



**1. Consider the following statements regarding the Koya Tribe:**

1. The Koyas, also known as Koithur, are among the few tribal groups in India that are both multi-racial and multi-lingual.
2. Their primary habitat lies along the Godavari River basin, spread across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha.
3. Historical accounts suggest that the Koyas originally belonged to northern India and later migrated towards central India, with Bastar considered as their original homeland.

**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

**2. Consider the following statements about Indian Rosewood (Dalbergia sissoo):**

1. It is popularly known as the “ivory of the forests.”
2. Its natural distribution ranges from the foothills of the Himalayas in Afghanistan to Bihar in India.
3. It is found naturally only up to an elevation of about 700 m above 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

**3. Consider the following statements regarding *Dioscorea balakrishnanii*:**

1. It is a newly identified edible yam species, endemic to the Western Ghats of Kerala.
2. The species is unisexual, having distinct male and female plants, and was studied for nearly a decade before being classified.
3. It naturally grows in open scrublands and dry deciduous forests of peninsular 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

**4. Consider the following statements about the Ramon Magsaysay Award:**

1. It is often called Asia’s premier prize and is given to celebrate transformative leadership and service.
2. Awardees receive a certificate and a medallion bearing Ramon Magsaysay’s profile.
3. Since its inception in 1958, the award has always been given under only one general category, without sub-categories.

**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. Consider the following statements about the Swarnamukhi River:**

1. It originates in the Eastern Ghats near Pakala village in Andhra Pradesh.
2. It flows through Tirupati hills and finally joins the Bay of Bengal.
3. Its total basin area is less than 3,500 sq. km.

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

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

**6. Consider the following statements about the Srivilliputhur–Meghamalai Tiger Reserve:**

1. It is in Tamil Nadu's Western Ghats and spreads across many districts.
2. It was created in 2021 by joining two wildlife sanctuaries.
3. It links Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala with Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.

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

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

**7. Consider the following statements about Killer Whales (Orcas):**

1. Orcas are the largest members of the dolphin family (Delphinidae).
2. They are found in all oceans of the world and are the most widely distributed cetaceans.
3. The Delphinidae family includes both dolphins and some species called “whales,” such as pilot whales.

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

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

**8. Consider the following statements about Exercise Yudh Abhyas:**

1. It is a bilateral military exercise conducted between India and the United States.
2. Troops practice mountain warfare, heliborne operations, and use of drones during the exercise.
3. The Indian Army usually participates through a battalion of the Madras Regiment.

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

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

**9. With reference to aircraft leasing, consider the following statements:**

1. In a wet lease, the lessor gives aircraft with crew, maintenance, and insurance.
2. In a dry lease, only the aircraft is given, and the lessee manages crew and operations.
3. Wet lease is mainly used for long-term fleet expansion.

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

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



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**10. With reference to financial derivatives, consider the following statements:**

1. Derivatives derive their value from an underlying asset such as stocks, commodities, or currencies.
2. They can be used both for speculation and for hedging risks.
3. Buying a derivative always requires owning the underlying asset.

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

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

**11. With reference to Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) in India, consider the following statements:**

1. They are quasi-judicial bodies established under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, issued under the Foreigners Act, 1946.
2. Although the Order applies to the whole of India, FTs currently exist only in Assam.
3. After the 2019 amendment, both the Centre and States have the power to establish FTs.

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

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

**12. With reference to *Gastrochilus pechei*, recently in news, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a newly recorded orchid species in India, earlier known only from Myanmar.
2. It flowers mainly during September–October in moist, evergreen rainforests near riverbanks.
3. Arunachal Pradesh, known as the “Orchid State of India,” harbours about 60% of India’s orchid species, including 15 of the 22 *Gastrochilus* species reported in the country.

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

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

**13. Consider the following statements regarding the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT):**

1. The SAT is a statutory and quasi-judicial body established under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
2. It hears appeals only against the orders passed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
3. The jurisdiction of the SAT extends over the whole of India, and it functions primarily from Mumbai.
4. Appeals against the orders of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) can also be filed before SAT.

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

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

**14. With reference to the Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, consider the following statements:**

1. It is one single ID card for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) that works anywhere in India.
2. It can be issued only by the district hospital of the PwD’s home state.
3. The card has a unique 18-digit number for maintaining a national database.

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

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





**15. With reference to Land Subsidence, consider the following statements:**

1. It refers to the sinking or settling of the Earth's surface due to natural or human causes.
2. Excessive groundwater extraction and mining are among the major human-induced reasons for land subsidence.
3. Volcanic activity, earthquakes, and compaction of fine soil deposits can also cause natural land subsidence.

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

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

**16. With reference to the Incentive Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Recycling, consider the following statements:**

1. The scheme is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission, which focuses on domestic capacity building and supply chain security in critical minerals.
2. It will run for six years, from 2025-26 to 2030-31.
3. The total financial outlay for the scheme is ₹1,500 crore.

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

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

**17. With reference to Acanthamoeba, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a free-living ameba that can survive in soil, water, and even artificial systems like swimming pools and HVAC systems.
2. It can infect humans through skin wounds, inhalation, or via the eyes during contact lens use.
3. It causes infections only of the eyes and not of any other organ.

**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. With reference to Sudan, consider the following statements:**

1. It shares its borders with both Egypt and the Central African Republic.
2. It has a significant coastline along the Red Sea.
3. Its relief is dominated by high mountain ranges with very few plains or plateaus.

**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

**19. With reference to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), consider the following statements:**

1. It was launched by the Union Ministry of Education in 2015 to rank higher education institutions across India.
2. Research and professional practice, outreach and inclusivity, and peer perception are among its parameters.
3. Only central universities and IITs are ranked under this framework.





**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. With reference to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India, consider the following statements:**

1. The Dhebar Commission (1960–61) first recommended the creation of this category to identify the most vulnerable among Scheduled Tribes.
2. Criteria for identifying PVTGs include pre-agrarian practices, economic backwardness, low literacy, and geographical isolation.
3. At present, there are 75 PVTGs spread across 18 States and one Union Territory.

**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 CoWIN (COVID Vaccine Intelligence Network) portal, consider the following statements:**

1. The CoWIN portal was launched in January 2021 as a digital platform to manage COVID-19 vaccination in India.
2. Citizens can use the portal to book vaccination slots, download certificates, and access updates on vaccination drives.
3. The platform is owned and managed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
4. Before COVID-19, the platform was also used for immunisation programmes like Pulse Polio in India.

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

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

**22. With reference to the Vishwamitri River, consider the following statements:**

1. It originates from the Pavagadh hills in eastern Gujarat and flows westward.
2. The river flows through Ahmedabad, Gujarat's largest city, before draining into the Arabian Sea.
3. It meets its tributaries Dhadar and Jambuva before entering the Gulf of Khambhat.
4. The total length of the river is around 200 km and it is non-perennial in nature.

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

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

**23. With reference to the Wangchu Hydroelectric Project, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a run-of-river hydro power project located in Chukha District of Bhutan.
2. The project is planned on the Wangchu River, also known as the Raidāk River in India.
3. It is the first project under an MoU signed in May 2025 between the Adani Group and Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC).

**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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**24. With reference to the Corbett Tiger Reserve, consider the following statements:**

1. It is located in the foothills of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand.
2. It was originally established as Hailey National Park in 1936, the first national park in India.
3. It was the first tiger reserve under Project Tiger.
4. The vegetation mainly consists of sal forests, mixed forests, grasslands, and riparian vegetation.

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

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

**25. Consider the following statements regarding the United Kingdom-India Infrastructure Financing Bridge (UKIIFB):**

1. It is a joint initiative of NITI Aayog and the City of London aimed at mobilising sustainable infrastructure investments into India.
2. The UKIIFB was launched under the framework of the UK-India 2+2 Defence Dialogue.
3. A steering committee comprising representatives from the UK Treasury, construction companies, and legal/engineering firms of both countries has been set up to operationalise it.
4. One of its major objectives is to make India's mega infrastructure projects "bid-ready."

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

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

**26. Consider the following statements regarding Hilsa Fish:**

1. Hilsa belongs to the family Clupeidae, the same family that includes herrings.
2. It is also called Ilish and has deep cultural significance in Bengal's food traditions.
3. The Hilsa (*Tenualosa ilisha*) is a freshwater species that completes its entire life cycle only in inland rivers.
4. It is globally valued for its delicate flavour, unique taste, and soft texture.

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

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

**27. Consider the following statements regarding the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025:**

1. The CCC is the highest-level forum for conceptual and strategic discussions between India's civil and military leadership.
2. The 2025 edition of CCC will be hosted in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The central theme of CCC 2025 is "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future".
4. Reforms, Transformation & Change, and Operational Preparedness are among its key focus areas.

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

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



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

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

**33. Consider the following statements regarding the Langkhun Festival:**

- 1. It is a harvest-related socio-religious festival celebrated by the Tiwa community of Assam.
- 2. The festival is associated with prayers for a good Rabi crop season.
- 3. Music and dance are strictly prohibited during the festival rituals.

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

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

**34. Consider the following statements regarding Vembanad Lake:**

- 1. It is the largest lake in Kerala and also the longest lake in India.
- 2. The lake receives water from rivers like Meenachil, Pampa, Achankovil and Manimala.
- 3. It is directly connected to the Arabian Sea without any natural barrier in between.

**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

**35. Consider the following statements regarding Melioidosis:**

- 1. It is caused by a Gram-negative bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei* and is endemic in parts of Southeast Asia, northern Australia, and the Indian subcontinent.
- 2. The disease is mainly transmitted through mosquito bites and person-to-person contact in endemic regions.
- 3. A majority of cases are reported during the rainy season, and the case fatality rate can be as high as 50% in some regions.

**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

**36. Consider the following statements regarding Réunion Island:**

- 1. Réunion Island, along with Mauritius and Rodrigues, forms part of the Mascarene Archipelago in the Western Indian Ocean.
- 2. It is a French overseas territory of volcanic origin, located east of Madagascar and southwest of Mauritius.
- 3. The island is largely flat, with wide plains and long perennial rivers flowing across its surface.

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

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

**37. Consider the following statements regarding Isobutanol:**

- 1. It is one of the four isomers of butanol, having the chemical formula  $C_4H_{10}O$ .
- 2. Though highly flammable, its vapors are lighter than air and quickly disperse upward in the atmosphere.
- 3. Skin contact with isobutanol can cause irritation, while eye exposure may result in severe damage, including loss of vision.

**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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**38. Consider the following statements about Perpetual Bonds:**

1. They have no maturity date and keep paying interest.
2. The principal amount is always repaid to investors after some years.
3. The issuer may call back the bond, otherwise the principal is never repaid.

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

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

**39. Consider the following statements about National Forest Martyrs Day:**

1. It is observed every year on 11th September in India.
2. The day is meant to honour those who sacrificed their lives for the protection of forests and wildlife.
3. It was started to recognise the work of farmers who promote agroforestry.

**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

**40. Consider the following statements about Cyrtodactylus vanarakshaka:**

1. It is a species of bent-toed gecko belonging to the Cyrtodactylus khasiensis group.
2. It was discovered in the Barail Hills region of Assam.
3. The species name means “forest protector” and honours the Assam Forest Department.

**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

**41. With reference to Decentralised Finance (DeFi), consider the following statements:**

1. DeFi enables financial transactions such as lending, saving, and insurance without requiring intermediation from traditional financial institutions.
2. DeFi platforms operate exclusively on centralized servers controlled by regulatory financial authorities.
3. Stablecoins are often used in DeFi ecosystems to minimize volatility in transactions.

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

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

**42. With reference to Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS), consider the following statements:**

1. BHS are unique ecosystems that may include wild as well as domesticated species diversity.
2. The presence of endemic, rare, threatened, or keystone species can be a criterion for declaring a site as BHS.
3. BHS are declared and managed exclusively by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**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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**48. Consider the following statements regarding the Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*):**

1. Koala is a marsupial native to Australia and the only extant member of the family Phascolarctidae.
2. Koalas are highly social animals, often found living in large groups throughout the year.
3. They possess two opposing thumbs on their forepaws, an adaptation that helps them grasp and climb eucalyptus trees where they spend most of their time.

**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. With reference to the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), consider the following statements:**

1. CCMB is an autonomous institution under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
2. Its primary objectives include both basic research in frontier areas of modern biology and providing centralized national facilities for advanced techniques.
3. CCMB functions primarily as a teaching university offering postgraduate degrees in molecular biology.

**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. With reference to the Carlsberg Ridge, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a divergent plate boundary in the Indian Ocean forming part of the mid-oceanic ridge system.
2. It separates the Arabian Sea from the Somali Basin while marking the boundary between the Somali Plate and the Indian Plate.
3. It connects directly with the Mid-Atlantic Ridge near the Gulf of Aden.

**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. With reference to the Red Fort (Lal Qila), consider the following statements:**

1. It was constructed by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1639 as the palace fort of his new capital, Shahjahanabad.
2. The fort complex includes both the Red Fort and the adjacent Salimgarh Fort, which was built earlier by Islam Shah Suri.
3. Ustad Ahmad Lahauri, who also designed the Taj Mahal, was one of the architects of the Red Fort.

**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

**52. With reference to Nankana Sahib, consider the following statements:**

1. It is located in the Punjab province of Pakistan and is the birthplace of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism.
2. The city was originally called Rai-Bhoi-Di Talwandi before being renamed Nankana Sahib by Rai Bhullar Bhatti.
3. Gurdwara Janam Asthan at Nankana Sahib is built at the site where Guru Nanak is believed to have attained samadhi in 1539.



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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

**53. With reference to the Penna (Pennar) River, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It originates in the Nandi Hills located in Karnataka.
- 2. It flows through both Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh before draining into the Bay of Bengal.
- 3. Its course is confined entirely to the Deccan Plateau region.

**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. With reference to Ion Chromatography (IC), consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is an analytical technique used to separate and quantify ions present in a sample.
- 2. The separation in ion chromatography is based on the interaction of charged molecules with an ion-exchange resin.
- 3. Unlike ion chromatography, gas chromatography is primarily used for the separation of charged ionic species.

**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 Almatti Dam:**

- 1. Almatti Dam is constructed on the Krishna River in North Karnataka and was completed in 2005.
- 2. The primary purposes of the dam include irrigation, potable water supply, hydroelectric power generation, and flood management.
- 3. The dam's gross water storage capacity exceeds 200 TMC at a height of 519 meters MSL.

**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. With reference to Saunders's Tern, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is a small ground-nesting marine bird that belongs to the gull family (Laridae).
- 2. Its breeding range is restricted only to the Indian subcontinent, especially along India and Sri Lanka.
- 3. It inhabits estuaries, tidal lagoons, shallow inshore waters, and harbors.

**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 Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI):**

- 1. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), set up in 1957, functions as the apex anti-smuggling intelligence and investigation agency in India.
- 2. It operates under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), which is part of the Ministry of Finance.
- 3. DRI enforces only the Customs Act, 1962, and has no role in implementing other allied laws.



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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

**63. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):**

- 1. It was created in 2006 by the UN General Assembly, replacing the earlier Commission on Human Rights.
- 2. It is a subsidiary organ of the UN Security Council and deals with the promotion and protection of human rights.
- 3. Its mandate includes addressing gross and systematic violations of human rights and making recommendations thereon.

**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 about the Global Innovation Index (GII):**

- 1. It was first launched in 2007 and has since become a leading global benchmark for measuring innovation performance.
- 2. It is published annually by the World Bank in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- 3. The UN General Assembly recognizes it as an authoritative reference for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies.

**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

**65. With reference to the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), consider the following statements:**

- 1. PNGRB is a statutory body established under an Act of Parliament in 2006.
- 2. Its mandate covers refining, processing, storage, transportation, distribution, marketing, and sale of petroleum, petroleum products, and natural gas, including the production of crude oil and natural gas.
- 3. One of its key objectives is to protect consumer interests while promoting competitive markets in the petroleum and natural gas sector.

**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

**66. With reference to Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs), consider the following statements:**

- 1. SLAPPs are primarily aimed at silencing critics and draining their financial resources through prolonged litigation.
- 2. Such lawsuits are commonly initiated by wealthy or influential entities against individuals or groups engaged in matters of public interest.
- 3. Journalists, NGOs, academics, and human rights defenders are often among the common targets of SLAPPs.

**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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**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

**78. Consider the following statements regarding the Fishing Cat:**

- 1. It is a medium-sized wild cat scientifically known as *Prionailurus viverrinus*.
- 2. In India, it is mainly found in the Sundarbans mangroves, the Himalayan foothills along the Ganga–Brahmaputra valleys, and the Western Ghats.
- 3. Its distribution is limited only to India and Sri Lanka.

**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

**79. Consider the following statements regarding *Impatiens selvasinghii*:**

- 1. It is a newly discovered flowering plant species from the Kudremukh range of the Western Ghats.
- 2. It is unique due to its exceptionally small flowers and prominently-lobed wing petals.
- 3. In India, the genus *Impatiens* is represented only in the Western Ghats, with fewer than 100 taxa.

**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

**80. Consider the following statements regarding the Adi Yuva Fellowship:**

- 1. It is supported by the United Nations in India.
- 2. The fellowship offers a 12-month paid programme for selected tribal youth.
- 3. The initiative is limited only to providing financial assistance, without any structured learning or mentorship component.

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

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

**81. Consider the following statements regarding Morocco:**

- 1. Morocco is the only African country that has coastlines on both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2. Morocco shares its eastern border with Algeria and its southern boundary with Western Sahara.
- 3. The Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla are located on Morocco's southern coast along the Atlantic Ocean.

**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

**82. Consider the following statements regarding Tripura Sundari Temple:**

- 1. Tripura Sundari Temple, also called Matabari, is one among the 51 Shakti Peethas.
- 2. It was established in the early 16th century by Maharaja Dhanya Manikya of the Tripura Kingdom.
- 3. The temple is also referred to as Kurma Pith because its base is shaped like the hump of a tortoise.
- 4. The temple is located in Meghalaya, making it one of the most sacred sites of the Khasi Hills.



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

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

**83. Consider the following statements regarding the Bonnet Macaque (*Macaca radiata*):**

- 1. The bonnet macaque, also called zati, is endemic to southern India and is found both in arboreal and terrestrial habitats.
- 2. It is a diurnal species that lives in multimale–multifemale troops and is also a strong swimmer.
- 3. Its distribution is restricted only to the Western Ghats region of Kerala and Karnataka.
- 4. It is listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List and placed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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

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

**84. Consider the following statements regarding Betla National Park:**

- 1. Betla National Park, located on the Chota Nagpur Plateau in Jharkhand, was notified as a National Park in 1986.
- 2. It forms part of the core area of the Palamau Tiger Reserve, one of the earliest reserves brought under Project Tiger.
- 3. The Mahuadarr Wolf Sanctuary is included within the boundaries of Betla National Park.
- 4. It lies in the Afrotropical realm, which is known for savanna and grassland ecosystems.

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

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

**85. Consider the following statements regarding Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary:**

- 1. It is the northernmost wildlife sanctuary of Kerala, located on the western slopes of the Western Ghats.
- 2. The Cheenkannipuzha River forms its main drainage system, with several tributaries joining it from the north.
- 3. Tropical evergreen, semi-evergreen, and moist deciduous forests are found here.
- 4. Nilgiri langur, Malabar giant squirrel, and Bishofia javanica are associated with this sanctuary.

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

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

**86. With reference to the Coffee Board of India, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is a statutory body constituted under the Coffee Act, 1942.
- 2. The Board has 33 members in total, all of whom are nominated by the Central Government.
- 3. Its functions include research, extension, development, market intelligence, promotion, and welfare measures.

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

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

**87. With reference to India's Dugong Conservation Reserve, consider the following statements:**

- 1. It is India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve, located in the Palk Bay region of Tamil Nadu.
- 2. It was established in 2022 under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 3. It is India's third dugong reserves.



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

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

**88. The term “Khoe-San” collectively refers to the San (hunter-gatherers) and the Khoekhoe (pastoralists) of southern Africa.**

2. They are among the earliest divergent human lineages, noted for their exceptionally high genetic diversity.
3. Genetic studies reveal that Kho-San men significantly shaped present-day populations through intermixing, while European women were largely displaced.

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

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

**89. With reference to the Grue Jay, sometimes mentioned in ornithological studies, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a rare natural hybrid between the Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) and the Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*).
2. Its plumage is turquoise-blue, with a face mask pattern inherited from the Green Jay.
3. Unlike both parent species, the Grue Jay is observed to live in large cooperative groups.

**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

**90. With reference to the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR), consider the following statements:**

1. It was notified in 2022 as India's first International Dark Sky Reserve.
2. It is centred around the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle, managed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA).
3. The project primarily focuses on biodiversity conservation and forest protection.

**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

**91. With reference to the Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, consider the following statements:**

1. It is the northernmost wildlife sanctuary of Kerala, situated on the western slopes of the Western Ghats.
2. The River Cheenkannipuzha forms the main drainage system on its southern side.
3. The sanctuary was declared in 1984, and streams like Narikkadavu thodu, Kurukkathodu, and Meenumuttithodu from its northern upper reaches join the Cheenkannipuzha.

**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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92. With reference to the Coffee Board of India, consider the following statements:

1. It is a statutory body constituted under the Coffee Act, 1942.
2. The Board consists of 33 members, all of whom are directly elected by coffee growers.
3. Its functions include research, extension, development, market intelligence, promotion, and welfare measures for the coffee sector.

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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