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FLTS – 3

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1. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Sant Guru Ravidas':

1. He is known by various names like Raidas, Rohidas, and Ruhidas and hailed from a community traditionally associated with leatherwork.
2. He made significant contributions to the Bhakti Movement, emphasising devotion to the divine and promoting spiritual equality.
3. Some of his compositions are included in the revered scripture, Guru Granth Sahib Ji, adding to his literary and philosophical significance.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None

2. Regarding the Aihole Inscription, consider the following statements:

1. It is located in Andhra Pradesh.
2. It was crafted by the renowned poet Pampa.
3. The inscription is a lyrical tribute to the Chalukya dynasty, particularly King Pulakesin II.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Pandavula Gutta is rich in terms of rock shelters, and habitation from the Mesolithic period (about 10,000

B.C. to 8,000 B.C.) to medieval times.

2. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is headquartered in Kolkata and is an attached office to the Ministry of Mines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Gulaal Gota is a small ball made of lac, filled with dry gulaal, and weighs around 20 grams when filled.
2. Lac, the primary raw material for Gulaal Gota, is sourced from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Gurmukhi script was developed from the Śāradā script, standardised and used by the tenth Sikh guru, Guru Govind Singh.

Statement-II: Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme targets 10,000 Sikh youth and women for modern skills training in employment-oriented job roles.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

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- A. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- B. Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- C. Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- D. Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.**

6. Consider the following pairs:

GI Tag	State
Crochet Lace Craft	Andhra Pradesh
Majuli Masks	Assam
Patan Patola	Gujarat

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3**
7. Regarding 'Maratha Military Landscapes', consider the following statements:
1. It is a network of 12 forts and fortifications that represent the extraordinary military system and strategy of the Maratha rulers in the 17th-19th centuries.
 2. They were included in the Tentative List of World Heritage sites in 2021.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

8. Consider the following statements regarding 'Kalaripayattu':

1. It is an Indian martial art that originated in Kerala during the 3rd century BC to the 2nd century AD.
2. It is a personal combat training system that includes exercises to develop sharp reflexes for unarmed combat and skilful fighting using sticks.

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2**

9. Regarding the Subika Painting, consider the following statements:

1. This painting style is intricately linked to the Kuki community's cultural history in Manipur.
2. The paintings are done on handmade paper or tree bark.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

10. . Consider the following statements with respect to 'Magh Bihu':

1. Magh Bihu, also called Bhogali Bihu or Maghor Bihu, is a festival of harvest celebrated in the state of Assam.
2. The festival falls in the month of October and marks the end of the harvesting season.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

11. Consider the following statements regarding Medaram Jathara:

1. Medaram Jathara is the largest tribal religious congregation in the world, held biennially, in the month of 'Magha' (February) on the full moon day in Medaram.
2. Medaram Jathara commemorates the bravery of Sammakka and Saralamma, tribal goddesses who fought against injustice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

12. Regarding Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, consider the following statements:

1. He introduced the collection of two taxes called the Chauth and Sardeshmukhi.
2. He abolished the Ryotwari System and replaced it with the Jagirdari System.
3. He took on the title of "Haindava Dharmodhhaarak."

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

13. Consider the following tribes:

1. Koli
2. Paddari
3. Bakarwals

How many of the above are ethnic tribes of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

14. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Yakshagana Mela':

1. Yakshagana is a dance-drama performance unique to Karnataka.
2. It features men portraying all roles and no particular roles for women.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

15. Consider the following statements regarding the Bhil Tribe:

1. They are the largest tribal group of Odisha.
2. They are known to be excellent archers as well as skilled sculptors.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

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16. How many of the following statements is/are correct about Jalikattu?

1. It is a bull-taming sport practiced in Tamil Nadu as a part of Pongal celebrations.
2. It has been banned by the Supreme Court of India on the grounds of animal cruelty.
3. It is mentioned in the ancient Tamil epic Silappadikaram.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

17. With reference to 'Gangasagar Mela', consider the following statements :

1. Gangasagar Mela takes place during Makar Sankranti, and is said to be India's largest pilgrimage gathering.
2. This annual pilgrimage is organized at Sagar Island at the confluence of the river Ganges and Bay of Bengal.
3. It has been granted national fair status by the central government.

How many of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

18. Regarding the Nagara Style of Temple Architecture, consider the following statements:

1. It emerged approximately in the 7th century CE, during the late Gupta period, in southern India.

2. Nagara temples are built on a raised plinth, with the Garbha Griha the most sacred part of the temple.
3. A typical Nagara-style temple also comprises a circumambulatory passage around the garbha griha.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only One
- B. Only Two**
- C. All Three
- D. None

19. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Madhika Language':

1. Madhika is a language with Brahmi script, and is a blend of Telugu, Tulu, Kannada, and Malayalam.
2. The neglect of Madhika is attributed to the social stigma associated with the Chakaliya community.

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

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

20. With reference to the Denotified, Nomadic, and SemiNomadic Tribes, consider the following statements:

1. They are also known as Vimukt Jatis.
2. They were officially de-notified by the Indian Government in 1972.
3. They make up around 20% of the Indian population.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one**

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- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

21. Consider the following temple architecture:

- 1. Valabhi
- 2. Phamsana
- 3. Bhumija

How many of the above belong to Nagara Style?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None of the above

22. Consider the following pairs:

Festivals	State
Uttrayan	Assam
Bihu	Gujarat
Pongal	Tamil Nadu

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A. Only one pair**
- B. Only two pairs
- C. All three pairs
- D. None of the above

23. Which one of the following towns is often referred to as 'Jain Kashi'?

- A. Hampi
- B. Vaishali
- C. Moodbidri**
- D. Ujjain

24. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The new logo of National Medical Commission (NMC) features a

colourful image of Lord Krishna, an avatar of Lord Vishnu.

- 2. Dhanvantri is revered as the deity associated with Ayurveda, the traditional system of medicine in Hinduism.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

25. Consider the following pairs:

Dance	State
Kolattam	Arunachal Pradesh
Ponung	Andhra Pradesh
Bagurumba	Assam

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 only**
- D. 1, 2 and 3

26. With reference to Mithila region of Bihar, consider the following statements :

- 1. Mithila has a rich and ancient history, dating back to the Vedic period of 1500-500 BCE.
- 2. It is bounded by the Himalayas in the north, the Ganges in the south, the Mahananda River in the west, and the Gandaki River in the east.
- 3. It is also known as Mahla and mentioned in revenue records of the United Provinces of Bihar, Bengal, and Orissa.

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How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

27. Chavittunatakam, a drama form, was recently seen in the news. It is associated with which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala**
- C. Karnataka
- D. Manipur

28. Consider the following statements regarding Mudi yettu:

1. It is a traditional ritual theatre and folk dance drama from Kerala that enacts the mythological tale of a battle between the goddess Kali and the demon Darika.
2. The ritual is a part of the bhagavathi or bhadrakali cult and is performed between February and May after the harvesting season.
3. Mudi yettu is part of UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None

29. Which of the following is NOT an example of intangible cultural heritage according to UNESCO?

- A. Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre of India
- B. Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana of India
- C. Taj Mahal, a mausoleum of India**
- D. Yoga, a physical, mental and spiritual practice of India

30. With reference to the Birsa Munda, consider the following statements:

1. He started the Paika movement involving guerrilla warfare, challenging religious practices, and social changes.
2. Birsa Munda initiated the 'Birsait' faith, emerging as a tribal leader and leading resistance against British conversion efforts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

31. With reference to Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, consider the following statements:

1. In 2021, the Indian government officially proclaimed 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, commemorating the valor of tribal freedom fighters.
2. The date is the birth anniversary of Rani Gaidhinliu who is revered as Bhagwan by tribal communities across the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only**

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- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

32. Consider the following statements:

1. Santhali language is a Munda language spoken primarily in the east-central Indian states of West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Orissa.
2. The Santhali language was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through 92nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

33. Which one of the following states organized the Kambala buffalo race during the winter months when farmers harvest their paddy crops?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka**
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Kerala

34. Regarding Guru Teg Bahadur consider the following statements:

1. His writings are housed in the sacred text, 'Guru Granth Sahib,' in the form of 116 poetic hymns.
2. In the year 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed in Delhi under the orders of the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

35. With reference to Parthenon Sculptures, consider the following statements:

1. The Parthenon Sculptures housed at the Greece Museum are a collection of over 30 ancient stone sculptures.
2. These artifacts are significant remnants of Athens' Golden Age.
3. These artifacts are dedicated to the goddess Artemis.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

36. Consider the following pairs:

State	Tribes
Arunachal Pradesh	Mismi
Assam	Khasis
Nagaland	Zeilang

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

- A. 2 only
- B. 1 and 3 only**
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

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37. The Toto language, spoken by only 1,600 people, is on the brink of extinction. Where is the Toto language primarily spoken?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal**
- D. Sikkim

38. Consider the following statements about Miniature painting in India:

- 1. The Pratiharas are considered the pioneers of miniature painting in India.
- 2. They were often painted for either books or albums, on perishable material including paper, palm leaves and cloth.
- 3. In Pala miniature painting school, the themes were often taken from the Buddhist tantric rituals.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

39. Consider the following statements regarding Jagannath Temple:

- 1. It is an example of Kalinga architecture, featuring distinctive curvilinear towers and ornate sculptures.
- 2. It is also called 'Yamanika Tirtha' because here, according to the Hindu beliefs, the power of 'Yama', the god of death, has been nullified due to the presence of Lord Jagannath.

3. Snana Yatra is a major festival associated with the deities of Jagannath temple.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None of the above

40. With reference to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, consider the following statements:

- 1. He took on the titles of Chhatrapati, Shakakarta, Kshatriya Kulavantas and Haindava Dharmodhhaarak.
- 2. He abolished the Ryotwari System and replaced it with the Jagirdari System.
- 3. He established an efficient army, paying ordinary soldiers in cash and high-ranking officials through jagir grants (Saranjam).

How many of the statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

41. With reference to the Baiga tribe, consider the following statements:

- 1. They mainly live in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- 2. Tattooing is an integral part of Baiga culture, every age and body part has a specific tattoo reserved for the occasion.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

42. With reference to the Bathukamma Festival, consider the following statements:

1. The nine-day-long annual festival of flowers Bathukamma began on a colorful note across Karnataka.
2. The festival coincides with the monsoon, bringing water to ponds and wildflowers in vibrant colors.
3. The festival begins a week before the 'Saddula Bathukamma' which falls two days after Dussehra.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

43. Consider the following pairs regarding National Ayush Mission:

1. Ayurvedya: Promotion of healthy lifestyle through Ayush for school children
2. Supraja: Ayush based geriatric programme
3. Vayomitra: Ayush for Maternal & Neonatal intervention

How many of the given pairs are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

44. With reference to the Nataraja sculpture, consider the following statements:

1. The concept of Shiva as a dancer, known as Nataraja, began to take shape around the 5th century AD.
2. The Nataraja sculpture at Bharat Mandapam is made using the sand casting method.
3. The design of this Nataraja statue at Bharat Mandapam draws inspiration from the Thillai Nataraja Temple, the Uma Maheswarar Temple, the Brihadeeswara (Big) Temple.

How many of the above statements are not correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

45. Regarding the Konark Sun Temple, consider the following statements:

1. It was built by king Narasimhadeva I of the Eastern Ganga dynasty in the 13th century CE.
2. It is the culmination of Kalinga temple architecture and dedicated to the Hindu Sun God Surya.
3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is depicted on the reverse side of the Indian currency note of 10 rupees.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None

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46. Regarding the Hoysala Temples, consider the following statements:

1. The Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapur in Karnataka have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.
2. Chennakeshava Temple was built by Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana to commemorate his victory over the Cholas.
3. Keshava Temple of Somanathapur is a beautiful Trikuta Temple dedicated to Lord Krishna in three forms-Janardhana, Keshava and Venugopala.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None

47. Consider the following statements regarding Hoysala dynasty:

1. They were feudatories of the Chalukyas of Kalyana, also known as the Western Chalukya Empire.
2. Hoysala architecture is a blend of Bhumija, Nagara and the Dravida styles of architecture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

48. With reference to Adi Shankaracharya, consider the following statements:

1. He propounded the doctrine of Vishishtadvaita.
2. Statue of equality is related to Adi Shankaracharya.
3. He established four Mathas in the four corners of India at Sringeri, Puri, Dwaraka and Badrinath for propagation of Sanathana Dharma.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None

49. Consider the following statements regarding Hoysala dynasty:

1. They were feudatories of the Chalukyas of Kalyana, also known as the Western Chalukya Empire.
2. Hoysala architecture is a blend of Bhumija, Nagara and the Dravida styles of architecture.
3. Mantapa, Vimana and Sculpture are the key elements of Hoysala Architecture.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. All three**
- D. None

50. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Poila Baisakh':

1. It is an important festival celebrated by Bengali communities across West Bengal, Tripura, Jharkhand, and Assam.

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2. The West Bengal Legislative Assembly decided to observe the 'Poila Baisakh,' the first day of the Bengali calendar, as 'Bangla Dibas' or West Bengal Foundation Day.
3. Out of India, Nepal is the nation where the Poila Baisakh is celebrated every year.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

51. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Red Fort or Lal Qila':

1. The Mughal Emperor, Jahangir laid the foundations of Red Fort or Lal Qila.
2. This iconic structure was enlisted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007.
3. The Red Fort showcases a fusion of diverse architectural styles, including Islamic, Hindi, Timurid, and Persian influences.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

52. With reference to the Nataraja Statue, consider the following statements:

1. It is an important piece of Cheras sculpture.

2. The upper right-hand holds the drum, which signifies the sound of creation.
3. The upper left-hand holds the eternal fire, which represents the destruction.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three
- D. None

53. Consider the following statements:

1. Upanishads and Puranas are examples of Classical Sanskrit literature.
2. World Sanskrit Day is celebrated annually on 31st August.
3. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan in Delhi is the nodal authority to promote Sanskrit.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one**
- B. Only two
- C. All three
- D. None of the above

54. Aadi Perukku festival is celebrated in which of the following states of India?

- A. Telangana
- B. Tamil Nadu**
- C. Orissa
- D. Andhra Pradesh

55. With reference to the Historical significance of Sengol, consider the following statements:

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1. It is associated with the Chola Empire.
2. A Sengol sceptre was carried by emperors on ceremonial occasions and used to represent their authority.
3. The ceremony of handing over the Sengol sceptre was usually performed by a high priest or a guru.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3**

56. The Malcha Mahal or Wilahat Mahal was recently in the news. It is related to which of the following Dynasty?

- A. Tughlaq Dynasty**
- B. Lodi Dynasty
- C. Mughal Dynasty
- D. Khilji Dynasty

57. Consider the following statements regarding 'Uttaramerur Inscription':

1. The inscription, dating back to the reign of Raja Raja Chola, provides a detailed description of how the village's self-governance functioned.
2. The Village assembly comprises of sabha which was exclusively composed of brahmins.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 Only
- B. 2 Only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

58. Consider the following statements regarding 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam':

1. It is a festival that aims to promote the cultural diversity and heritage of India.
2. The festival is being held in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

59. With reference to Thirunelli Temple, consider the following statements:

1. The temple is dedicated to Lord Ayyappa.
2. The temple architecture follows traditional Kerala Style Architecture.

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

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

60. With reference to Basava Jayanti, consider the following statements:

1. It is celebrated in Karnataka during the month of Vaisakha by the Lingayat community.
2. Guru Basaveshwara was a saint from Lingayat community in Shaivism Bhakti movement.
3. The Anubhava Mantapa established by Basava laid down the foundation of social democracy.

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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3**

61. Which of the following statements is true about Swami Ramanujacharya?

- A. He was an Indian philosopher and theologian who founded the Vishishtadvaita school of Vedanta.**
- B. He was a contemporary of Gautama Buddha and the founder of the Maurya Empire.
- C. He was a disciple of Adi Shankaracharya and propagated the Advaita Vedanta philosophy.
- D. He was a social reformer who led the movement against the practice of Sati in India.

62. Consider the following pairs of Traditional New Year Festivals:

State	Traditional New Year
Tamil Nadu	Puthandu
West Bengal	Nabha Barsha
Assam	Bohag Bihu

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

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3**

63. With reference to the Adi community, consider the following statements:

1. They are found in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Siang Uying, Solung and Aran are some of the major festivals that are celebrated among this community.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

64. Consider the following pairs:

State	Cultural Element
Sikkim	Bumchu Festival
Nagaland	Hojagiri
Manipur	Lai Haraoba
Tripura	Unakoti

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- A. Only 1 pair
- B. Only 2 pairs
- C. Only 3 pairs**
- D. All four pairs

65. Consider the following pairs:

Mudra	Gesture/Meaning
Anjali Mudra	Respect, greeting and gratitude
Vitarka Mudra	Threatening Gesture
Karana Mudra	Depictions of the Buddha or Bodhisattvas
Tarjani Mudra	Gesture of Discussion

Which of the following pairs is/are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 4 only
- B. 2 and 4 only
- C. 1 and 3 only**
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

66. With reference to New year festival in India, Consider the following pairs:

Festival	State
Ugadi	Andhra Pradesh
Gudi Padwa	Maharashtra
Navreh	Tamil Nadu

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only**
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

67. With respect to the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), consider the following statements:

1. It aimed to oversee the financial regularities mainly in the banking sector.
2. It is an executive body constituted under the Executive Order by the Ministry of Finance.
3. The Finance Secretary is the Chairman of the FSDC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

68. With reference to the Bitcoin, consider the following statements:

1. It was introduced in 2009 by an anonymous creator known as Satoshi Nakamoto.
2. It's the world's first decentralized cryptocurrency, using blockchain technology to secure and verify transactions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

69. With reference to the Treasury Bills (T-bills), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. T-bills are long term debt instruments issued by the Government of India.
2. They are zero coupon securities and pay no interest.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

70. With reference to Organic farming in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India occupies first place at global level in organic farming.
2. Madhya Pradesh has the largest area under organic certification in India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only**
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2
- C. All three
- D. None

71. With reference to the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a third party certification programme for organic products in India.
2. It is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for development of the export market.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

72. Consider the following statements:

1. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application.
2. UPI enabled transactions with single click—in which the customer needs to enter MPIN followed by OTP to make a transaction.
3. UPI allows both financial as well as non-financial transactions.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**

73. With reference to the 'Bharat Rice' which was recently launched by the Union government, consider the following statements:

1. It is launched under the National Food Security Mission of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
2. It provides rice directly to consumers at subsidised rates.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

74. A higher Tax to GDP ratio generally implies:

- A. Lower tax burden on the economy.
- B. Strong economic growth.**
- C. Inefficient tax collection.
- D. Decreased government revenue.

75. The primary objective of introducing Payment Banks in India was to:

- A. Offer credit facilities to Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- B. Facilitate large-scale investments in the financial sector.**

C. Provide basic banking services to the unbanked and underbanked population.

D. Act as investment banking intermediaries for the agriculture sector.

76. With reference to the Minimum Support Price (MSP), consider the following statements:

1. The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices recommends the MSP.
2. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) takes the final decisions on MSP.
3. Copra and De-husked coconut are the items included in the mandated crops for MSP.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3**

77. Which of the following states are covered under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution?

1. Assam
2. Meghalaya
3. Tripura
4. Nagaland

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3 only**

78. With reference to the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), consider the following statements:

1. The Companies Act, 2013 allows companies to spend 1% of their average net profit in the previous three years on CSR activities.
2. CSR provisions are applicable to companies with an annual turnover of 1,000 crore and more, or a net worth of Rs. 500 crore and more.
3. Non-compliance of CSR provisions has been notified as a criminal offense.

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 only**
- D. 1, 2 and 3

79. Regarding the Constitution of India, prohibitions or limitations or provisions contained in ordinary laws cannot act as prohibitions or limitations on the constitutional powers under Article 142. It could mean which one of the following?

- A. The decisions taken by the Election Commission of India while discharging its duties cannot be challenged in any court of law.
- B. The Supreme Court of India is not constrained in the exercise of its powers by laws made by the Parliament.**
- C. In the event of a grave financial crisis in the country, the President of India can declare a Financial

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Emergency without the counsel from the Cabinet.

- D. State Legislatures cannot make laws on certain matters without the concurrence of the Union Legislature.

80. Consider the following statements with reference to the Law Commission of India.

1. It is a constitutional body under the Ministry of Law & Justice.
2. 22nd Law Commission consists of full-time Chairperson and four full-time Members (Excluding Member-Secretary).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

81. With reference to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy of Indian Constitution.
2. In India only Goa has implemented the UCC.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only**
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

82. Which among the following countries share a border with Iran?

1. Armenia
2. Kazakhstan
3. Turkmenistan
4. Kyrgyzstan

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 2, 3 and 4 only
D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

83. With reference to Coffee plantation in India, consider the following statements:

1. Well-drained and rich friable loam is the ideal soil for coffee cultivation.
2. Its plantations are resistant to frost.
3. Kerala is the highest producer of coffee in India.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are not correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 3 only

84. With reference to the Western Disturbances, consider the following statements:

1. They collect moisture from the Black and Caspian Sea.
2. They help ripening of rabi crops in India and bring snow to the Himalayan region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

85. Recently Rio De Janeiro, which is a city in Brazil, declared a Dengue Health Emergency. In the context of the above statement, which of the following countries shares a border with Brazil?

- 1. Chile
- 2. Ecuador
- 3. Venezuela
- 4. Argentina
- 5. Bolivia

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 5 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 3, 4 and 5 only**
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

86. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Length of a terrestrial mile is lesser than that of a nautical mile.
- 2. Harmattan is a dusty land- wind of the East African Coast.
- 3. Greece and Albania form a part of the Iberian Peninsula.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 only
- D. All of the above

87. The Red Sea crisis caused a surge in container ship costs, highlighting the

need to revisit alternate routes for global trade. In context of this statement, which of the following countries shares borders with the Red Sea.

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Yemen
- 3. Saudi Arabia
- 4. Djibouti

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4**

88. Recently launched 'SWATI Portal' is related to which of the following?

- A. To Increase Awareness related to the Digital Payments.
- B. Direct Bank Transfer Portal under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Act.
- C. To help Women Entrepreneurs Register for Government Schemes.
- D. Online portal representing Indian Women and Girls in STEMM.**

89. With reference to PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. The scheme is funded by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- 2. The scheme facilitates collateral-free loans of INR 10,000, with subsequent loans of INR 50,000 and INR 100,000.

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Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

90. With reference to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), 2019-21, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. For children under five stunting and wasting has reduced whereas underweight prevalence has increased.
2. Meghalaya has the highest number of stunted children and Maharashtra has the highest number of wasted children.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

91. Consider the following statement with reference to Safe City Project:

1. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. It covers welfare measures for both transgender persons and persons who are engaged in the act of begging with focus extensively on rehabilitation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

92. With reference to the Lakhpati Didi Scheme, consider the following statements:

1. It is launched to financially empower women in rural and urban areas.
2. Under the scheme Interest-free loan of Rs. 5 lakh will be granted.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

93. With respect to India's Smart Cities Mission, which of the below given statements is/are correct?

1. The Smart Cities Mission is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched in 2015.
2. For real time monitoring of the mission, an Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) was also launched under the mission.
3. The mission primarily aims to enhance the quality of life in rural and nearby urban areas by leveraging technology, innovation, and improved infrastructure.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two**
- C. All three

D. None

94. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana, consider the following statements:

1. It is a sub scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
2. It is 100% funded by the Government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

95. Consider the following statements:

1. The Defence Acquisition Council is headed by the Defence Minister.
2. The Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) is the last step in the Defence procurement process.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

96. MTEX-24 recently seen in the news, it is related to which of the following?

- A. Provides for settlement of disputed tax
B. Covid-19 variant which is more infectious

C. Latest advancements in naval technology

D. Satellite for enhanced meteorological observations

97. The deal for Predator drone-MQ 9B, was recently concluded by the Indian government with which of the following countries?

- A. Russia
B. Israel
C. USA
D. France

98. Consider the following statements with reference to Raisina Dialogue:

1. It is India's flagship conference on geopolitics which is hosted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
2. The theme of the 2024 edition is "One Earth, One Family, One Future".

Which of the above given statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

99. With reference to the MS Swaminathan, who was conferred as Bharat Ratna recently, consider the following statements:

1. He made significant contributions to the understanding of potato genetics and the development of frost-resistant potato varieties.

2. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has called him 'the Father of Economic Ecology' after significant contributions in the fields of conservation and environmental protection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

100. The term 'human rating' sometimes appeared in the news, best described as:

- A. Certifying humans on the basis of knowledge of space and astronomy.
- B. Categorisation of humans that are capable of space walk.
- C. Certifying a system capable of safely transporting humans into space.**
- D. Categorisation of humans and machines on the basis of health concerns in space.

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