
MOCK PRELIMINARY EXAM

MOCK TEST
GENERAL STUDIES
PAPER-I

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

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1. Which of these continents had the least number of democratic countries till 1950?
 - a. Africa
 - b. South America
 - c. Europe
 - d. Asia

2. Which of the following ideally should NOT be features of a democratic polity?
 1. Censorship of the press
 2. Military can take over civilian institutions if they fail to deliver on democratic hopes
 3. The Government should not be run by non-elected individuals.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
 - b. 2 and 3
 - c. 1 and 3
 - d. All of the above
3. Rural areas in India suffer from which of the following problems?
 1. Seasonal employment
 2. Disguised unemployment
 3. Educated unemployment

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. All of the above
4. The Khonds ate fruits and roots collected from the forest and cooked food with the oil they extracted from the seeds of the sal and mahua. Consider the following statements.

1. The flowers of mahua are used to prepare alcoholic drink in central parts of India
2. The dry leaves of sal are a major source for the production of leaf plates called as patravali and leaf bowls in northern and eastern India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
 - b. 2 Only
 - c. Both
 - d. None
5. There is no world government. However, some international organizations do lay down certain norms; perform certain functions and put restrictions on the conduct of several sovereign governments. Which of these would qualify in the abovementioned category?
 1. International Monetary Fund
 2. United Nations Security Council
 3. International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
 - b. 2 and 3
 - c. 1 and 3
 - d. All of the above
6. Which of the following are NOT the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)?
 1. Russia
 2. Japan
 3. Germany

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

7. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Democratic world governance is not necessary even if all the nations in the world turn democratic.
- 2. The UNSC can order an armed military intervention in a country only after the approval of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- 3. The non-permanent members of the UNSC are elected by the UNGA for a two year term.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

8. Which of the countries have suffered from military coup while being a democracy?

- 1. Chile
- 2. Pakistan
- 3. Myanmar
- 4. Bangladesh

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. All of the above
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 4 only

9. Consider the following examples:

- 1. King of Bhutan has declared that in future he will be guided by the advice given to him by elected representatives – Major decisions by elected leaders
- 2. The Indian Supreme Court held that the dissolution of Bihar assembly was unconstitutional – Free and fair electoral competition.
- 3. Political parties in Bangladesh have agreed that a neutral government should rule the country at the time of elections – Rule of law

Which of these examples is/are matched correctly with the features of a democracy?

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. Only 1
- d. All of the above

10. The constitution of a nation

- 1. is the supreme law of the land
- 2. determines the rights of citizens
- 3. determines the powers of the government
- 4. lays down the way of functioning of the government in a broad manner

Which of the following would be correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

11. With reference to the Royal Indian Navy (RIN) mutiny of 1946, consider the following statements

1. The Congress leadership not only dissociated itself from the RIN uprising but also opposed it on the ground of indiscipline
2. The committee formed to lead the mutiny demanded the release of all the political prisoners, including the Indian National Army prisoners, and the withdrawal of Indian troops from Indonesia and Egypt
3. The mutiny was supported by the Communist parties

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. None of the above

12. Which of these bodies is subject to dissolution?

1. Lok Sabha
2. Rajya Sabha
3. State Legislative Assembly
4. State Legislative Council

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. All of the above
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 2 and 4 only

13. Consider the following statements:

1. The number of parliamentary constituencies in a state cannot be lesser than the number of assembly constituencies.
2. A parliamentary constituency can span across more than one district in a state of India.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. None of the above

14. Consider the following statements:

1. The people residing in the nearest Union territory (UT) to a state also vote in that particular State Assembly elections.
2. One-third of the members of the Legislative assembly in UTs, where it exists, are nominated by the Central Government.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. None of the above

15. Consider the following statements:

1. Seats for the Scheduled tribes are reserved both in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
2. Seats for Women are reserved at all levels of local government – both Panchayat and Municipality.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 ad 2
- d. None of the above

16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Members of the SC and ST community can fight elections only from constituencies reserved for them.
- 2. In the Gram Panchayat elections, women can stand in election only from constituencies which are reserved for women.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 ad 2
- d. None of the above

17. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Citizens of India who do not have a Voter ID card cannot vote in elections.
- 2. Voter rolls are created and maintained by the Election Commission of India under the supervision of the Department of Law and Justice, Government of India.
- 3. People who are mentally unsound may be debarred from voting in the election by the Election Commission of India.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 and 2
- b. Only 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

18. Consider the following statements

- 1. Introduction of cultivation of tea, jute and sugarcane by the British in India was mainly to serve the needs of the European market
- 2. Italy and France produced indigo plants and had monopoly on indigo dye. To break this monopoly, the British forced Indians to cultivate indigo in India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

19. Consider the following statements:

- 1. All those eligible to vote for local body elections are also eligible to stand for the local body elections.
- 2. Illiterate citizens of India, as defined legally, cannot contest Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha elections.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 ad 2
- d. None of the above

20. The Central Government's approach to eradicate poverty consists, inter alia, of which of the following?

1. Providing access to safe drinking water
2. Providing access to sanitation facilities
3. Providing unemployment allowances to the unemployed youth in the age group 25-35

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. All of the above
- c. None of the above
- d. 3 only

21. With reference to the policy of the Doctrine of Lapse, consider the following statements

1. If an Indian ruler died without a male heir his kingdom would become part of Company territory
2. Warren Hastings was instrumental in annexing many territories under this policy

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

22. Which of the following are prohibited by the election laws of India with reference to elections?

1. Appealing to voters in the name of caste or religion
2. Use government resources for election campaign

3. Bribe or threaten voters

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

23. Consider the following statements about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) with reference to elections in India.

1. It has been enacted by the Parliament to ensure a level playing field between candidates/ political parties.
2. The Election Commission of India enforces the MCC.
3. The ECI can take disciplinary action against the candidates/ political parties which violate the MCC.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

24. After the Battle of Buxar (1764), the Company appointed Residents in Indian states. What were their duties?

1. They were political or commercial agents of the Company
2. Their job was to serve and further the interests of the Company by interfering in the internal affairs of Indian states

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

- a. All of the above
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 4 only

25. Consider the following statements

1. The city of Delhi designed by Lutyens and Baker, in its overall look reflected Classical Greece (fifth century BCE) style of architecture
2. The central dome of the Viceroy's Palace was copied from the Buddhist stupa at Sanchi

27. Under which of the following Acts, a new Supreme Court and a court of appeal – the Sadar Nizamat Adalat – was set up at Calcutta?

- a. The Regulating Act of 1773
- b. The Regulating Act of 1813
- c. The Regulating Act of 1883
- d. The Government of India Act 1858

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

28. The Ebola virus is transmitted

- a. Through air when infected person coughs
- b. Through coming in contact with blood or secretions of infected person
- c. Both a and b
- d. None of the above

26. Which of the following would be counted as unfair practices under the Indian election laws or the Model Code of Conduct (MCC)?

1. A minister flags off a new train in his constituency a week before polling day.
2. A candidate promises that she will get a new train for her constituency if she is elected.
3. Supporters of a candidate take the voters to a temple and make them take an oath that they will vote for him.
4. The supporters of a candidate distribute blankets in slums in return for a promise for vote.

29. Consider the following statements about the Election Commission of India.

1. It is a constitutional body.
2. Even though it is independent of the Government, the Chief Election Commissioner is appointed by the President on the advice of the Central cabinet.
3. The Chief Election Commissioner can not be removed by the Central cabinet.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

Choose the correct options from the codes below:

30. Consider the following statements about the power of the ECI.

1. ECI takes decisions on every aspect of conduct and control of elections from the announcement of elections to the declaration of results.
2. During the election period, the ECI can order the government to follow some guidelines, to prevent use and misuse of governmental power to enhance its chances to win elections, or to transfer some government officials.
3. When on election duty, government officers work under the control of the EC and not the government.
4. It can order re-polling in case of rigging of elections.

Choose the correct statements from the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 4 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 3 and 4 only

31. Which of the following figures showed an increase in the last General elections 2014 as compared to the 2009 General Elections?

1. Voter turnout
2. Increase in number of eligible voters
3. Female voter turnout

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

32. Which of these is NOT a good reason to say that Indian elections are democratic?

- a. India has the largest number of voters in the world.
- b. India's Election Commission is very powerful.
- c. In India, everyone above the age of 18 has a right to vote.
- d. In India, the losing parties accept the electoral verdict.

33. Arrange these election related activities in the correct order from the earlier to the later.

1. Announcing election schedule
2. Election Campaign
3. Filing nominations for elections

Choose the correct answer from the codes below:

- a. 123
- b. 132
- c. 312
- d. 321

34. With reference to the Battle of Plassey, consider the following statements

1. Mir Jafar was the main reason for the defeat of Sirajuddaulah in this battle
2. One of the reasons for the beginning of this battle was Sirajuddaulah's capture of the British warehouses, goods and ships at Kassimbazaar and then his marching towards Calcutta

3. Dalhousie valiantly led the British troops in this battle and won it

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

35. Consider the following statements about the power of the Indian Parliament.

- 1. Parliament can seek information about any matter from the government.
- 2. Any public money can only be spent if the Parliament approves it.
- 3. The Parliament keeps the government under control and accountable to itself.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

36. In which of the following matters Lok Sabha exercises greater power than Rajya Sabha?

- 1. Passing money bills
- 2. Controlling the Government
- 3. Passing of constitutional amendment bills

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

37. Which of the following would come under the „executive branch“ of the Government?

- 1. Sub-inspector of Police
- 2. Tehsildar
- 3. Metropolitan magistrate

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

38. With reference to slave trade in Africa and in Trans-Atlantic region, consider the following statements

- 1. Slavery in South Africa was first started by the British
- 2. Trans-Atlantic slavery was started by the Portuguese
- 3. In 1834 the British abolished slavery in all their colonies

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 1 and 2 Only
- c. 2 and 3 Only
- d. All

39. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The President has absolute discretion in appointing the Prime Minister.
- 2. The Prime Minister has absolute discretion in appointing the Council of Ministers.
- 3. Ministers can be appointed only from the party/coalition which has a majority of seats in the Lok Sabha.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. None of the above

40. In 1765 the Mughal emperor appointed the East India Company as the Diwan of the provinces of Bengal. Which of the following were its consequences?

- 1. The outflow of gold from Britain entirely stopped to the Company
- 2. Company officials amassed illegal wealth

Choose the correct answer from codes given below

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

41. Which of the following take part in the election of the President of India?

- 1. All the members of Lok Sabha
- 2. All the members of Rajya Sabha
- 3. All the members of Legislative Assembly
- 4. All the members of Legislative Councils

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. None of the above
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3 only

42. Consider the following statements about the President of India:

- 1. All governmental activities take place in the name of the President.
- 2. All laws and major policy decisions of the government are issued in the name of President.
- 3. All major appointments are made in the name of the President.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

43. Which of the following Governor Generals introduced the new policy of "paramountcy" in British India?

- a. Warren Hastings
- b. Robert Clive
- c. Dalhousie
- d. Cornwallis

44. Which of the following can be sent to the concerned institutions for reconsideration by the President?

- 1. Cabinet order can be sent back to the cabinet.
- 2. Parliamentary bills can be sent back to the parliament.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. None

45. With reference to the National Archives of India (NAI), consider the following statements

- 1) It functions as an Attached Office of the Department of Culture under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- 2) It was set-up in 1891 in Calcutta and at present it is located next to Writer's Building serving as treasure house of precious imperial records

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

46. Which of the following power vests with the Supreme Court in India?

1. Interpreting the constitution
2. It can declare invalid any law of the legislature or the actions of the executive, whether at the Union level or at the state level, if it finds such a law or action is against the Constitution.
3. It makes appointments of the judges of High court and district courts.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

47. Which of the following institutions can make changes to an existing law of the country?

1. The Supreme Court
2. The President
3. The Prime Minister

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. None of the above
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 1 only
- d. 3 only

48. Which of the following is NOT an instance of an exercise of a fundamental right?

- a. Workers from Bihar go to the Punjab to work on the farms
- b. Christian missions set up a chain of missionary schools
- c. Men and women government employees get the same salary
- d. Parents' property is inherited by their children

49. The Green Revolution in India comprised of which of the following aspects?

1. Chemical Fertilizers
2. High yielding Variety Seeds
3. Irrigation

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

50. Which of the following problems were found to be associated with the Green Revolution?

1. Loss of soil fertility
2. Depletion of groundwater
3. Salination of soil

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

51. Consider the following statements

1. After the 1857 sepoy rebellion, the Governor-General of India was given the title of Viceroy
2. The Viceroy represented the direct takeover of Indian affairs by the Crown
3. After the 1857 revolt, all Indian rulers were assured that their territories would never be annexed in future

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

52. Consider the following statements about agriculture in India:

1. Small farmers (land less than 2 hectares) cultivate a larger area overall as compared to medium and large farmers (land more than 2 hectares).
2. Small farmers (land less than 2 hectares) far outnumber medium

and large farmers (land more than 2 hectares).

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. None

53. Edmund Burke initiated trial against Warren Hastings in England, the trial of which lasted seven years. With reference to this consider the following statements

1. Edmund Burke was secretary of state for India at the time of trial
2. Warren Hastings was accused of corruption and misrule in Bengal
3. Warren Hastings was convicted and awarded humiliating imprisonment punishment at the end of the trial

Which of the above statements is/are INCORRECT?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

54. Which of the following would contribute directly to human resource development?

1. Health related research
2. High public investment on education
3. High investment in physical infrastructure

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

55. As per the latest Supreme Court rulings and Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines, which of the following details are to be disclosed by the candidates fighting Lok Sabha elections?

- 1. Educational qualifications
- 2. Details of assets and liabilities of the candidate as well as that of the family
- 3. Criminal cases pending against the candidate

Choose the correct answer using the codes below.

- a. 1 and 2
- b. Only 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

56. Women working in the unorganized (unregulated) sector may be denied which of the following benefits?

- 1. Maternity leave
- 2. Social security related payments
- 3. Regular income

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

57. Which of the following are covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan?

- 1. Mid-day meal scheme

- 2. Provision of water and sanitation in all rural primary public schools
- 3. Provide computer education to students in the relevant age group in primary schools

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

58. Which of the following committees are concerned with measurement of poverty line in India?

- 1. Alagh Committee
- 2. Hasim Committee
- 3. Rangarajan Committee

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

59. In India, which of the following can be considered acutely related to poverty?

- 1. Landlessness
- 2. Malnutrition
- 3. Unemployment
- 4. Illiteracy

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 only
- d. 2 and 4 only

60. With reference to the Permanent Settlement introduced in 1793, consider the following statements

1. According to this the revenue fixed was permanent and would not be increased in future
2. The act expected zamindars to make profits at the same time paying the British steady stream of revenue
3. Under this system, rajas and taluqdars were asked to collect revenue directly from peasants and pay to the Company

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

61. Consider the following statements:

1. The accepted average calorie requirement in rural India is higher than Urban India.
2. The rural poverty line is lower than the urban poverty line.
3. While calculating the poverty line in India, a minimum level of food requirement, clothing, footwear, fuel and light, educational and medical requirement is taken care of.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

62. Which of the following government schemes directly target poverty in India?

1. MGNREGA
2. National Health Mission
3. Aajeevika

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

63. Food security consists of which of the following aspects?

1. Availability of food
2. Accessibility of food
3. Affordability of food

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

64. The ration card allocated to Below poverty Line (BPL) people is

- a. yellow in colour
- b. amber in colour
- c. blue in colour
- d. red in colour

65. The Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for which of the following crops?

1. Paddy
2. Cotton
3. Wheat
4. Maize
5. Jute

6. Sugarcane

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1, 3 and 6 only
- d. 2, 4, 5 and 6 only

66. Which of the following purposes are served by keeping a buffer stock?

- 1. Distribution of food in deficit areas
- 2. Help resolve shortage of food during adverse conditions
- 3. Fight food inflation

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

67. A disproportionate increase in the Minimum Support Prices of selected crops may lead to which of the following consequences?

- 2. Cropping pattern in some areas may be changed.
- 3. Increase in subsidy burden of the Government
- 4. Increase in production of these selected crop by farmers

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

68. Which of the following are rabi crops?

- 1. Wheat
- 2. Gram
- 3. Pea
- 4. Mustard

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1, 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 only
- d. 2 and 4 only

69. The preparation of soil is the first step before growing a crop. One of the most important tasks in agriculture is to turn the soil and loosen it. What are its advantages?

- 1. It allows the roots to penetrate deep into the soil.
- 2. The loose soil allows the roots to breathe easily.
- 3. The loosened soil helps in the growth of earthworms and microbes present in the soil.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

70. India carries a high burden of communicable disease. Which of the following diseases is communicable from person to person?

- 1. Cholera
- 2. Tuberculosis
- 3. Asthama

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

71. Which of the following are natural preservatives of food?

- 1. Sugar
- 2. Salt
- 3. Oil

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

72. Naphthalene balls used to repel moths and other insects are obtained from

- a. Coal tar
- b. Petroleum jelly
- c. Sodium Benzoate
- d. Coke

73. While extracting petroleum from reservoir rocks, what would be the correct order in which the following are encountered in the process?

- 1. Natural Gas
- 2. Water
- 3. Oil

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 123
- b. 132
- c. 213
- d. 312

74. The Central Cabinet includes which of the following?

- 1. The Prime Minister
- 2. Minister of State with Independent charge
- 3. Cabinet Secretary

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 1 only

75. Which of the following properties make dry ice one of the best fire extinguishers?

- 1. It cuts off the supply of oxygen from the fuel as it is heavier than oxygen.
- 2. On spraying, it reduces the temperature of the burning fuel.
- 3. It generally does not harm electrical equipment.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

76. A positive demographic dividend for India will depend on which of these factors?

- 1. Literacy rate
- 2. Skills of adult population
- 3. Life expectancy and health

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

77. During a thunderstorm, consider the following actions.

- 1. Staying in an open field near large trees.
- 2. Staying inside a car with all windows closed.
- 3. Driving a motorbike

Which of the following is/are safe choices?

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. Only 2

78. Consider the following statements about pole star.

- 1. It is not visible from Southern hemisphere of the earth.
- 2. It remains stationary with respect to earth.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. None

79. Which of the following activities are prohibited by the Model Code of Conduct as soon as the election are notified by the Election Commission of India?

- 1. Using any place of worship for election propaganda.
- 2. Using government vehicles, officials and money for elections.

- 3. Once elections are announced, Ministers shall not lay foundation stones of any projects, take any big policy decisions or make any promises of providing public facilities.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

80. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Hot water can be a water pollutant.

Reason (R): Hot water can raise the temperature of the water body thereby depleting oxygen levels in it and adversely affecting plant and animal life.

In the context of these statements, which of the following is true?

- a. A and R both are correct and R is a correct explanation for A.
- b. A and R both are correct and R is NOT a correct explanation for A.
- c. A and R both are incorrect.
- d. A is correct, R is incorrect.

81. With reference to James Mill, a Scottish economist and political philosopher, who wrote the book - A History of British India, consider the following statements:

- 1. In this book he divided Indian history into four phases – Aryan, Hindu, Muslim and British

2. According to him it was necessary to introduce European manners, arts, institutions and laws in India to civilize its people

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

82. With reference to the East India Company, consider the following statements

- 1. According to a charter acquired from the ruler of England, Queen Elizabeth I, the East India Company could compete with only companies belonging to England, and companies belonging to other European countries were banned from competition
- 2. The East India Company was a mercantile trading company

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

83. Consider the following statements about the Prime Minister of India:

- 1. His decisions are final in case disagreements arise between Departments.
- 2. He also has the power to dismiss ministers.
- 3. When the Prime Minister quits, the entire ministry quits.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

84. The British were furious against Tipu Sultan. Consider the below reasons

- 1. He controlled trade at Malabar where the Company had stakes
- 2. He stopped the export of precious items and disallowed local merchants from trading with the Company
- 3. He established close relationship with the French

Which of the above given reasons is/are INCORRECT?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 2 Only
- d. None

85. Consider the following statements:

- 1. No minister can openly criticise any decision of the government, even if it is about another Ministry or Department.
- 2. Every ministry has secretaries, who are civil servants.
- 3. The Cabinet as a team is assisted by the Cabinet Secretariat.

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 2 only
- d. 2 and 3 only

86. Consider these matches of the features of our electoral system with the principles they reflect.

1. Each constituency has roughly the same population – One vote one value
2. Anyone can form a party or contest elections – Universal Adult Franchise
3. Reservation of seats for the SCs and the STs – Open political competition

Choose the correct matches from the codes below:

- a. 2 and 3
- b. All except 2
- c. All except 3
- d. Only 1

87. Consider the following statements

1. The Munro System introduced in the South India was not successful
2. Under the Munro System, farms were surveyed and assessed before fixing revenue and revenue was to be collected directly from the farmer by the British

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

88. Which of the following are the adverse consequences of deforestation?

1. Reduction in rainfall
2. Increase in earth temperature
3. Lowering of groundwater level

4. Reduction in soil fertility

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. All of the above
- b. 1, 2 and 4 only
- c. 2, 3 and 4 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

89. With reference to kalamkari paintings, consider the following statements

1. This is famous in parts of Maharashtra and Gujarat
2. It is a type of hand-painted or block-printed cotton textile
3. It evolved with patronage of the Mughals and the Golconda sultanate

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

90. Consider the following countries which practice Universal Adult Franchise:

1. New Zealand
2. India
3. Britain
4. United States of America
5. Sri Lanka

Choose the correct order in which Universal Adult Franchise was granted in these nations.

- a. 13245
- b. 21345
- c. 13524
- d. 13452

91. Which of the following are endemic to India?

1. Bison
2. Flying squirrel
3. Wild Mango

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. All of the above

92. Consider the following statements

1. The British were comfortable with shifting cultivators as they didn't pose threat
2. The British discouraged shifting cultivators from settling at one place fearing organised rebellion

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

93. Which part of the eye gives it a distinctive colour?

- a. Iris
- b. Pupil
- c. Cornea
- d. Retina

94. With reference to Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana (VPBY), consider the following statements

1. It is a pension scheme for senior citizens
2. Persons between age 60 and 90 are eligible to get benefits under the scheme

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

95. Consider the following statements

1. Anti-oxidants are necessary for the body to prevent damage to body cells and tissues
2. Free radicals are not produced in human body

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 Only
- b. 2 Only
- c. Both
- d. None

96. With reference to the „Make in India“ campaign, consider the following statements

1. It has a target of an increase in manufacturing sector growth to 12-14% per annum over the medium term
2. It seeks to create 100 million additional jobs by 2022 in manufacturing sector
3. It seeks to increase in the share of manufacturing in the country's Gross Domestic Product from 16% to 25% by 2022

Which of the above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 Only
- b. 2 and 3 Only
- c. 1 and 3 Only
- d. All

97. Consider the following statements:

1. More nations were democratic in the beginning of 21st century than in the beginning of 20th century.
2. Africa is the continent with the largest number of non-democratic nations at the beginning of 21st century.

Which of these is/are true?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None

98. Which of the following have a bearing on the decisions taken or orders given by the Central Government?

1. Supreme Court
2. High Courts
3. Cabinet Secretary

Choose the correct answer using the codes below:

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only

d. All of the above

99. Phases of the moon occur because

- a. We can see only that part of the moon which reflects light towards us.
- b. Our distance from the moon keeps changing.
- c. The shadow of the Earth covers only a part of moon's surface.
- d. The thickness of the moon's atmosphere is not constant.

100. Why is it dangerous to sleep in closed room when there is fire burning inside?

1. It consumes available oxygen in the room.
2. Burning of fire produces carbon mono oxide.

Which of these answers the question?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both
- d. None of the above