

**12. With reference to the Gaden Phodrang Trust of the Dalai Lama, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a non-profit charitable organisation established by the 14th Dalai Lama.
2. The Trust is named after the historical Gaden Phodrang, which was the traditional government of Tibet until 1959.
3. One of the key objectives of the Trust is to promote Tibetan Buddhism and support Tibetan communities in exile.
4. The Trust is managed directly by the Government of India under the Ministry of Culture.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

13. Consider the following statements regarding the Tiruchendur Subramanya Swamy Temple:

1. It is one of the six sacred abodes (Arupadai Veedu) of Lord Murugan.
2. Unlike other Murugan temples, it is located on the seashore instead of a hill.
3. The RajaGopuram of the temple is located on the eastern side facing the Bay of Bengal.
4. The temple is constructed using red sandstone and displays elements of Tamil architecture.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

14. With reference to the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Education.
2. It supports students from Scheduled Castes and other marginalized communities to pursue Master's and Ph.D. degrees abroad.
3. A fixed 30% of the total scholarships each year are reserved for female candidates.
4. The majority of the scholarships under this scheme are allotted to SC candidates.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

15. With reference to Japonica Rice, consider the following statements:

1. Japonica is a short to medium grain rice variety that is stickier and thicker than traditional white rice.
2. It is mainly cultivated in cooler subtropical and temperate regions.
3. Japonica rice varieties include sushi rice and glutinous rice, which contains gluten.
4. Japonica rice belongs to the *Oryza sativa* species.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

16. With reference to the Sheesh Mahal built during the Mughal period, consider the following statements:

1. It was built by Izz-un-Nisha Begum, the wife of Emperor Shah Jahan, in 1653.
2. The palace was inspired by and modeled on the Shalimar Bagh of Kashmir.
3. The mirror-worked chambers of the Sheesh Mahal contain paintings from the Kangra and Rajasthani schools.
4. The structure was built entirely with white marble like the Taj Mahal.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements about Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS):

1. EMRS is a scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to give good residential education to tribal (ST) students.
2. The scheme started in 2018-19 to teach tribal students from Class 9 to 12.



23. Consider the following statements regarding the Vera C. Rubin Observatory:

 1. It is located in the Chilean Andes, atop Cerro Pachón mountain.
 2. The observatory is named after Vera C. Rubin, who was instrumental in providing the first evidence for dark matter.
 3. It will gather around 20 terabytes of astronomical data every night for 10 years.
 4. The project is a collaboration between NASA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

24. Consider the following statements regarding Tiruchendur Subramanya Swamy Temple:

 1. The temple is dedicated to Lord Murugan and is located in Tamil Nadu.
 2. It is the only one among the six sacred abodes of Lord Murugan that is situated along the seashore.
 3. The temple faces the Arabian Sea and is surrounded by mountains.
 4. Its RajaGopuram is built on the western side, as the sea lies very close to the eastern side.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

25. Consider the following statements regarding the Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) API:

 1. AMED is an open-source API that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to monitor crops at the field level.
 2. It provides information about crop type, crop season, field size, and agricultural activity of the past three years.
 3. The API is available only for monitoring agricultural fields in the United States.
 4. AMED helps in improving farm management and predicting crop harvest volume.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 26. Consider the following statements regarding Lake Turkana:**

1. Lake Turkana is located in the Eastern Rift Valley in the northern region of Kenya.
 2. The Omo River is the only perennial river flowing into Lake Turkana, contributing the majority of its water inflow.
 3. It is the largest freshwater lake in Africa.
 4. Lake Turkana is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its biodiversity and cultural importance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 27. Consider the following statements regarding Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Drones:**

1. MALE drones are capable of flying for over 30 hours at altitudes of around 35,000 feet.
 2. These drones are used only by the Indian Air Force for high-altitude warfare.
 3. MALE drones are equipped with real-time intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities.
 4. These drones enhance India's surveillance capabilities along both land and sea borders.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

28. Consider the following statements regarding Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs):

1. PAHs are flat, ring-shaped molecules made up of only carbon and hydrogen atoms.
 2. On Earth, PAHs are formed mainly through incomplete combustion or pyrolysis of organic materials.
 3. PAHs are highly soluble in water but not in organic solvents.
 4. Some scientists believe PAHs may have come from space and contributed to the origin of life on Earth.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

29. With reference to the Jarawa Tribe of India, consider the following statements:

1. They are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).
 2. They inhabit the Nicobar Islands and live in settled agricultural communities.
 3. Their population is estimated to be between 250 to 400 individuals.
 4. They live in small nomadic bands and depend on the forest and coast for survival.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

30. With reference to the term 'Ordinarily Resident' under the Representation of the People Act, consider the following statements:

1. Merely owning a house in a constituency is sufficient to be considered an ordinarily resident of that constituency.
 2. A person temporarily away from their regular place of residence can still be treated as ordinarily resident.
 3. Armed forces personnel and certain government employees posted abroad are deemed to be ordinarily resident in their original constituency.
 4. Spouses of persons covered under Section 20 of the RPA are not considered ordinarily resident.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

31. With reference to the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) in India, consider the following statements:

1. The CCTS is a part of the Indian Carbon Market (ICM) and aims to regulate and trade carbon credits.
 2. The main objective of CCTS is to improve energy efficiency in industrial sectors through the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme.

3. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and the National Steering Committee for Indian Carbon Market (NSCICM) are responsible for its implementation and oversight.
 4. The CCTS assigns a monetary value to greenhouse gas emissions to promote decarbonisation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

32. With reference to Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD), consider the following statements:

1. It is a pollution control technology used to remove Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) from flue gases.
 2. The main objective of FGD is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 3. Limestone, lime, or ammonia are commonly used in FGD systems to neutralise SO_2 .
 4. SO_2 emissions contribute to acid rain and are harmful to health and the environment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

33. Consider the following statements regarding Cysteine:

1. Cysteine is a sulfur-containing non-essential amino acid.
 2. It is one of the most abundant amino acids found in all structural proteins.
 3. It plays a role in oxidative metabolism and protein function.
 4. It is commonly found in structural proteins like beta-keratin in hair and nails.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



34. Consider the following statements regarding the Sigandur Bridge:

1. The Sigandur Bridge is also known as the Ambaragodlu-Kalasavalli Bridge.
2. It is India's second-longest cable-stayed bridge, built across the Sharavati River backwaters in Karnataka.
3. The bridge connects Sagara town with Sigandur, reducing travel distance to the famous Chowdeshwari Temple.
4. It was built across the Krishna River in Shivamogga district.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

35. Consider the following statements regarding Zographetus mathewi:

1. Zographetus mathewi is a newly described skipper butterfly belonging to the family Hesperiidae.
2. It is the 15th species in the genus Zographetus and the fifth to be recorded from India.
3. Its common name is Sahyadri Spotted Flitter, highlighting its habitat in the Western Ghats.
4. The species is endemic to the high-altitude Himalayan forests.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements regarding Wular Lake:

1. Wular Lake is the largest freshwater lake in India and is located in Jammu and Kashmir.
2. It is fed by the Jhelum River and lies at the foothills of the Haramuk Mountain.
3. The lake was formed due to glacial activity and is said to be a remnant of the ancient Satisar Lake.
4. It is spread over about 200 sq.km and is situated at an altitude of around 1,580 metres.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

37. With reference to Cnemaspis brahmaputra, consider the following statements:

1. It was discovered near the Dirgheswari Temple located on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River.
2. It belongs to a clade of geckos that were earlier believed to be confined mainly to Sri Lanka.
3. Its discovery suggests a possible faunal connection between northeastern India and Sri Lanka.
4. Cnemaspis brahmaputra is a nocturnal species of lizard found only in the Western Ghats.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

38. With reference to the Prime Minister Professorships initiative, consider the following statements:

1. It aims to promote research and innovation in emerging and less-endowed state universities.
2. The initiative involves active, retired, and eminent scientists and industry professionals as mentors.
3. It is designed to provide financial support to students pursuing higher education abroad.
4. The goal is to strengthen the research culture in state institutions through expert guidance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

39. With reference to the Klyuchevskoy Volcano, consider the following statements:

1. It is the tallest active volcano in Eurasia, located on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia.
2. The volcano has over 70 lateral craters and cones on its lower slopes.
3. It has erupted more than 50 times since the 18th century.
4. The Kamchatka Volcanological Station, established in 1935, is located at its summit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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



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3. The ranking framework includes criteria like Graduation Outcomes and Research Performance.
4. NIRF is currently implemented under the Ministry of Education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

52. Consider the following statements about Bitra Island:

1. Bitra is the southernmost island of Lakshadweep and is uninhabited due to harsh climate conditions.
2. A shrine on the island, dedicated to an Arab saint named Malik Mulla, makes it a site of religious importance.
3. It experiences a tropical climate similar to Kerala, with high humidity most of the year.
4. Among all inhabited islands in Lakshadweep, Bitra is the smallest in terms of land area.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

53. With reference to Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in the Shimoga district of Karnataka and was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1974.
2. Tunga Anicut Dam inside the sanctuary provides habitat for otters and water birds.
3. The sanctuary has no human settlements as it falls under a protected core area of the Western Ghats.
4. The Mandagadde Bird Sanctuary, located on a river island, is part of the Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

54. With reference to the island nation of Tuvalu, consider the following statements:

1. Tuvalu is located in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and Australia.
2. All the islands of Tuvalu are low-lying and highly vulnerable to sea level rise.
3. Tuvalu has several large rivers flowing through its coral atolls.
4. The country was formerly known as the Ellice Islands.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

55. With reference to UNESCO, consider the following statements:

1. UNESCO was established after World War II and took over the functions of the International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation.
2. It is a specialized agency under the United Nations General Assembly and focuses exclusively on education and culture.
3. UNESCO functions under the guidance of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and has more member countries than the total number of UN member states.

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

56. With reference to the Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX), consider the following statements:

1. WiFEX is the first international initiative jointly led by India and the World Meteorological Organization to study urban fog formation across megacities.
2. The experiment is primarily conducted to improve forecast models and develop early warning systems for fog over the Indo-Gangetic Plains.
3. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) implemented WiFEX with the support of institutions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.



68. With reference to the AI for India 2.0 Programme, consider the following statements:

1. It was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with NITI Aayog to promote AI literacy in rural India.
 2. The programme provides free online training in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, with a focus on content accessibility in multiple Indian languages.
 3. It was launched in 2023 on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, with the aim of skilling over 1 million youth in frontier technologies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. Consider the following statements regarding Kargil Vijay Diwas:

1. Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorates the successful culmination of Operation Vijay, which was aimed at evicting Pakistani intruders from Indian territory in 1999.
 2. The conflict leading to Kargil Vijay Diwas was confined only to the Dras and Batalik sectors of Jammu and Kashmir.
 3. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on July 26 to honor the bravery and martyrdom of Indian soldiers during the war.
 4. The year 2025 marks the Silver Jubilee (25th anniversary) of the Kargil War victory.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

70. With reference to the newly discovered frog species *Raorchestes jadon* and *Raorchestes jakoidi*, consider the following statements:

1. Both species belong to the genus *Raorchestes*, which is part of the bush frog group found predominantly in the Western Ghats.
 2. *Raorchestes jadoh* was recorded from the Eastern West Khasi Hills at a higher altitude than *Raorchestes jakoidi*, which was found in the East Khasi Hills.
 3. These species were located in densely forested core zones of wildlife sanctuaries, far from human settlements.
 4. The discovery of these species highlights the biodiversity of Meghalaya's subtropical forests and their ecological sensitivity.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

71. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):

1. It was established in 1997 through the merger of two United Nations entities.
 2. It publishes the World Drug Report.
 3. Its headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

72. Consider the following statements about the Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple:

1. It is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas dedicated to Lord Shiva.
 2. The temple is located near the Brahmagiri Hills, the origin of the Godavari River.
 3. It was built by Chhatrapati Shivaji on the site of an older temple.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?



73. Consider the following statements about the newly discovered wasp species of the genus Idris:

1. These wasps were discovered in West Bengal.
2. They lay their eggs inside spider egg sacs.
3. These wasps belong to the family Scelionidae.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

74. With reference to the System for Pension Administration (RAKSHA) – SPARSH, consider the following statements:

1. It is a web-based pension system launched by the Ministry of Defence.
2. It covers pension disbursement for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Defence Civilians.
3. SPARSH requires third-party intermediaries to process and disburse pension payments.

Which of the following statements above are correct?

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

75. Consider the following statements regarding Deep-Brain Stimulation (DBS):

1. It involves implanting electrodes in specific areas of the brain.
2. The implanted device sends mild electrical signals to control abnormal brain activity.
3. DBS is commonly used to treat movement disorders like Parkinson's disease.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. With reference to Exercise Bold Kurukshtera 2025, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral military exercise involving India, Singapore, and other ASEAN countries.

2. The first edition of this exercise was held in 2015 to mark 50 years of India–Singapore diplomatic relations.
3. The 2025 edition involves the participation of the Indian Army's Mechanised Infantry Regiment and the 42 Singapore Armoured Regiment.
4. The exercise focuses on mechanised warfare and is conducted as a Table Top Exercise and Computer-Based Wargame.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements regarding the traditional land measurement unit "Bigha" in India:

1. The unit "Bigha" has a uniform standard measurement across all Indian states that use it.
2. States like Assam and West Bengal use "Bigha" as a standard unit to measure agricultural land.
3. "Bigha" is still officially used in revenue records and land transactions in some Indian states.
4. The metric equivalent of a Bigha is exactly 1 acre as per Government of India standardization.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

78. Consider the following statements regarding the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) Report 2025:

1. The SOFI Report is jointly published by five UN agencies including FAO and WHO.
2. The report provides data and analysis on global hunger, food security, and nutrition.
3. The SOFI Report is published once every five years by the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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



