



**1. With reference to the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), consider the following statements:**

1. The Commission has overriding powers over all other existing bodies dealing with air pollution in the NCR, including the Central Pollution Control Board and state pollution control boards.
2. It is a non-statutory body constituted by an executive order of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
3. The jurisdiction of the Commission includes areas in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh that affect air quality in Delhi, in addition to the National Capital Region.

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

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

**2. Consider the following statements with respect to the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA):**

1. The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is a statutory body established under the Dam Safety Act, 2021, and it functions under the Ministry of Water Resources.
2. The NDSA is headed by a chairman and supported by four members, each heading different wings, including policy and research, technical, regulation, and disaster resilience.
3. The mandate of NDSA includes setting regulations and guidelines for dam safety, conducting regular inspections, and ensuring disaster resilience related to dams across the country.

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

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

**3. Consider the following statements regarding the International Social Security Association (ISSA):**

1. The ISSA was established in 1927 under the auspices of the United Nations (UN) to promote global social security standards.
2. It is the principal international organization for social security bodies, governments, and departments, aiming to improve the administration of social security systems worldwide.
3. The ISSA helps its members by providing professional guidelines, expert knowledge, and support to develop dynamic and efficient social security systems.

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

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

**4. Consider the following statements regarding Kanha Tiger Reserve:**

1. Kanha Tiger Reserve is located in the Maikal Ranges of the Satpuras in Madhya Pradesh, and it is part of the Kanha-Pench Tiger Corridor connecting Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.
2. The Reserve was originally declared as a national park in 1955, after being first designated as a reserve forest in 1879 and then a wildlife sanctuary in 1933.
3. The habitat of the Kanha Tiger Reserve is characterized by forested shallow undulations, plateaus, valleys, and hill slopes with varying degrees, which supports a rich biodiversity.

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

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





**5. With reference to the "Coral Triangle", consider the following statements:**

1. It is often called the "Amazon of the Seas" and spans across more than 10 million square kilometres.
2. It includes countries like Indonesia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Singapore.
3. It supports the food security and livelihoods of over 100 million people in the region.

**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

**6. With reference to *Chlorophytum vanapushpam*, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a herbaceous plant found in the Western Ghats region of Kerala.
2. It is closely related to safed musli and belongs to the Asparagaceae family.
3. The plant bears purple flowers and grows only at sea level.

**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 "Dark Stars", consider the following statements:**

1. They are hypothetical stars believed to have existed in the early universe.
2. Unlike normal stars, they are powered by nuclear fusion occurring at very low temperatures.
3. Though called "dark", they do not emit visible light and are believed to be much larger than our Sun.

**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

**8. With reference to the NATO Pipeline System (NPS), consider the following statements:**

1. It was originally developed during the Cold War to supply fuel to NATO forces.
2. The system spans over 10,000 kilometres across multiple NATO countries.
3. It is entirely funded and operated by individual member countries without any NATO-level common funding.

**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

**9. Consider the following statements about the immune system and T-cells:**

1. Regulatory T-cells increase the immune system's attack on foreign pathogens.
2. The peripheral immune system includes immune cells that operate outside the brain and spinal cord.
3. Peripheral tolerance helps prevent the immune system from attacking the body's own healthy tissues.

**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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**10. With reference to Dextromethorphan-based cough syrups, consider the following statements:**

1. Dextromethorphan is a non-opioid cough medicine and is safe for all age groups.
2. Diethylene Glycol (DEG) and Ethylene Glycol (EG) are industrial chemicals that can cause serious health problems if present in medicines.
3. Propylene glycol is a safer alternative solvent used in liquid medicines.
4. Rajasthan has banned cough syrups containing Dextromethorphan due to safety concerns.

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

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

**11. With reference to Sir Creek, consider the following statements:**

1. Sir Creek lies between India's Gujarat coast and Pakistan's Sindh province.
2. It was originally known as Ban Ganga, later renamed after an Indian freedom fighter.
3. The dispute over Sir Creek affects the maritime boundary and EEZ claims of both India and Pakistan.
4. It forms part of the Indus delta ecosystem, rich in mangroves and marine life.

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

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

**12. Consider the following statements about the 2025 Nobel Prize in Medicine and the immune system:**

1. The Nobel Prize was for autoimmune diseases.
2. Peripheral immune tolerance makes the immune system attack the body's own cells.
3. Thymus and bone marrow help immune cells know the difference between the body's own cells and harmful invaders.

**Which of the statements are correct?**

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

**13. Consider the following statements about the Supermoon:**

1. A Supermoon occurs when the moon is farthest from the Earth but looks brighter due to sunlight reflection.
2. The term "Supermoon" was first used by an astronomer in the 19th century.
3. Supermoons affect ocean tides, making them slightly higher and lower than usual.

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

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

**14. Consider the following statements about landslides:**

1. A landslide is the slow movement of soil uphill caused mainly by wind pressure.
2. Heavy rainfall and earthquakes are common natural causes of landslides in India.
3. A debris flow moves quickly down a slope like a fluid, carrying water, soil, and rocks together.



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

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

**15. Consider the following statements about India's drug regulation system:**

- 1. CDSCO mainly inspects local drug shops and approves their retail licenses.
- 2. State Drug Controllers play no role in manufacturing or sales licensing.
- 3. Schedule M explains the standards for safe and hygienic drug production.

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

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

**16. Consider the following statements about Pakistan's political divisions:**

- 1. Gilgit-Baltistan and PoK are officially listed as Pakistan's fifth and sixth provinces.
- 2. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa includes the areas that were once known as FATA.
- 3. According to India's 1994 Parliament resolution, PoK and Gilgit-Baltistan are integral parts of Jammu & Kashmir.

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

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

**17. Consider the following statements about the India-U.K. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA):**

- 1. India and the U.K. signed the CETA in July 2025.
- 2. The agreement aims to double trade between the two countries by 2030.
- 3. The U.K. will get lower import duties on Scotch whisky and cars.
- 4. India will get lower tariffs on its textiles, farm goods, and medicines.
- 5. The CETA started on October 1, 2025, along with India's deal with the European Union.

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

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

**18. Consider the following statements about District Judges in India:**

- 1. A person must have at least 7 years of practice as a lawyer to become a District Judge.
- 2. District Judges are appointed by the Governor after consulting the High Court.
- 3. UPSC conducts exams for District Judges.

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

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

**19. Consider the following statements about the Nobel Prize in Literature 2025:**

- 1. The 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature was given to Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai.
- 2. The prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy.
- 3. The first Nobel Prize in Literature was given in 1895.



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

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

**20. Consider the following statements about IUCN and the Red List:**

- 1. IUCN is an international NGO working for nature conservation.
- 2. The Red List groups threatened species as Critically Endangered, Endangered, or Vulnerable.
- 3. Green pages in the Red List show species that are still critically endangered.

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

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

**21. About the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2025, consider the following:**

- 1. It was given for developing Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs).
- 2. Metal ions and organic molecules are used to make these frameworks.
- 3. The prize is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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

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

**22. Consider the following statements about Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR):**

- 1. AMR occurs when medicines become stronger and kill useful bacteria in the body.
- 2. It is mainly caused by the overuse and misuse of antibiotics.
- 3. The United Nations has recently discussed this issue at a high-level meeting.

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

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

**23. Consider the following statements regarding Microfinance Loan Defaults in India (FY25):**

- 1. Microfinance loans overdue by more than 30 days rose to 6.2% in FY25 from 2.1% in FY24.
- 2. Bihar had the highest overdue microfinance loans, with 7.2% delayed beyond 30 days.
- 3. Urban borrowers had more overdue loans than rural borrowers.

**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. Consider the following statements about the Salal Dam:**

- 1. Salal Dam is on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir.
- 2. It was commissioned in 1987 with a capacity of 690 MW.
- 3. Its power goes only to Jammu and Kashmir.

**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 Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), consider the following statements:**

1. It has a separate new budget apart from existing farm schemes.
2. It aims to promote modern, profitable, and diversified farming.
3. It is modeled on the Aspirational Districts Programme of NITI Aayog.

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

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

**26. With reference to the Sawalkote Hydroelectric Project, consider the following statements:**

1. It is being built by the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC) on the Jhelum River.
2. The project includes a 192.5-metre high Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) dam.
3. It has received environmental and forest clearances, and its total capacity is projected to exceed 1800 MW.

**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

**27. With reference to Exercise KONKAN-25, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a trilateral naval exercise between India, the United Kingdom, and France.
2. The Indian Navy will participate with INS Vikrant and other surface, sub-surface, and air assets.
3. The exercise focuses only on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

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

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

**28. With reference to the Durand Line, consider the following statements:**

1. It was drawn in 1893 between British India and the Emirate of Afghanistan.
2. Afghanistan officially recognizes the Durand Line as its international boundary with Pakistan.
3. The line passes through regions such as the Khyber Pass and the Spīn Ghar (White Mountains).

**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 Great Nicobar Island, consider the following statements:**

1. It lies in the Sundaland Biodiversity Hotspot.
2. Galathea Bay has no major wildlife nesting sites.
3. Forests lost on the island can be replaced by trees planted in mainland India

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

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



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**30. With reference to women's empowerment in India, consider the following statements:**

1. Female literacy in India has crossed 70%, with youth literacy (15–24 years) close to 96%.
2. Female labour force participation has fallen below 30% in recent years.
3. Self-employment among women has increased in the last few years.

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

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

**31. With reference to Natural Farming in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It avoids the use of synthetic chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
2. It discourages the use of livestock in farming systems.
3. It improves soil health and reduces input costs for farmers.

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

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

**32. With reference to the Mullaperiyar and Periyar Rivers, consider the following statements:**

1. The Mullaperiyar River is a tributary of the Periyar River, which is the longest river in Kerala.
2. The Periyar River flows through both Kerala and Tamil Nadu before joining the sea.
3. The Mullaperiyar Dam is located in the Idukki district of Kerala on the Cardamom Hills of the Western Ghats.

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

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

**33. With reference to recent economic trends in India, consider the following statements:**

1. Falling inflation and slower industrial growth usually make RBI less likely to cut interest rates.
2. In June, CPI inflation dropped to nearly 1.5%.
3. The recent data made experts expect a rate cut by the RBI.

**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

**34. With reference to the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, consider the following statements:**

1. The scheme gives full subsidy for rooftop solar panels up to 3 kW.
2. DISCOMs help in implementing the scheme and get incentives for more rooftop solar setups.
3. Only Indian households with their own roof and valid power connection can apply.

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

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



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**35. Consider the following statements about the Snow Leopard:**

1. It is found mainly in India's high Himalayan and Trans-Himalayan regions.
2. It is listed as Vulnerable by IUCN and in Schedule I of India's Wildlife Protection Act.
3. Project Snow Leopard and SECURE Himalaya work for its conservation with local people's help.

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

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

**36. Consider the following statements about Celosia argentea (Silver Cockscomb):**

1. It belongs to the Amaranth family and is eaten as a leafy vegetable by some tribes.
2. It helps control the weed Striga by making its seeds germinate and die.
3. Recent studies found that microbes from chicken feathers can boost its seed growth.

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

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

**37. Consider the following statements about Cybercrime in India:**

1. Cybercrime means any illegal act done only through the internet.
2. Crime-as-a-Service helps even less-skilled people to carry out powerful cyberattacks.
3. Different laws in different countries make it hard to catch cybercriminals.

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

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

**38. Consider the following statements about Gaganyaan Mission:**

1. The CE20 engine is used in the upper stage of the Gaganyaan rocket.
2. ISRO tested the CE20 engine many times to make it safe for carrying humans.
3. Human rating means checking if the rocket system is safe for astronauts.

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

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

**39. Consider the following statements about Microplastics and Estuarine Ecosystems:**

1. In estuaries, microplastics are found more in surface waters than in sediments.
2. Microplastics can move up the food chain from small fish to humans.
3. Fibres are the most common shape of microplastics found in fish.

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

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



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**40. Consider the following statements about the 'Niyad Nella Nar' Scheme:**

1. The scheme is an initiative of the Chhattisgarh government to develop Naxal-affected villages.
2. The term Niyad Nella Nar means "your good village" in the Dandami dialect of south Bastar.
3. The scheme mainly focuses on providing financial assistance for industrial development in urban areas.

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

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

**41. Consider the following statements regarding the Biligiri Rangaswami Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve:**

1. It lies at the junction of the Western and Eastern Ghats in Karnataka.
2. The Soliga tribe, residing in this region, became the first tribal community in India to have their forest rights legally recognized.
3. It was declared a Tiger Reserve in the year 2006 under Project Tiger.

**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 about India's recent trade trends:**

1. India's trade deficit increased mainly because of a big rise in gold and silver imports.
2. About 55% of India's exports to the U.S. are affected by a new 50% tariff.
3. Both exports and imports fell during the first half of FY26.

**Which of the above statements 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 India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC):**

1. It was first announced at the 2023 G20 Summit in New Delhi.
2. The corridor will link India with Europe through the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel.
3. It also includes plans for an electricity grid, hydrogen pipeline, and digital network.

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

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

**44. Consider the following statements:**

1. India produces most of its lithium and cobalt from domestic mines.
2. The National Critical Mineral Mission works to improve exploration and processing of key minerals.
3. China dominates global Rare Earth production and processing.

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

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



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**45. Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF):**

1. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations that formulates global standards to counter money laundering and terrorist financing.
2. The FATF was established in 1989 during the G7 Summit held in Paris.
3. Its secretariat is located in Paris, France, and it expanded its mandate in 2001 to include combating terrorism financing.

**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

**46. Consider the following statements about INS Vikrant:**

1. It is India's first aircraft carrier made completely in the country.
2. It was designed by the Indian Navy and built at Cochin Shipyard Limited.
3. It can move at a speed of about 28 knots using four gas turbines.

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

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

**47. Consider the following statements about Sinapic Acid:**

1. It is a synthetic compound used in modern medicine, mainly derived from petroleum-based sources.
2. It naturally occurs in various plant-based foods like spices, fruits, cereals, and oilseeds.
3. It helps in tissue repair and inflammation control by activating the SIRT1 pathway.

**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

**48. Which of the following is true about Carabid beetles (ground beetles)?**

1. They mostly live in water and cold places.
2. They belong to the family Carabidae and eat other insects.
3. They have long legs and strong jaws for hunting.

**Which of the following statement 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:**

1. PM-SHRI Scheme improves old schools to make them model schools under the NEP 2020.
2. These schools will have smart classrooms and promote clean and green habits like using solar energy.
3. The scheme will run till 2026–27, and after that, states will take care of the schools.

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

**53. Consider the following statements regarding Cross-Border Payments:**

1. They are financial transactions where the payer and receiver are in different countries.
2. Wholesale cross-border payments usually take place between financial institutions.
3. India received the highest amount of foreign remittances in the world in 2024.

**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 Iran's decision to join the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (CFT):**

1. Iran joined the CFT mainly to align with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards and ease international sanctions.
2. Iran was removed from the FATF blacklist in 2020 after it accepted all FATF recommendations.
3. Reformist leaders in Iran support the move, while conservative groups oppose it.

**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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**55. Consider the following statements regarding the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):**

1. ASEAN was established through the Bangkok Declaration of 1967 by five founding members including Indonesia and Thailand.
2. The headquarters of ASEAN is located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
3. One of the key principles of ASEAN is non-interference in the internal affairs of member countries.

**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 the CPCB report on Polluted River Stretches (PRS) – 2025:**

1. Stretches where the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) exceeds 3 mg/L are identified as polluted.
2. The number of polluted river stretches has increased from 296 in 2018 to 351 in 2025.
3. CPCB monitors river water quality under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP).

**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 statement regarding Chit Fund in India :**

1. A chit fund always requires prior approval and regulation directly by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
2. In a chit fund, the person who manages the group and conducts auctions is known as the foreman.
3. The Chit Funds Act, 1982 provides the legal framework for regulating chit fund operations 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

**58. Consider the following statements regarding the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC):**

1. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is headed by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) to ensure coordination among the three services.
2. The DAC is responsible for granting 'Acceptance of Necessity' (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals of the Armed Forces.
3. The DAC was set up to ensure integrated and long-term planning for defence procurement 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



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**59. Consider the following statements regarding kopi Luwak:**

1. Kopi Lwak is produced from coffee beans that are fermented inside the stomach of the Asian Palm Civet.
2. The distinctive flavour of kopi Luwak comes primarily from artificial flavouring added after roasting.
3. It is known for its smooth texture, low acidity, and unique flavour notes such as chocolate and caramel.

**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

**60. Consider the following statements about Leachate:**

1. Leachate is formed when fertilizers from farms mix with groundwater.
2. The type of waste and rainfall affect how leachate is formed in landfills
3. Leachate can pollute soil and water if not treated properly.

**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

