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**1. With reference to Darwin's Frog (*Rhinoderma darwinii*), consider the following statements:**

1. It is the only known amphibian species in which the male incubates the offspring inside its vocal sac.
2. This species is nocturnal and uses mimicry to resemble dead leaves to evade predators.
3. It exhibits thanatosis, a defensive behavior where it pretends to be dead when threatened.

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

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

**2. With reference to the Barbados threadsnake (*Tetracheilostoma carlae*), consider the following statements:**

1. It is considered the world's smallest known snake, both in terms of length and weight.
2. It is a diurnal species that is commonly found under rocks during the day and preys primarily on insects like beetles and grasshoppers.
3. The species exhibits fossorial adaptations and is typically found near termite and ant colonies.

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

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

**3. With reference to INS Himgiri, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the first ship of the Project 17A class of stealth frigates to be launched and commissioned into the Indian Navy.
2. The ship was indigenously designed by the Warship Design Bureau and is being

constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE).

3. The present INS Himgiri is named after an earlier Leander-class frigate that served the Indian Navy for over three decades before being decommissioned.

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

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

**4. With reference to the Schengen Visa, consider the following statements:**

1. It allows non-EU nationals to travel freely within the Schengen Area, which consists of 29 European countries.
2. The visa permits a stay of up to 90 days within any 180-day period from the date of entry.
3. Once granted, the visa allows multiple entries and exits, provided the total stay does not exceed 90 days.

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

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

**5. With reference to the Bluebird Satellite, recently in news, consider the following statements:**

1. The Bluebird satellite, developed by NASA, is designed to provide secure military communications between allied forces.
2. It is equipped with a large 64-square-metre antenna and enables direct satellite-to-smartphone communication from low Earth orbit.
3. The satellite weighs approximately 6,000 kilograms and aims to revolutionize global mobile connectivity without reliance on traditional cell towers.



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

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

**6. With reference to Liver Cirrhosis, consider the following statements:**

1. Cirrhosis refers to the advanced scarring of the liver due to long-term inflammation.
2. Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) and hepatitis B and C are among the known causes of liver cirrhosis.
3. In cirrhosis, healthy liver tissue is replaced by scar tissue, affecting blood and lymphatic flow in the liver and intestine.

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

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

**7. With reference to the Red Panda, consider the following statements:**

1. The Red Panda is a shy, solitary, and arboreal animal that primarily feeds on plant material.
2. It is found in the wild in countries like India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar.
3. It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

**Which of the following statements are correct?**

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

**8. Consider the following statements regarding Human Outer Planet Exploration (HOPE):**

1. HOPE is an analogue site designed to replicate conditions similar to those on the Moon and Mars.
2. It has been developed jointly by ISRO and a Bengaluru-based space tech company named Protoplanet.
3. The primary aim of HOPE is to support scientific experiments for upcoming human missions to outer planets like Jupiter and Saturn.

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**9. With reference to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), consider the following statements:**

1. The CISF was constituted under an Act of Parliament in 1969 to provide security to public sector undertakings, and it was later declared an Armed Force of the Union.
2. The CISF functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence and primarily safeguards India's borders with neighboring countries.
3. The headquarters of the CISF is located in Hyderabad, and its motto is "Protection and Security."

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

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

**10. With reference to the Sea of Japan (also known as the East Sea), consider the following statements:**

1. The Sea of Japan is a marginal sea of the western Pacific Ocean and is almost circular in shape, with its major axis running from northwest to southeast.
2. It is bounded by Japan and Sakhalin to the east, and by Russia, North Korea, and South Korea to the west.
3. The Sea of Japan is connected to the East China Sea through the Tsushima and Korea Straits, and to the Sea of Okhotsk through the La Perouse and Tatar Straits.

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

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

**11. With reference to Market Coupling in the power sector, consider the following statements:**

1. Market Coupling helps create a single electricity price across different power exchanges.
2. India currently has three power exchanges: IEX, PXIL, and HPX.
3. At present, each power exchange in India has its own market clearing price for electricity.

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

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

**12. With reference to De-notified Tribes (DNTs) in India, consider the following statements:**

1. Denotified Tribes were once listed as criminal tribes under a law made during British rule.
2. The Criminal Tribes Act was removed after India became independent.
3. These tribes are called "Denotified" because their names were removed from the list of criminal tribes.

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

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



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**13. Consider the following statements regarding Assets Under Management (AUM):**

1. A rise in the stock market always leads to an increase in AUM, irrespective of investor withdrawals.
2. Dividend reinvestment in mutual funds contributes to an increase in AUM.
3. Net investor redemptions lead to a decline in AUM even if market performance remains positive.

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

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

**14. Consider the following statements regarding the Mahabodhi Temple:**

1. The Mahabodhi Temple is situated on the banks of the Ganges River in Bihar, where Buddha delivered his first sermon.
2. The original structure at the Mahabodhi Temple site was commissioned by Emperor Ashoka in the 3rd century BCE.
3. The Mahabodhi Temple complex is one of the four major pilgrimage sites in Buddhism associated with the life of Gautama Buddha.

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

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

**15. Consider the following statements regarding Ayurveda Aahara:**

1. Ayurveda Aahara refers to food products based on the traditional dietary principles of Ayurveda.
2. The Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations were introduced in 2022 to regulate such food items.
3. Ayurveda Aahara products are primarily synthetic supplements developed by pharmaceutical companies.

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

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

**16. Consider the following statements regarding the Asian Giant Tortoise (Manouria emys phayrei):**

1. It is the largest tortoise species found in Asia.
2. Like many crocodilians, it exhibits parental care by protecting its eggs during incubation.
3. The color of the tortoise changes as it grows, becoming more charcoal-colored in adulthood.

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

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- (b) 2&3 only
- (c) 1&3 only
- (d) 1,2&3



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**17. Consider the following statements regarding CLOVES Syndrome:**

1. It is caused by somatic mutations in the PIK3CA gene, which affect cellular growth and proliferation pathways.
2. The disorder is inherited in an autosomal dominant manner and is passed down from parent to child.
3. CLOVES Syndrome is associated with vascular malformations, epidermal nevi, and skeletal deformities such as scoliosis.

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

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

**18. Consider the following statements regarding the Nilgiri Tahr:**

1. Nilgiri Tahr is found exclusively in the Nilgiri Hills of Tamil Nadu.
2. It inhabits the montane grasslands and shola forests of the southern Western Ghats, usually above 1,200 meters altitude.
3. Eravikulam National Park in Kerala hosts the single largest population of Nilgiri Tahr.

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

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

**19. Consider the following statements regarding the Sahel Region:**

1. The Sahel acts as a natural boundary separating the tropical rainforests of central Africa from the Mediterranean climate zone to its north.

2. It is a semi-arid transitional zone that spans both West Africa and parts of East Africa, stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea.
3. Countries like Senegal, Chad, and Eritrea all fall partially within the Sahel belt.

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

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

**20. Consider the following statements regarding Seabuckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoides):**

1. Seabuckthorn is a tropical plant native to the Indo-Gangetic plains and thrives in humid conditions.
2. In India, it is naturally found in the cold desert regions of Ladakh and Spiti, generally above the tree line.
3. The berries of Seabuckthorn are rich in Vitamin C and have high medicinal and nutritional value.

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

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

**21. With reference to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), consider the following statements:**

1. It functions under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Its Director belongs to the Public Health sub-cadre of the Central Health Service.
3. All its regional branches are located in the capital cities of their respective states.



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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. With reference to the Muthuvan Tribe, consider the following statements:

- 1. The Muthuvans inhabit the hill forests along the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border.
- 2. They are linguistically homogeneous and speak only one common dialect.
- 3. They possess traditional medicinal knowledge that is preserved and transmitted across generations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With reference to Kasargodia sheebae and Pilarta vaman, recently in news, consider the following statements:

- 1. Both species belong to the freshwater crab family Gecarcinucidae and were discovered in the Western Ghats of Kerala.
- 2. The genus name Kasargodia is derived from the southernmost district of Kerala.
- 3. Kasargodia sheebae is characterised by a brownish-orange carapace with numerous black spots and orange claws with black spots.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

24. With reference to the National Medical Register (NMR), consider the following statements:

- 1. It is maintained by the National Medical Commission (NMC) as a centralized database of registered medical practitioners in modern medicine.
- 2. It was launched in August 2024 under provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.
- 3. One of its objectives is to allow the public to verify the credentials of any doctor practising in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. With reference to the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), consider the following statements:

- 1. It functions as an autonomous body directly under the NITI Aayog to promote semiconductor research and development in India.
- 2. It operates as an independent business division within the Digital India Corporation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- 3. One of its primary objectives is to create a robust semiconductor and display ecosystem, positioning India as a global hub for electronics manufacturing and design.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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







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**26. With reference to Cess in India, consider the following statements:**

1. A cess is levied for a specific purpose and is discontinued once the government collects enough funds for that purpose.
2. Unlike normal taxes, the revenue from cess is generally not shared with states, but retained by the Union Government for the earmarked purpose.
3. Swachh Bharat Cess, Krishi Kalyan Cess, and Health & Education Cess are examples of cesses imposed in recent years.

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

- 1 only  
1&2 only  
2&3 only  
1,2&3

**27. Consider the following statements regarding the UNDP Equator Initiative Award:**

1. It is awarded annually by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to recognize efforts in poverty reduction through sustainable biodiversity use.
2. The award is often described as the Nobel Prize for Biodiversity Conservation and carries a cash prize of USD 10,000.
3. The 2025 edition was based on the theme "Women and Youth Leadership for Nature-Based Climate Action".

**Which of the following statements are correct?**

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

**28. Consider the following statements regarding the BHU-NEER Portal:**

1. It was launched in 2024 by the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) functioning under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
2. The portal aims to streamline the process of obtaining No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for groundwater abstraction.
3. The primary objective is to regulate groundwater development and management across the country through a simplified digital platform.

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

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

**29. With reference to the SabhaSaar AI Tool, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an artificial intelligence-based platform developed to automatically prepare minutes of Gram Sabha meetings using video and audio inputs.
2. Gram Sabha, for which this tool is intended, consists of only the elected members of the Gram Panchayat.
3. The tool is designed to assist in the functioning of the Panchayati Raj system at the village level.

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

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



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**30. With reference to Gaur (*Bos gaurus*), consider the following statements:**

1. It is the largest living species of wild cattle in the world and belongs to the family Bovidae.
2. In India, its natural habitat includes only moist deciduous forests and open grasslands, avoiding evergreen forests.
3. It prefers hilly terrain generally below 1,800 metres with large undisturbed forests and perennial water sources.

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

- (a) 1&2 only
- (c) 1&3 only
- (d) 2&3 only
- (d) 1,2&3

**31. With reference to the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR), consider the following statements:**

1. It was conceptualised under the National Education Policy, 2020, to create a unified academic identity for every learner in India.
2. It assigns a permanent 12-digit ID to each student, which records academic credentials, scholarships, and co-curricular achievements.
3. The APAAR ID is valid only until the student completes higher education and is then replaced by a professional employment ID.

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

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

**32. With reference to Chagas disease, consider the following statements:**

1. It is caused by a protozoan parasite transmitted primarily through the bite of the triatomine bug, also called the “kissing bug.”

2. The parasite responsible for the disease is *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which is present in the feces of the insect vector.
3. The disease is endemic mainly to parts of South America, Central America, and Mexico, but cases have also been reported in non-endemic countries due to blood transfusion and organ transplantation.

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

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

**33. With reference to the PM Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme launched in June 2020 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to provide working capital loans to street vendors affected by COVID-19.
2. The scheme is implemented through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), and it incentivizes digital transactions by providing cashback and interest subsidy.
3. It provides only direct income support in the form of cash transfers to street vendors without any loan component.

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

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- (b) 2&3 only
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**34. With reference to the recently discovered damselfly species in India, consider the following statements:**

1. The Konkan Shadowdamsel was discovered in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district, while the Crimson Shadowdamsel was discovered in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram district.
2. They are called Shadowdamsels because of their preference for shaded forest habitats near pristine streams.
3. The Crimson Shadowdamsel has a reddish body, while the Konkan Shadowdamsel shows a coffee-brown ground colouration.

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

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

**35. With reference to the Satpura Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:**

1. It is located in the Satpura ranges of Madhya Pradesh, lying south of the Narmada River, and its name literally means "Seven Folds."
2. The reserve spreads over an area of more than 2500 sq. km and comprises Satpura National Park, Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, and Pachmarhi Sanctuary.
3. It forms a watershed between the Narmada and Tapi rivers and is part of the Central Indian Landscape.

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

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

**36. Consider the following statements regarding Ambergris:**

1. It is produced in the digestive system of blue whales and is sometimes excreted or vomited out.
2. It is highly valued in the perfume industry because it acts as a fixative that makes fragrances last longer.
3. In India, trade of Ambergris is prohibited under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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

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

**37. With reference to the Udyam Sakhi Portal, consider the following statements:**

1. The Udyam Sakhi Portal was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in 2018 to promote women entrepreneurship in the MSME sector.
2. It provides women entrepreneurs information on government schemes, policies, and training programmes, and also serves as a platform for networking and capacity-building.
3. The primary aim of the portal is to facilitate access to venture capital funding for women-led startups in the technology sector.

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

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- (b) 2&3 only
- (c) 1&3 only
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**38. With reference to the Sliteye Shark (*Loxodon macrorhinus*), consider the following statements:**

1. It is the only species belonging to the genus *Loxodon* under the family *Carcharhinidae*.
2. The species is exclusively found in deep-sea waters of the Atlantic Ocean, adapted to low-light conditions.
3. Its name is derived from its distinctive slit-like eyes, which enhance vision in dimly lit environments.

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

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

**39. Consider the following statements regarding the Saltwater Crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*):**

1. In India, it is naturally found only along the east coast and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
2. It is the only extant species of crocodile that can tolerate prolonged exposure to saltwater and undertake long-distance oceanic dispersal.
3. It is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 but is not listed in CITES Appendices.

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

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

**40. Consider the following statements regarding the Pamba River:**

1. It is the longest river in Kerala, flowing entirely within the state's territory.

2. The river is revered as the 'Dakshina Bhageerathi' and holds cultural significance due to its association with the Sabarimala pilgrimage.
3. Pamba River originates from the Anamudi Peak in the Western Ghats.

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

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

**41. Consider the following statements regarding Thattekad Bird Sanctuary:**

1. It is the first bird sanctuary of Kerala, situated along the banks of the Periyar River.
2. The sanctuary is also called the Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, in honour of India's renowned ornithologist.
3. It was notified in 1983 and lies at the foothills of the Eastern Ghats.

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

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

**42. Consider the following statements regarding the Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project:**

1. It is a run-of-river project with pondage, planned on the Lohit River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra, in Arunachal Pradesh.
2. The project is currently under development by NHPC Limited, which is India's largest hydropower company.
3. The project includes the construction of a concrete gravity dam along with associated structures such as a diversion tunnel, pressure shafts, and an underground powerhouse.





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

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

**43. Consider the following statements about the Didayi Tribe:**

1. The Didayi are one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Odisha, primarily inhabiting the Malkangiri district.
2. They are classified under the Mongoloid racial stock and speak a language belonging to the Austroasiatic language family.
3. The Didayi are also known as the Didai or Didiya people, and are considered part of the Proto-Australoid racial stock.

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

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

**44. Consider the following statements regarding Vihar Lake:**

1. Vihar Lake was constructed in the 19th century by the British to address drinking water scarcity in southern Mumbai.
2. It is situated within the Sanjay Gandhi National Park and receives its water primarily from the Powai-Kanheri hill ranges.
3. The lake is formed naturally on the Mithi River, without any man-made intervention.
4. Vihar Lake was the first piped water supply project of Mumbai city.

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

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

**45. Consider the following statements regarding Dal Lake:**

1. Dal Lake, also known as the Lake of Flowers, is located in Srinagar and is surrounded by the Pir Panjal range.
2. It is a natural freshwater lake, yet it is categorized as a mid-altitude urban lake due to its location.
3. The shoreline of Dal Lake is known for Mughal-era gardens, parks, and houseboats, but unlike Wular Lake, it is not among the world's largest natural lakes.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

**46. With reference to the Agni-5 Missile, consider the following statements:**

1. It is India's first Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) capability, developed by DRDO.
2. Its officially declared range is over 8,000 km, making it the longest-range missile in India's arsenal.
3. The missile employs advanced navigation, guidance, and propulsion technologies, significantly enhancing India's nuclear deterrence capability.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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







**47. With reference to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a gram-negative, aerobic, rod-shaped bacterium that does not form spores.
2. It is commonly found in soil and freshwater environments.
3. It can cause infections only in immunocompromised individuals, but not in healthy persons.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

**48. With reference to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025, consider the following statements:**

1. The Bill amends the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
2. Leaseholders can apply to include other minerals in the same lease area.
3. No extra payment is required for adding critical minerals like lithium and cobalt.

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

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

**49. Consider the following statements regarding Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR):**

1. It is located at the tri-junction of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.
2. It forms part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, which was the first biosphere reserve in India.
3. It shares its boundary with both Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary of Kerala and Bandipur Tiger Reserve of Karnataka.

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

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

**50. Consider the following statements regarding Vithalbhai Patel:**

1. He was the first elected President of the Central Legislative Assembly in British India.
2. He was one of the co-founders of the Swaraj Party along with Motilal Nehru and Chittaranjan Das.
3. He remained a close follower of Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement throughout his political life.

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

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

**51. Consider the following statements regarding Monetary Policy in India:**

1. The responsibility of conducting monetary policy is explicitly mandated to the RBI under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
2. The primary objective of India's monetary policy is to ensure financial inclusion while keeping in mind the goal of growth.
3. Monetary policy refers to the use of instruments such as repo rate, reverse repo rate, and CRR to regulate money supply and credit availability.

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

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





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**52. Consider the following statements regarding the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS):**

1. It is a multi-layered system that includes Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missiles (QRSAM), Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS), and Directed Energy Weapons (DEW).
2. The QRSAM component of IADWS is specifically designed to provide protection to moving armoured formations of the Army against aerial threats.
3. The IADWS is exclusively an imported system with no indigenous components being developed in India.

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

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

**53. Consider the following statements regarding Minicoy Island:**

1. Minicoy, also known as Maliku, is the largest island in the Lakshadweep group.
2. It lies near the 9-degree channel, one of the busiest shipping routes in the world.
3. The island is located closer to the Maldives than to mainland India.

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

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

**54. Consider the following statements regarding the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI):**

1. The ASI was founded in 1861 by Sir Alexander Cunningham and functions today under the Ministry of Culture.

2. After Independence, the ASI was made a statutory body under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
3. The headquarters of ASI is located in Kolkata, the then capital of British India.

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

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

**55. Consider the following statements regarding Fiji:**

1. Fiji is an archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean, consisting of more than 300 islands, of which about one-third are inhabited.
2. It shares maritime borders with both New Zealand and Australia.

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

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

**56. Consider the following statements regarding Psephology:**

1. Psephology is a branch of sociology that deals with the qualitative study of political campaigns and election speeches.
2. It relies primarily on statistical tools such as voting data, opinion polls, and surveys for the analysis of elections.
3. The term psephology is derived from a Greek word related to the practice of using pebbles for voting in ancient Greece.



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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**57. Consider the following statements regarding the Tawi River:**

1. The Tawi River originates from Kalpas Kund of Seo Dhar in the Bhaderwah region of Doda district in Jammu & Kashmir.
2. It is a right-bank tributary of the Chenab River and is popularly known as "Surya Putri" in ancient texts.
3. The catchment area of the Tawi River up to the Indian border lies entirely within Jammu and Udhampur districts, excluding Doda.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**58. Consider the following statements regarding the Sutlej River:**

1. The Sutlej, also known as Satadree, is the longest of the five rivers of Punjab and a major tributary of the Indus.
2. It originates near Lake Mansarovar in Tibet, flows through Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, and then enters Pakistan.
3. The Sutlej basin is located south of the Vindhya Range and north of the Hindu Kush range.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**59. Consider the following statements regarding Rare Earth Magnets:**

1. Rare earth magnets are made primarily from alloys of rare earth elements such as neodymium and samarium.
2. Their exceptionally high magnetic strength is due to the unique electronic configuration of rare earth elements, particularly the incomplete filling of 4f orbitals.
3. While the mining of rare earth ores is globally diversified, more than 90% of the world's rare earth processing capacity is controlled by China.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**60. Consider the following statements regarding the New World Screwworm (Cochliomyia hominivorax):**

1. The New World screwworm is a parasitic blowfly species, found mainly in South America and the Caribbean, named for its screw-like burrowing into host tissue.
2. Female screwworms are the parasitic stage, laying eggs on wounds or body openings of warm-blooded animals, but humans are never affected.
3. A single female screwworm can lay up to 3000 eggs in her lifespan, which typically ranges from

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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







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**61. With reference to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), consider the following statements:**

1. The IAEA reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council.
2. The IAEA Statute was approved in 1956, came into force in 1957, and established the IAEA as an autonomous organisation within the UN system.
3. All member states of the United Nations are automatically members of the IAEA.

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

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

**62. With reference to the National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025, consider the following statements:**

1. NARI 2025 was released by the National Commission for Women in collaboration with institutions such as The NorthCap University and Jindal Global Law School.
2. The report categorised cities based on a national safety score of 65%, with Kohima emerging as the top-ranked city for women's safety.
3. Delhi and Kolkata were among the cities ranked much above the benchmark for women's safety due to strong gender equity and civic participation.

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

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

**63. Consider the following statements about the UMEED Portal:**

1. It is a centralised digital platform launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for registration of Waqf properties.
2. Registrations on this portal will be facilitated by State Waqf Boards.
3. The portal has legal backing under the UMEED Rules, 2025.

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

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

**64. Consider the following statements regarding Salina aurantiamaculata and Salina pseudomontana:**

1. Both species belong to the "celebensis" group of Collembola.
2. Salina aurantiamaculata is distinguished by its unusual bright orange markings.
3. With the discovery of these two species, the total number of Salina species recorded in India has risen to 17.

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

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



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