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## Environment and Geography

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

1. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The definition of "Critical Wildlife Habitat" is incorporated in the Forest Rights Act, 2006.
  - (2) For the first time in India, Baigas have been given Habitat Rights.
  - (3) Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change officially decides and declares Habitat Rights for Primitive and Vulnerable Tribal Groups in any part of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 2 and 3 only  
(e) 3 only            (d) 1, 2 and 3

### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 16) :

33. Which of the following statements is/are true with respect to Critical Wildlife Habitats?
- (1) They are declared by State Government.
  - (2) They are free from all human presence.
  - (3) They are defined in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
  - (4) The notification of CWLH can be done only with the consent of Gram Sabha and affected stakeholders.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**Exp. :** The Critical Wildlife Habitats have been envisaged in Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. This act defines the Critical Wildlife Habitats (CWH) as the "areas of national parks and sanctuaries where it has been specifically and clearly established, case by case, on the basis of

scientific and objective criteria, that such areas are required to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of wildlife conservation..."

The above definition makes it very clear that the Critical Wildlife Habitats are absolutely free of human presence. But the same act duly recognizes the traditional rights of the Forest dwellers.

The power to notify the rules to designate a CWH rests with Ministry of Environment and Forests. The State Government are needed to initiate the process for notification of a critical wildlife habitat by submitting an application on a case by case basis, to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, which is the nodal agency under the said Act. Critical Wildlife Habitats are thus, declared by Central Government ONLY.

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

2. How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) ?

- (1) The NGT has been established by an Act whereas the CPCB has been created by an executive order of the Government.
- (2) The NGT provides environmental justice and helps reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts whereas the CPGB promotes cleanliness of streams and wells, and aims to improve the quality of air in the country.

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

### Unique Academy Question : (2017- Test 7, Test 10, 2018 - Test 16) :

84. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), is in news recently. Which of the following is NOT true ?
- (a) It is Statutory body constituted under

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

- (b) It serves as a field formation and also provides technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (c) It works to control and prevent the air and water pollution in the country.
- (d) None of the above

62. With regard to the National Green Tribunal that is frequently in news, consider the following statements:

- (1) The NGT can enforce all legal rights regarding the environment.
- (2) The Tribunal has a mix of judicial and expert members.
- (3) The Chairperson of the NGT is appointed by the President of India.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

41. National Green Tribunal was setup to provide judicial and administrative remedies for the victims of the pollutants and other environmental damage. In this context, which of the given statements is incorrect?

- (a) India is the third country following Australia and New Zealand to have such a system.
- (b) The NGT has been vested with powers to hear any matter relating to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- (c) While passing Orders the NGT will apply the principles of sustainable development, the precautionary principle and the polluter pays principles.
- (d) A judge of the Supreme Court of India or Chief Justice of High Court is eligible to be Chairperson or judicial member of the Tribunal.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

3. Which of the following is/are the possible consequence/s of heavy sand mining in riverbeds ?

- (1) Decreased salinity in the river
- (2) Pollution of groundwater
- (3) Lowering of the water-table

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2018- Test 5) :**

33. The ecological impact of High Yielding Varieties of food grains is:

- (1) Decrease in water table
- (2) Soil erosion
- (3) Decrease in soil salinity
- (4) Contamination of groundwater

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

4. In which one of the following States is Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary located?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Manipur  
(c) Meghalaya (d) Nagaland

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 21) :**

35. Which of the following tiger reserve/reserves is NOT located in Chhattisgarh?
- (1) Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger reserve  
(2) Palamau Tiger reserve  
(3) Indrāvati Tiger reserve  
(4) Pakhui Tiger reserve

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**Exp. :** Tiger reserves of Chhattisgarh:

- (1) Indravati Tiger Reserve  
(2) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve  
(3) Udanti and Sitanadi Tiger Reserve

Palamau Tiger reserve is located in Jharkhand

Pakhui Tiger reserve is located in Arunachal Pradesh

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

5. Which of the following leaf modifications occur(s) in the desert areas to inhibit water loss?

- (1) Hard and waxy leaves  
(2) Tiny leaves  
(3) Thorns instead of leaves

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 9) :**

8. Which of the following are characteristics of the Desert Ecosystem?

- (1) In some plants even the stem contains chlorophyll for photosynthesis.  
(2) Root system well developed spread over large area.  
(3) Animals and birds usually have long legs and are nocturnal.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

**Exp. : Adaptations:** Desert plants are hot and dry conditions.

(i) These plants conserve water by following methods:

They are mostly shrubs.

Leaves absent or reduced in size.

Leaves and stem are succulent and water storing.

In some plants even the stem contains chlorophyll for photosynthesis.

Root system well developed spread over large area.

(ii) The animals are physiologically and behaviorally adapted to desert conditions.

They are fast runners.

They are nocturnal in habit to avoid the sun's heat during day time.

They conserve water by excreting concentrated urine.

Animals and birds usually have long legs to keep the body away from the hot ground.

Lizards are mostly insectivorous and can live without drinking water for several days.

Herbivorous animals get sufficient water from the seeds which they eat.

Camel is known as the ship of the desert as it can travel long distances without drinking water for several days.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

6. Why is a plant called *Prosopis juliflora* often mentioned in news ?
- (a) Its extract is widely used in cosmetics.
  - (b) It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows.
  - (c) Its extract is used in the synthesis of pesticides.
  - (d) None of the above

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 18) :**

56. Consider the following statements:
- (1) An Alien species is a species introduced by humans either intentionally or accidentally outside of its natural past or present distribution.
  - (2) Invasive alien species is a species threatens the biological diversity.

Which of the above statement is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Exp. :** An invasive species is a plant, fungus, or animal species that is not native to a specific location, and that has a tendency to spread to a degree believed to cause damage to the environment, human economy or human health. Such as *Alternanthera philoxeroides*, *Cassia uniflora*, *Chromolaena odorata*, *Eichhornia crassipes*, *Lantana camara*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, ***Prosopis juliflora*** etc.

An Alien species is a species introduced by humans either intentionally or accidentally outside of its natural past or present distribution. All invasive species are alien but all alien species are not invasive.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

7. Consider the following statements :
- (1) Most of the world's coral reefs are

in tropical waters.

- (2) More than one-third of the world's coral reefs are located in the territories of Australia, Indonesia and Philippines.
- (3) Coral reefs host far more number of animal phyla than those hosted by tropical rainforests.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 3, Test 9) :**

4. Consider the statements with respect to corals:

- (1) Upwelling zones of cold current are favorable for coral growth as it brings nutrition to surface.
- (2) Coral reefs are found at shallow depth, as sunlight reduces beyond such depth.
- (3) Lakshadweep, Palk bay and Gulf of Kuchh are regions of coral reefs in India.

Which of the above statements is/are NOT true?

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

42. Consider the following statements:

- (1) Corals only occur in shallow tropical areas where the sea water is clean, clear and warm.
- (2) Corals are one of the most productive ecosystems with high biological diversity.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

8. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The Earth's magnetic field has reversed every few hundred thousand years.
  - (2) When the Earth was created more than 4000 million years ago, there was 54% oxygen and no carbon dioxide.
  - (3) When living organisms originated, they modified the early atmosphere of the Earth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 20) :**

21. With regard to geomagnetism, consider the following statements:

- (1) The Earth's field are known to reverse where the North and South Magnetic Poles relatively abruptly switch places.
- (2) The above phenomenon provides useful information in the study of plate tectonics.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

9. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian territory.
  - (2) Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar.
  - (3) The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 20) :**

49. With respect to Barren Island, which of the following statements is/are true?

- (1) It has the only active volcano in South Asian region.
- (2) It is habited by aboriginal Onje tribe engaged in hunting and gathering activity.
- (3) It is a part of Indo-Burma Biodiversity hotspot.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 2 and 3  
(b) 1, 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3  
(d) 1 and 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

10. Consider the following statements :
- (1) In India, State Governments do not have the power to auction non-coal mines.
  - (2) Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand do not have gold mines.
  - (3) Rajasthan has iron ore mines.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?
- (a) 1 and 2                      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3                      (d) 3 only

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2017- Test 4, 2018- Test 20) :**

20. At the start of the 20th century, India was the world's sixth-biggest gold producer. Which of the following states account for the gold production in India?
- (1) Chhattisgarh
  - (2) Karnataka
  - (3) Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 2 only  
(b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) 1, 2 and 3
37. **Exp. :** Eastern Ghats are rich in Ferrous minerals especially iron ore. Jharkhand, Odisha, Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana.

Rajasthan, with the rock systems of the peninsula, has reserves of many non-ferrous minerals. Outside this area, the states including Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Gangetic West Bengal are very poor in mineral resources.

**Science and Technology**

11. With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements :
- (1) IRNSS has three satellites in geostationary and four satellites in geosynchronous orbits.
  - (2) IRNSS covers entire India and about 5500 sq. km beyond its borders. %
  - (3) India will have its own satellite navigation system with full global coverage by the middle of 2019.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (a) 1 only                      (b) 1 and 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only              (d) None

**Unique Academy Question:**

**(2017- Test 11 , 2018 - Test 13) :**

57. In the context of IRNSS/NAVIC (NAVigation with Indian Constellation), which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (1) It is a constellation of total 7 satellites with 3 of its satellite Located in Geostationary orbit and 4 are inclined to geosynchronous orbit.
- (2) India became one of the 6 countries having their own navigation system after USA, Russia, European Union, China and UK.
- (3) It gives real time information for standard positioning services.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 3  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

12. Consider the following pairs
- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Terms sometimes seen in news | Context I Topic         |
| (1) Belle II experiment      | Artificial Intelligence |
| (2) Blockchain technology    | Digital/ Cryptocurrency |
| (3) CRISPR - Cas9            | Particle Physics        |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched ?
- (a) 1 and 3 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) 2 and 3 only      (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 12, Test 3 , 2018 - Test 7) :**

98. The joint collaboration project Belle II is a:
- (a) Fusion reactor.  
(b) Gravitational wave detector.  
(c) Neutrino observatory.  
(d) Particle detector.
95. The CRISPR-Cas9 is:
- (a) Gene editing tool  
(b) NASA's explorer to Cassini.  
(c) A recently discovered earth-sun like planetary system.  
(d) A drought and pest resistant variety of rice.
83. The surge of bitcoins has brought the blockchain technology in limelight. Consider the following statements:
- (1) Once a transaction is recorded in blockchain, it can never be erased.  
(2) Even though the number of bitcoins in supply is limited, they will continue to be mined till after year 2100.
- Which of the following statements is/are true?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2

- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

13. When the alarm of your smartphone rings in the morning, you wake up and tap it to stop the alarm which causes your geyser to be switched on automatically. The smart mirror in your bathroom shows the day's weather and also indicates the level of water in your overhead tank. After you take some groceries from your refrigerator for making breakfast, it recognises the shortage of stock in it and places an order for the supply of fresh grocery items. When you step out of your house and lock the door, all lights, fans, geysers and AC machines get switched off automatically. On your way to office, your car warns you about traffic congestion ahead and suggests an alternative route, and if you are late for a meeting, it sends a message to your office accordingly.

In the context of emerging communication technologies, which one of the following term,0-best applies to the above scenario ?

- (a) Border Gateway Protocol  
(b) Internet of Things  
(c) Internet Protocol  
(d) Virtual Private Network

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2018- Test 10) :**

87. The phrase Internet of Things(IoT) deals with:
- (1) Remote access  
(2) Artificial Intelligence  
(3) Convergence of technologies  
(4) Cloud-based interface
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 4  
(b) 1, 3 and 4  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

14. "3D printing" has applications in which of the following ?

- (1) Preparation of confectionery items
- (2) Manufacture of bionic ears
- (3) Automotive industry
- (4) Reconstructive surgeries
- (5) Data processing technologies

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 11) :**

22. With regard to 3D printing, which of the following statements is true?

- (a) It refers to a method of additive manufacturing technique.
- (b) It refers to a method of subtractive manufacturing technique.
- (c) It is a combination of laser printing and thermal printing techniques.
- (d) All the above statements are true.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

15. Consider the following phenomena :

- (1) Light is affected by gravity.
- (2) The Universe is constantly expanding.
- (3) Matter warps its surrounding space-time.

Which of the above is/are the prediction/ predictions of Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, often discussed in media ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 10) :**

68. With regard to gravitational waves, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Gravitational waves are caused due to violent and energetic processes in the universe.
- (2) Einstein predicted the origin of gravitational waves in his theory of relativity.
- (3) Gravitational waves travel at the speed of light.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**Exp. :** Gravitational waves are 'ripples' in the fabric of space-time caused by some of the most violent and energetic processes in the Universe. Albert Einstein predicted the existence of gravitational waves in 1916 in his general theory of relativity. Einstein's mathematics showed that massive accelerating objects (such as neutron stars or black holes orbiting each other) would disrupt space-time in such a way that 'waves' of distorted space would radiate from the source (like the movement of waves away from a stone thrown into a pond). Furthermore, these ripples would travel at the speed of light through the Universe, carrying with them information about their cataclysmic origins, as well as invaluable clues to the nature of gravity itself. The strongest gravitational waves are produced by catastrophic events such as colliding black holes, the collapse of stellar cores (supernovae), coalescing neutron stars or white dwarf stars, the slightly wobbly rotation of neutron stars that are not perfect spheres, and the remnants of gravitational radiation created by the birth of the Universe itself.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

16. With reference to India's satellite launch vehicles, consider the following statements :
- (1) PSLVs launch the satellites useful for Earth resources monitoring whereas GSLVs are designed mainly to launch communication satellites.
  - (2) Satellites launched by PSLV appear to remain permanently fixed in the same position in the sky, as viewed from a particular location on Earth.
  - (3) GSLV Mk III is a four-staged launch vehicle with the first and third stages using solid rocket motors; and the second and fourth stages using liquid rocket engines.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 10) :**

57. Which of the following statement about cryogenic engine is NOT true?
- (a) GSLV Mk III which uses cryogenic engine can carry payload of up to twenty tons.
  - (b) It has paved the way for India to send human beings in to the space.
  - (c) Cryogenic engines are technically more complex to operate than traditional engines.
  - (d) Liquid hydrogen used in engine has to be maintained below  $-250^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

65. The satellite Cartosat-2 was launched recently by the ISRO. The applications of launching the Cartosat-2 would be towards:

- (1) Creation of land use maps
- (2) Water distribution
- (3) Relaying communications
- (4) Coastal regulation
- (5) Climate monitoring

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

## Polity

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

17. Which of the following are regarded as the main features of the "Rule of Law"?

- (1) Limitation of powers
- (2) Equality before law
- (3) People's responsibility to the Government
- (4) Liberty and civil rights

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 12) :

59. Which among the following is a part of the "rule of law" in the context of Indian Constitution?

- (1) Absence of arbitrary power
- (2) Equality before the law
- (3) The primacy of the rights of the individual, that is, the constitution is the result of the rights of the individual.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 1 and 3  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

18. Right to Privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of Right to Life and Personal Liberty. Which of the following in the Constitution of India correctly and appropriately imply the above statement?

- (a) Article 14 and the provisions under the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution
- (b) Article 17 and the Directive Principles of State Policy in Part IV

(c) Article 21 and the freedoms guaranteed in Part III

(d) Article 24 and the provisions under the 44th Amendment to the Constitution

### Unique Academy Question : (2017- Test 7, 2018- Test 15) :

17. With regard to the Maneka case (1978), which of the following statements are true:

- (1) Right to life and personal liberty can be curtailed by procedure established by law, given the law is just and fair.
- (2) It expanded the scope of Article 21 over the years to include right to privacy and right to information.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements:

- (1) Right to privacy in India is a fundamental right
- (2) If a person's right to property is violated, he can move the High Court under Article 226.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

19. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall vacate his/her office if he/she ceases to be a member of the Assembly.
  - (2) Whenever the Legislative Assembly is dissolved, the Speaker shall vacate his/her office immediately.

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 7) :**

49. Which of the following statements about the Speaker of Lok Sabha is NOT true?
- (a) He writes his resignation to the Deputy Speaker.
  - (b) He can take part in the voting in the House even if a resolution for his removal is under consideration.
  - (c) Whenever Lok Sabha dissolves, the Speaker has to vacate his office.
  - (d) The Deputy Speaker is elected by the Lok Sabha from among its members.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

20. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The Parliament of India can place a particular law in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution of India.
  - (2) The validity of a law placed in the Ninth Schedule cannot be examined by any court and no judgement can be made on

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 7) :**

38. Consider the following statements regarding the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy:

- (1) The Fundamental rights are transcendental and immutable.
- (2) The 9<sup>th</sup> schedule gives immunity to measures implementing the Directive Principles of State Policy, from being challenged in a court of law.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

21. Consider the following statements :
- (1) In the first Lok Sabha, the single largest party in the opposition was the Swatantra Party.
  - (2) In the Lok Sabha, a "Leader of the Opposition" was recognised for the first time in 1969.
  - (3) In the Lok Sabha, if a party does not have a minimum of 75 members, its leader cannot be recognised as the Leader of the Opposition.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 13) :**

67. Consider the following statements regarding the Leader of Opposition:

- (1) The office of Leader of Opposition is not mentioned in the Constitution of India.
- (2) He enjoys the status of a Cabinet Minister.
- (3) The office of LoP has statutory

recognition

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

**Exp. :** In each House of Parliament, there is the 'Leader of the Opposition'. The leader of the largest

Opposition party having not less than one-tenth seats of the total strength of the House is recognised as the leader of the Opposition in that House. In a parliamentary system of government, the leader of the opposition has a significant role to play. His main functions are to provide a constructive criticism of the policies of the government and to provide an alternative government. Therefore, the leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were accorded statutory recognition in 1977. They are also entitled to the salary, allowances and other facilities equivalent to that of a cabinet minister.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

22. If the President of India exercises his power as provided under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of a particular State, then
- (a) the Assembly of the State is automatically dissolved.
  - (b) the powers of the Legislature of that State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of the Parliament.
  - (c) Article 19 is suspended in that State.
  - (d) the President can make laws relating to that State.

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 16) :**

47. The Parliament can legislate on subjects enumerated in the State list under which of the following circumstances?
- (1) When Rajya Sabha passes a resolution
  - (2) During President's rule
  - (3) To implement international agreement

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

23. With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation ?

- (a) Committee on Government Assurances
- (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation
- (c) Rules Committee
- (d) Business Advisory Committee

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 7) :**

66. What is meant by 'Delegated Legislation' in the Parliamentary setup of the government?
- (a) When a state request the Centre to make laws for it.
  - (b) President issues the Ordinance and asks the Parliament to make detailed law on it.
  - (c) Parliament just makes the broad framework and authorizes the Executive to make detailed rules and regulations.
  - (d) Parliament forwards the Bill introduced in house to the parliamentary committees

**Exp. :** The Parliament makes laws in a skeleton form and authorises the Executive to make detailed rules and regulations within the framework of the parent law. This is known as **delegated legislation** or executive legislation or subordinate legislation. Such rules and regulations are placed before the Parliament for its examination.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

24. Which one of the following reflects the most appropriate relationship between law and liberty?
- (a) If there are more laws, there is less liberty.
  - (b) If there are no laws, there is no liberty.
  - (c) If there is liberty, laws have to be made by the people.
  - (d) If laws are changed too often, liberty is in danger.

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 18, Test 19) :**

30. Consider the following statements:
- (1) Privacy has normative functions which subsumes eternal values, upon which, the guarantees of life, liberty and freedom are founded.
  - (2) Privacy has descriptive function which postulates a bundle of entitlements and interests which lie at the foundation of liberty.

Which of the above statements is /are correct?

- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
42. Consider the following statements regarding 'Liberty' in the constitution:
- (1) Liberty conceived by the preamble or fundamental rights is absolute.
  - (2) It includes within its ambit, providing opportunities for the development of individual personalities.

Which among the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Economy**

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

25. Consider the following statements :
- (1) The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Review Committee Report has recommended a debt to GDP ratio of 60% for the general (combined) government by 2023, comprising 40% for the Central Government and 20% for the State Governments.
  - (2) The Central Government has domestic liabilities of 21% of GDP as compared to that of 49% of GDP of the State Governments.
  - (3) As per the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for a State to take the Central Government's consent for raising any loan if the former owes any outstanding liabilities to the latter.

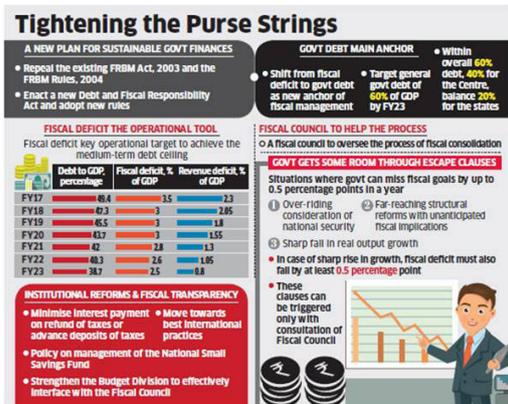
Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 13, 2018 - Test 16) :**

96. Which of the following is NOT a recommendation of the expert panel led by N K Singh on debt management?
- (a) Combined central and state government debt of 60 per cent of GDP by FY23.
  - (b) Fiscal deficit and revenue deficit of 2.5 per cent and 0.8 per cent of GDP by FY23.
  - (c) Repeal of the existing FRBM Act 2003.
  - (d) In case of sharp growth, fiscal deficit can fluctuate by 0.5%.

Exp.:



Please note: The question is asked from the figure.

94. With reference to India's debt to GDP ratio, consider the following statements:

- (1) India's debt to GDP ratio has gradually decreased over the years.
- (2) The FRBM Act of 2003 stipulates ceilings on the debt to GDP ratio of the country.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Exp. : Budget 2018:

In order to impart unquestionable credibility to the Government's commitment for the revised fiscal glide path, I am proposing to accept key recommendations of the Fiscal Reform and Budget Management Committee relating to adoption of the Debt Rule and to bring down Central Government's Debt to GDP ratio to 40%. Government has also accepted the recommendation to use Fiscal Deficit target as the key operational parameter. Necessary amendment proposals are included in the Finance Bill.

Statement 1 – India's debt to GDP ratio over the past few years has remained stagnant around 69.5-69.6%.

Statement 2 - Subsequent to the enactment of the FRBMA, the following targets and

fiscal indicators were agreed by the central government:

- Revenue deficit

Date of elimination – 31 March 2009 (postponed from 31 March 2008)

Minimum annual reduction – 0.5% of GDP

- Fiscal Deficit

Ceiling – 3% of the GDP by 31 March 2008

Minimum annual reduction – 0.3% of GDP

- Total Debt – 9% of the GDP (a target increased from the original 6% requirement in 2004–05)

Annual reduction – 1% of GDP

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

27. Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if

- (a) Industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output.
- (b) Agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output. J
- (c) Poverty and unemployment increase.
- (d) Imports grow faster than exports.

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2018- Test 14) :**

53. With reference to the GDP of a country and its per-capita income, consider the following statements:

- (1) An increase in the GDP with a constant population will definitely increase the per-capita income, irrespective of the inflation rate.
- (2) Increasing per-capita income denotes qualitative growth of the economy.

Which of the above statements is/are NOT true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

28. Despite being a high saving economy, capital formation may not result in significant increase in output due to
- (a) Weak administrative machinery
  - (b) Illiteracy
  - (c) High population density
  - (d) High capital-output ratio

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 3, Test 19) :**

5. Gross Capital Formation will definitely increase if:

- (1) GDP increases
  - (2) Gross domestic savings increases
  - (3) Gross domestic consumption increases
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

36. Household savings as a percentage of GDP has been decreasing over the years. Which of the following factors could cause a possible decrease in household savings in an economy?

- (1) Investment in gold and real estate
- (2) Increasing inflation over the years
- (3) Lower income growth

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

26. Consider the following statements :

- (1) The Reserve Bank of India manages and services Government of India Securities but not any State Government Securities.

- (2) Treasury bills are issued by the Government of India and there are no treasury bills issued by the State Governments.
- (3) Treasury bills offer are issued at a discount from the par value.

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

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 22) :**

4. Which of the following statements are true with reference to G-Secs in India?

- (1) They carry zero risk.
- (2) They can be issued by Central Government as well as State Government.
- (3) Treasury bills have maturities of less than one year only.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None of the above

**Exp. :** What is a Government Security (G-Sec)?

A Government Security (G-Sec) is a tradeable instrument issued by the Central Government or the State Governments. It acknowledges the Government's debt obligation. Such securities are short term (usually called treasury bills, with original maturities of less than one year) or long term (usually called Government bonds or dated securities with original maturity of one year or more). In India, the Central Government issues both, treasury bills and bonds or dated securities while the State Governments issue only bonds or dated securities, which are called the State Development Loans (SDLs). G-Secs carry practically no risk of default and, hence, are called risk-free gilt-edged instruments.

### Treasury Bills (T-bills)

Treasury bills or T-bills, which are money market instruments, are short term debt instruments issued by the Government of India and are presently issued in three tenors, namely, 91 day, 182 day and 364 day. Treasury bills are zero coupon securities and pay no interest.

#### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

29. Consider the following statements :
- (1) Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is the amount that banks have to maintain in the form of their own funds to offset any loss that banks incur if the account-holders fail to repay dues.
  - (2) CAR is decided by each individual bank.

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

#### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 12) :

68. With reference to the Capital Adequacy Ratio, consider the following statements:
- (1) The CAR gives an idea about the financial health of the firm.
  - (2) It is a measure of a bank's capital
  - (3) India's CAMEL ratings accounts for capital adequacy.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

## History and Culture

#### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

30. With reference to educational institutions during colonial rule in India, consider the following pairs :

Institution	Founder
(1) Sanskrit College at Benaras	- William Jones
(2) Calcutta Madarsa	- Warren Hastings
(3) Fort William College	- Arthur Wellesley

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

#### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 20) :

87. Consider the following pairs:

*Educational Institutes : Founders*

(1) Sanskrit college	: Jonathan Duncan
(2) Fort William College	: Wellesley
(3) Calcutta Madrasah	: Warren Hastings

Which among the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

31. Regarding Wood's Dispatch, which of the following statements are true?

- (1) Grants-in-Aid system was introduced.
- (2) Establishment of universities was recommended.
- (3) English as a medium of instruction at all levels of education was recommended.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 2) :**

23. Consider the following statements with regard to Wood's Dispatch:

- (1) It asked Government of India to assume responsibility for education of the masses
- (2) It recommended English as the medium for instruction at all levels.
- (3) Laid stress on female education.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

32. Which one of the following statements does not apply to the system of Subsidiary Alliance introduced by Lord Wellesley ?

- (a) To maintain a large standing army at other's expense
- (b) To keep India safe from Napoleonic danger
- (c) To secure a fixed income for the Company
- (d) To establish British paramountcy over the Indian States

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 2) :**

14. With regard to the subsidiary alliance system, consider the following statements:

- (1) The doctrine of subsidiary alliance was introduced by Lord Cornwallis.
- (2) Princely rulers were not allowed to have external relations independent of company.
- (3) The Company had the right to interfere with the internal affairs of the state.
- (4) The rulers of Awadh and Hyderabad had entered into subsidiary alliance with the Company.

Which of the above statements is/are NOT true?

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

33. The well-known painting "Bani Thani" belongs to the

- (a) Bundi school
- (b) Jaipur school
- (c) Kangra school
- (d) Kishangarh school

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 15) :**

83. Consider the following statements relating to the famous Indian Painting of 'BANI THANI':

- (1) It is a miniature painting.
- (2) It belongs to the Marwar School.
- (3) It derives inspiration from Radha.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All the above

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

34. Which of the following led to the introduction of English Education in India ?
- (1) Charter Act of 1813
  - (2) General Committee of Public Instruction, 1823
  - (3) Orientalist and Anglicist Controversy
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only      (b) 2 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only      (d) 1,2 and 3

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 2) :**

12. Consider the following statements
- (1) Lord Macaulay's Minute settled the row in orientalist-anglicist controversy by giving equal emphasis on both English and local languages.
  - (2) The British Government has set up three Sanskrit colleges at Calcutta, Delhi and Agra by charter act of 1813.
  - (3) Wood's despatch recommended that the education imparted in government institutions should be secular.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 and 3  
(b) Only 2  
(c) 1 and 2  
(d) 2 and 3

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

35. Consider the following pairs :
- | Tradition                   | State   |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| (1) Chapchar Kut festival - | Mizoram |
| (2) Khongjom Parba ballad - | Manipur |
| (3) Thang-Ta dance -        | Sikkim  |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 1) :**

27. Which of the following is NOT an example of a Martial Dance?
- (a) Chholia of Uttranchal
  - (b) Kalari Paattu of Kerela
  - (c) Thang-taa of Manipur
  - (d) Bihu dance of Assam

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

36. He wrote biographies of Mazzirri, Garibaldi, Shivaji and Shririshna; stayed in America for some time; and was also elected to the Central Assembly. He was
- (a) Aurobindo Ghosh
  - (b) Bipin Chandra Pal
  - (c) Lala Lajpat Rai
  - (d) Motilal Nehru

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 12) :**

17. Consider the following statements regarding Lala Lajpat Rai:
- (1) He was a famous Brahmo Samajist.
  - (2) He was founder of Servants of the People Society.
  - (3) During 1920s was elected as President of Congress as well as of AITUC.
  - (4) Endorsed technical education and industrial self sufficiency.

Which among the given statements is/are NOT true?

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

## Current Affairs

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

37. The terms 'WannaCry, Petya and EternalBlue' sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to
- (a) Exoplanets
  - (b) Cryptocurrency
  - (c) Cyber attacks
  - (d) Mini satellites

### Unique Academy Question : (2017- Test 17) :

80. "WannaCry" has been in news with reference to:
- (a) Anti-bullying campaign
  - (b) Cyber attacks
  - (c) Phishing
  - (d) Campaign against hunger and malnourishment

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

38. The term "sixth mass extinction/sixth extinction" is often mentioned in the news in the context of the discussion of
- (a) Widespread monoculture practices in agriculture and large-scale commercial farming with indiscriminate use of chemicals in many parts of the world that may result in the loss of good native ecosystems.
  - (b) Fears of a possible collision of a meteorite with the Earth in the near future in the manner it happened 65 million years ago that caused the mass extinction of many species including those of dinosaurs.
  - (c) Large scale cultivation of genetically modified crops in many parts of the world and promoting their cultivation in other parts of the world which may cause the disappearance of good native crop plants and the loss of food biodiversity.
  - (d) Mankind's over-exploitation/misuse of natural resources, fragmentation/

loss of natural habitats, destruction of ecosystems, pollution and global climate change.

### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 9) :

8. Recently a phrase "Anthropocene defaunation" was making news. Which among the following is correct meaning of this phrase?
- (a) A mass extinction that is primarily induced by human activity.
  - (b) Loss and decline of biodiversity in particular biome due to human activity.
  - (c) Deforestation and degradation of environment.
  - (d) Rapid decline in species of a particular ecosystem.

### UPSC GS 2018 Question:

39. The term "two-state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of
- (a) China
  - (b) Israel
  - (c) Iraq
  - (d) Yemen

### Unique Academy Question : (2018- Test 9) :

89. With reference to the two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, consider the following statements:
- (1) The parties have agreed to scale back to 1967 borders.
  - (2) The State of Israel would be located to the West of the Jordan river.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

40. International Labour Organization's Conventions 138 and 182 are related to
- Child labour
  - Adaptation of agricultural practices to global climate change
  - Regulation of food prices and food security
  - Gender parity at the workplace

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2017- Test 11, 2018- Test 17) :**

96. India has recently ratified two important ILO Conventions. These are:
- Children below 14 cannot be employed for hazardous and worst form of vocations.
  - Prohibition of bonded labour, sale and trafficking of children and employing children for drug peddling.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

**Exp. :** Indian government took a significant step forward by ratifying two important International Labour Organisation Convention 138 — children below 14 years of age should not be employed for any work and another Convention 182 — prohibiting adolescents in the age group of 14 to 18 years in hazardous and worst form of vocations.

The Union Cabinet ratified the above two ILO conventions on March 31. While convention 138 related to banning child labour, the other convention 182 prohibited bonded labour, sale and trafficking of children, employing children as slaves, sexual exploitation, employing children for drug peddling, pornography and illegal and anti-social activities.

The ratification would make it possible to

award stern and strict punishment to those who violated the Act and pave way to rid India of child labour and enforce compulsory education of children more effectively.

87. India has recently ratified two core conventions of the ILO. They are:

- To end the worst form of child labour
- To provide basic social security net to adult working population
- To ensure basic education to children
- To end gender discrimination in employment

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- 1 and 2
- 1 and 3
- 2 and 4
- 1 and 4

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

41. Consider the following pairs :
- Towns sometimes mentioned in news                      Country
- |                    |   |             |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| (1) Aleppo         | — | Syria       |
| (2) Kirkuk         | — | Yemen       |
| (3) Mosul          | — | Palestine   |
| (4) Mazar-i-sharif | — | Afghanistan |
- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) 1 and 4  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) 3 and 4

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 9, 2018- Test 13) :**

85. Consider the following pairs:
- |               |   |             |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| Place in news | : | Country     |
| (1) Mosul     | : | Syria       |
| (2) Kirkuk    | : | Iraq        |
| (3) Kunduz    | : | Afghanistan |
- Which of the above pairs is/are incorrectly matched?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 2  
(c) 2 and 3  
(d) 1 and 3

39. Consider the following places in news:
- |              |   |         |
|--------------|---|---------|
| Places       | : | Country |
| (1) Mosul    | : | Syria   |
| (2) Doka la  | : | Myanmar |
| (3) Motihari | : | India   |
- Which of the above places is/are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 1 and 3  
(c) 3 only  
(d) 2 and 3

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

42. India enacted The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act,

1999 in order to comply with the obligations to

- (a) ILO                      (b) IMF  
(c) UNCTAD              (d) WTO

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 10) :**

21. Geographical Indication tag provides which of the following benefits?
- (1) It authenticates the geographical origin of a product.  
(2) It enables the GI tag holder to prevent someone from making a product using the same techniques as those set out in the standards.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Exp. :** A geographical indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. In order to function as a GI, a sign must identify a product as originating in a given place. In addition, the qualities, characteristics or reputation of the product should be essentially due to the place of origin.

Statement 2-

A geographical indication right enables those who have the right to use the indication to prevent its use by a third party whose product does not conform to the applicable standards.

However, a protected geographical indication does not enable the holder to prevent someone from making a product using the same techniques as those set out in the standards for that indication

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

43. The identity platform 'Aadhaar' provides open "Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)". What does it imply ?
- (1) It can be integrated into any electronic device.
  - (2) Online authentication using iris is possible.

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 10) :**

99. Which of the following are biometric authentications associated (or have been announced to be associated) with Aadhaar?
- (1) Face recognition
  - (2) Fingerprint
  - (3) Iris
  - (4) Virtual ID

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

44. What is/are the consequence/consequences of a country becoming the member of the 'Nuclear Suppliers Group'?
- (1) It will have access to the latest and most efficient nuclear technologies.
  - (2) It automatically becomes a member of "The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)".

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

- (c) Both land 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2018- Test 15, 2017 - Test 17) :**

22. With reference to the Nuclear Suppliers Group, consider the following statements:

- (1) The NSG was formed as a result of Indian nuclear test in 1974.
- (2) It comprises of all the nuclear technology-exporting countries of the world.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

89. With reference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, consider the following statements:

- (1) The nuclear weapon states agree to share the benefits of peaceful nuclear energy.
- (2) The non-nuclear weapon states agree to never test nuclear weapons.
- (3) The treaty limits the number of nuclear weapon states to five.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

45. With reference to organic farming in India, consider the following statements :

- (1) 'The National Programme for Organic Production' (NPOP) is operated under the guidelines and directions of the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- (2) 'The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority' (APEDA) functions as the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP.
- (3) Sikkim has become India's first fully organic State.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 24) :**

9. All organic exports from India are certified by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). APEDA functions under which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture
- (c) Ministry of Rural development.
- (d) Ministry of Skill Development

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

46. With reference to digital payments, consider the following statements :

- (1) BHIM app allows the user to transfer money to anyone with a UPI-enabled bank account.
- (2) While a chip-pin debit card has four factors of authentication, BHIM app has only two factors of authentication.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 2 only  
(c) Both land 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Unique Academy Question :**

**(2017- Test 13, 2018- Test 14) :**

92. With reference to the Bhim-Aadhaar platform, consider the following statements:

- (1) Any citizen provided he has access to smartphone or Internet, will be able to transact on the Bhim-Aadhaar platform.
- (2) No transaction fee will be levied on either the merchants or customers.

Which of the above statements is/are NOT true?

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

13. With reference to the BHIM (Bharat Interface For Money) App, consider the following statements:

- (1) It is named after Dr. B R Ambedkar.
- (2) It is an online wallet service.
- (3) Transactions can also be carried out without internet, using either name or mobile number.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

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

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

47. Consider the following statements :
- (1) As per the Right to Education (RTE) Act, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in a State, a person would be required to possess the minimum qualification laid down by the concerned State Council of Teacher Education.
  - (2) As per the RTE Act, for teaching primary classes, a candidate is required to pass a Teacher Eligibility Test conducted in accordance with the National Council of Teacher Education guidelines.
  - (3) In India, more than 90% of teacher education institutions are directly under the State Governments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 11) :**

89. With reference to the RTE Act, consider the following statements:
- (1) The Act clarifies that 'compulsory education' means obligation of the appropriate Government to provide free elementary education and ensure compulsory attendance of the student.
  - (2) It provides norms for pupil to teacher ratios to be maintained in schools.

Which of the above statements is/are true?

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

48. Consider the following statements :
- (1) Aadhaar card can be used as a proof of citizenship or domicile.
  - (2) Once issued, Aadhaar number cannot be deactivated or omitted by the Issuing Authority.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- (a) only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2017- Test 8) :**

53. Which of the following statements regarding The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, is correct?

- (a) Every resident shall be entitled to obtain an Aadhaar number.  
(b) To obtain an Aadhaar number, an individual has to submit only his biometric information (photograph, finger print, iris scan).  
(c) The information collected by the UID will never be shared with anyone under any circumstances.  
(d) There is no provision for imprisonment for unauthorized access to the centralized data-base.

**UPSC GS 2018 Question:**

49. With reference to India's decision to levy an equalization tax of 6% on online advertisement services offered by non-resident entities, which of the following statements is/are correct ?
- (1) It is introduced as a part of the Income Tax Act.
  - (2) Non-resident entities that offer advertisement services in India can claim a tax credit in their home country under the "Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements".

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

**Unique Academy Question :  
(2018- Test 6) :**

**Please note: Google Tax is the same as equalization tax.**

60. The term Google Tax has been doing the rounds and was also announced in India's Budget. Google Tax is being levied due to:
- (a) Base erosion and profit shifting
  - (b) Transfer pricing issues
  - (c) Usage of non-proprietary resources by Google to gain revenue
  - (d) None of the above options are true

Please note the following topics for which a variety of Questions have been asked. The perspective asked in the UPSC GS Prelim Paper has been different in the following topics:

- 6+ Questions asked on ASEAN
- 8+ distinct questions on coral reefs
- Questions on Money Bill
- Several conceptual questions regarding GDP, GNP and capital formation
- 13+ Questions asked in 2018 alone on GI Tags
- 10+ distinct questions asked on places in news
- Many other topics covered in the UPSC paper such as GST, National Food Security Mission, Minimum Support Price (5+ Questions)
- 7+ Questions asked on GSLV, PSLV launches and NAVIC mission.