claims become rights when they are recognised by society.
2. Rights are entitlements granted to an individual by the society.

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

49. Which of the following provisions were introduced under the Forty-Fourth Constitutional Amendment Act, 1978?

1. National Emergency can be proclaimed only on the basis of written advice tendered by the Cabinet.
2. Fundamental Rights guaranteed by Articles 20 and 21 of the Indian Constitution cannot be suspended during the National Emergency.
3. The National Emergency can be extended to an indefinite period with the approval of the Parliament for every six months.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

50. Which of the following are the functions of the Constitution?

1. It enables the Government to create necessary conditions for a just society.
2. It confers a limit on the power of the Government to impose restrictions on citizens.

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

- 51.** Which one of the following is the most likely impact of the Euro and US Dollar parity?
- American tourists in Europe will be adversely affected
 - European export goods would be more competitive in price in the United States
 - The earnings received by American companies from Europe would increase
 - Lower oil import prices for Europe

52. With reference to 'Countertrade', consider the following statements:

- It uses barter system for the exchange of goods and services rather than hard currency.
- It helps to mitigate risks posed by protective trade policies like sanctions and non-tariff barriers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

53. The National Open Access Registry (NOAR) is launched by the Government of India as a:

- single window clearance platform for the power sector
- database to collect information related to water conservation
- digital record of health data of citizens
- grievance redressal forum in smart cities

54. Consider the following statements with reference to the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme:

- It provides short-term credit to farmers at subsidized interest rates.
- Prompt Repayment Incentive is given to farmers who repay their loans on time.
- Interest subvention support to banks is 100% funded by the Central Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

55. With reference to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), consider the following statements:

- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is the deciding authority for corporations and limited liability firms.
- Individuals and partnership firms have their debts adjudicated by the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

56. With reference to the Indian economy, the 'Payment Aggregator' is:

- a third-party entity that helps in resolving insolvency cases
- a financial institution that acts as a guarantee in a loan settlement
- a bad bank that overtakes the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of banks in distress
- an entity that facilitates merchants to accept various payment instruments from customers

57. Consider the following statements with reference to technical textiles:

- They can be manufactured using man-made fibres such as Nomex, Kevlar and Spandex.
- Meditech is the largest exported segment of the total exports of technical textiles from India in 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following statements, with reference to the 'Green Fins' initiative:

1. It aims to reduce negative environmental impacts associated with marine tourism.
2. It is launched by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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

59. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 5 Report, 2022:

1. Bihar registered the highest prevalence of Infant Mortality Rate.
2. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level.
3. Stunting is higher among children in urban areas than in rural areas.
4. There is an improvement in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators in all States.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

60. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Five Year Plan	Feature
1.	First	: Focus on the agricultural development
2.	Second	: Rapid industrialization
3.	Fifth	: Removal of poverty and attainment of self-reliance
4.	Eighth	: Second-generation reforms introduced

How many pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

61. Which of the following initiatives are launched by the NITI Aayog?

1. Mission Karmayogi
2. National Data Analytics Platform
3. Atal Innovation Mission
4. Shonya - Zero-Pollution Mobility campaign

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

62. Which one of the following is a feature of a mixed economy model?

- (a) Common ownership of all resources
- (b) Absence of regulation by State
- (c) Coexistence of private and state ownership of the means of production
- (d) Elimination of social classes

63. Which of the following programs of the Government of India are included under the Core of the Core Schemes (COC)?

1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Program
2. National Social Assistance Program
3. Border Area Development Programme
4. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

64. With reference to land reforms in independent India, which one of the following statements is correct?

1. Change in ownership of land was aimed to incentivize tillers to invest in making improvements in agriculture.
2. It fixed the maximum size of land which could be owned by an individual.

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

65. With reference to the 'Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)', consider the following statements:

1. It is governed by the Sugarcane (Control) Order of 1966 issued under the Essential Commodities Act of 1955.
2. It is approved and announced by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
3. It takes into account the sugar recovery of the mills.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

66. Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Arms Length Pricing'?

- (a) A transaction where two independent parties are acting in their own self-interest
- (b) A system to bridge loopholes that are exploited by companies to avoid taxation
- (c) A system that is used to avoid disputes on transfer pricing
- (d) A process of keeping tax rates very low to attract investments

67. Arrange the following sources of Renewable energy in a decreasing order based on their total installed capacity:

1. Wind energy

2. Solar energy
3. Biomass energy
4. Large hydroelectric energy

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

68. With reference to international trade, consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Subsidy box	Description
1.	Amber box	: Trade distorting subsidies
2.	Green box	: Subsidies allowed with limitations
3.	Blue box	: Includes direct payments made to farmers by the government
4.	Development box	: Investment subsidies available to agriculture

How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

69. The 'Digital Services Act', sometimes seen in the news, is related to:

- (a) a set of rules on internet intermediaries' accountability across the European Union.
- (b) a program by UNESCO to provide basic welfare services in least-developed countries.
- (c) tax levied on e-commerce services by the United States of America.
- (d) a regulation for cryptocurrency by the World Trade Organization.

70. National Bank for Rural and Agriculture Development (NABARD) provides short-term refinances to which of the following?

1. Scheduled Commercial Banks
2. Rural Development Bank
3. Non-Banking Financial Company
4. State Cooperative Banks
5. Regional Rural Banks

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

71. Which one of the following statements best describes the term 'Creative Economy'?

- (a) A labour market dominated by the prevalence of short-term contracts or freelance work as opposed to permanent jobs.
- (b) An economy where goods production and distribution are driven by beliefs, customs and traditions.
- (c) Products and services designed to meet the needs of people over 50 years of age.
- (d) An economic activity based on human knowledge and intellectual property.

72. Consider the following statements with reference to Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC):

1. It is a government-backed platform that aims to create a level playing field for e-commerce operators and offline traders.
2. It enables sellers and buyers to transact through open network protocols independent of any specific platform.
3. It enables merchants to save their data to build credit history and target consumers.

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

73. With reference to the FinTech companies in India, consider the following statements:

1. They can provide crowd-funding services.
2. They are regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
3. 100% foreign direct investment is allowed in regulated financial services companies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. Consider the following statements with reference to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme:

1. All scheduled commercial banks are eligible to provide loans to businesses.
2. 100% guarantee coverage is provided to the lending institutions by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company.
3. The loans are offered to small and medium enterprises at a minimum interest rate of 2%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

75. Which of the following steps can be taken by the government to control depleting Foreign Exchange Reserves in India?

1. Decreasing corporate tax
2. Increasing export duty
3. Ease of doing business measures

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

76. With reference to the Indian semiconductor industry, consider the following statements:

1. Silicon is the basic component of a semiconductor chip.
2. More than 90% of India's semiconductor demand is met through exports.
3. The Design-Linked Initiative (DLI) scheme aims to promote semiconductor and display manufacturing in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct about the All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey?

- (a) It estimates the total consumption in the economy in a financial year.
- (b) The data from the survey is used to determine poverty levels in different States and Union Territories.
- (c) It is conducted by the National Statistical Office.
- (d) It provides data on average expenditure on goods and services.

78. Which of the following investments would be classified as the Overseas Portfolio Investment (OPI) in India?

1. Investment in exchange-traded funds and depository receipts
2. Investments made to acquire equity capital of 25% in a listed foreign entity
3. Investments in Bullion Depository Receipts

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

79. With reference to the Ethanol Blending Programme in India, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to achieve 20 percent ethanol blending (E20) in petrol by 2030.
2. Oil Marketing Companies have to give priority to damaged foodgrains over sugarcane while procuring ethanol.

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

80. With reference to the Gini Coefficient Index, consider the following statements:

1. It measures the number of people in absolute poverty.
2. India's Gini coefficient has been consistently falling since 1991 economic reforms.
3. Income inequality is lower in rural India as compared to urban India in the last decade.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

81. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sovereign Green Bond:

1. It gives the investors an option to convert them into equity shares.
2. It offers a higher yield than conventional bonds issued by the same entity as they are priced higher.

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

82. With reference to women's participation in the Indian workforce, consider the following statements:

1. In 2020, the Female Labour Participation Rate in India was less than half of the global average.
2. In rural areas, the share of women in the agricultural sector has witnessed a decline in the last three decades.
3. In urban areas, the share of women in manufacturing has seen a constant increase since 1991.

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

83. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India-II (FAME India-II) Scheme':

1. It provides incentives for both plug-in hybrid vehicles and battery electric vehicles.
2. Charging infrastructure will be established in all million plus cities except those in hilly states.
3. No Goods and Service Tax will be levied on charging stations for electric vehicles for the first two years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

84. Which of the following statements best describes the Kuznets curve hypothesis?

- (a) It is a graphical representation of the distribution of income or wealth within a population.

- (b) It shows the trade-off between higher economic growth and inflation.
- (c) It shows the relationship between tax rates and the amount of tax revenue collected by governments.
- (d) It states that economic growth initially leads to greater inequality, followed later by the reduction of inequality.

85. Consider the following statements:

1. A Card on File transaction occurs where cardholders decide to enter card details manually at the time of undertaking the transaction.
2. Guest checkout transaction refers to a transaction where a cardholder authorizes a merchant to store the card's record.
3. Tokenisation is the replacement of an actual card number with an alternative code.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

86. Consider the following statements with reference to Surety bonds:

1. It is provided by the insurance company on behalf of the contractor to the entity which is awarding the project.
2. It acts as a substitute for bank guarantee in case of infrastructure projects.

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

87. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Agriculture Revolution	Associated with
1.	Purple	: Production of Eggs
2.	Pink	: Poultry and Meat processing
3.	Golden	: Honey & Horticulture
4.	Silver	: Lavender farming
5.	Red	: Tomato production

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

88. Consider the following statements with reference to the Competition Commission of India (CCI):

- 1. It can take Suo moto cognizance of an alleged contravention of fair competition practices.
- 2. It cannot pass orders against companies situated outside India.
- 3. It has independent observer status at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

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

89. The 'Net Errors and Omissions' in the Balance of Payments (BoP) are:

- (a) incorrect recording of international transactions
- (b) imbalances resulting from imperfections in source data and compilation of BoP accounts

- (c) transaction summary between residents and non-residents
- (d) invisibles recorded in the Current Account

90. With reference to the relation between Income and the Exchange Rate consider the following statements:

- 1. With the increase in income, there will be an appreciation of the domestic currency.
- 2. With the increase in income abroad, there will be a rise in domestic exports.
- 3. A country whose aggregate demand grows faster than the rest of the world normally finds its currency depreciating.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

91. Consider the following statements:

- 1. In an open economy, the demand for domestic goods includes the total value of imports.
- 2. The open economy multiplier is smaller than that in a closed economy.

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

92. Consider the following statements with reference to Venture Capitalist (VC):

- 1. It is an investor that provides capital to small businesses in exchange for equity.
- 2. It funds start-ups that have promising growth in the future.
- 3. It does not get involved in the decision-making of the invested companies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

93. With reference to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

- (a) It was established to administer the Marshall Plan for post-Second World War reconstruction.
- (b) It has Observer status at the United Nations.
- (c) It's headquarter is located in Paris in France.
- (d) India, Israel and Turkey are the only member countries of the OECD from Asia.

94. Consider the following pairs with reference to the World Trade Organization (WTO):

Sl. No.	Conference	Outcome
1.	Bali-2013	: Trade Facilitation Agreement
2.	Nairobi-2015	: Special Safeguard Mechanism
3.	Astana-2020	: Peace Clause on subsidies
4.	Geneva-2022	: Fisheries Subsidies

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

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

95. With reference to the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It functions under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- 2. It fixes the standards for the scheduled products for the purpose of exports.

3. It has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the import of sugar.

4. It functions as the Secretariat to the National Accreditation Board (NAB) for the implementation of accreditation of the Certification Bodies for organic exports.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

96. With reference to the Rules of Origin in India, consider the following statements:

1. It checks the misuse of the duty concession under Free Trade Agreements.

2. It protects domestic industries from the dumping of goods by foreign companies.

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

97. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to the 'Lead Bank Scheme'?

1. It was launched pursuant to the report of the Nariman Committee.

2. One Lead Bank is recognized for each State to coordinate the efforts of rural credit.

3. It replaced the Service Area Approach for banking of the Reserve Bank of India.

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

98. With reference to the 'Base Effect' in an economy, consider the following statements:

1. It denotes the impact of the previous year's inflation on the price levels of the current year.
2. A high inflation rate in the previous year will show a higher inflation rate in the present year.

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

100. Gross Fixed Capital Formation includes which of the following components?

1. Dwellings, other buildings and structures
2. Machinery and equipment
3. Cultivable Biological Resources
4. Intellectual Property Product

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

99. Consider the following pairs:

Sl. No.	Treaty/ Convention	Aim
1.	Paris Convention	: Protection of works of artists
2.	Berne Convention	: Protection of industrial property
3.	Budapest Treaty	: Patent procedure for the deposit of microorganisms

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

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