job creation?
(a) ITI Upgradation with 5 CoE
(b) PM Internship Scheme
(c) Jan Shiksha Sansthan
(d) A and C
(e) All of the above

Q.77)
At present, two Small Modular Reactor (SMR) projects are fully operational globally. These projects are located in which of the following countries?

(a) United States and France
(b) Russia and China
(c) Japan and South Korea
(d) United Kingdom and Canada
(e) Germany and China

Q.78)
Under GST 2.0 rationalisation, which of the following items has been placed under Nil GST?

(a) Butter
(b) Dry fruits
(c) Cheese
(d) Packaged Paneer
(e) None of the above

Q.79)
S3WaaS s a cloud-based platform developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to enable government organisations to create and manage user-friendly, customizable, and secure websites in a standardised manner. S3WaaS stands for:

(a) Secure, Smart and Scalable Web Application System
(b) Simple, Secure and Smart Website as a Service
(c) Secure, Scalable and Sugamya Website as a Service
(d) Smart, Sustainable and Secure Web Access System
(e) Secure, Standardised and Sovereign Web Architecture System

Q.80)
According to the latest measures announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which of the following initiatives aims to provide a digital, interoperable and consent-based mechanism for sharing financial information to enhance credit delivery and financial inclusion?

(a) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) – Retail
(b) Account Aggregator (AA) Framework
(c) Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)
(d) Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)
(e) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Lite

English

Instructions for Q.81 to Q.88

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In several tropical regions of Africa and Asia, certain termite species belonging to the subfamily Macrotermitinae practice a remarkable form of agriculture. Unlike most insects that consume plant matter directly, these termites cultivate fungi of the genus Termitomyces within their nests. This mutualistic relationship has been extensively documented in ecological and evolutionary studies.

Fungus-growing termites collect dead plant material such as dry grass and wood fragments. Instead of digesting this material independently, they deposit it inside specialized chambers known as fungus combs. The fungus grows on this substrate and breaks down complex compounds such as cellulose and lignin into simpler substances. Termites then feed on the partially decomposed material as well as fungal nodules produced by the fungus. This external digestion significantly improves nutrient absorption and digestive efficiency.

Scientific studies indicate that this symbiosis originated approximately 30 million years ago. Fossil evidence and molecular analyses suggest that the partnership evolved once and subsequently diversified across species. By cultivating fungus, termites gained access to a wider range of plant resources, which supported the growth of large, complex colonies. In many African ecosystems, fungus-growing termites are considered ecosystem engineers because they enhance soil fertility and nutrient cycling.

However, the relationship is highly sensitive to environmental conditions. The fungus requires specific levels of temperature and humidity to survive. Any disturbance to these conditions—whether due to climate variation or habitat disruption—can affect fungal growth and, consequently, termite survival. The termite–fungus association thus illustrates both the power and fragility of evolutionary cooperation.

Q.81)
The primary function of fungus combs in termite nests is to:

(a) Facilitate the cultivation of fungus
(b) Protect termite eggs
(c) Helps in reproduction of fungus
(d) Regulate nest temperature
(e) Serve as defensive structures

Q.82)
According to the passage, the fungus helps termites mainly by:

(a) Increasing their reproductive rate
(b) Breaking down complex plant compounds
(c) Protecting them from predators
(d) Expanding their territorial range directly
(e) Strengthening mound structures

Q.83)
Scientific evidence suggests that the termite–fungus symbiosis:

(a) Evolved multiple times independently
(b) Emerged recently due to climate change
(c) Replaced all other feeding strategies in termites
(d) Developed in response to human activity
(e) Originated once and later diversified

Q.84)
It can be inferred from the passage that fungus-growing termites are called ecosystem engineers because they:

(a) Construct large underground tunnels
(b) Control populations of other insects
(c) Improve soil and nutrient conditions
(d) Prevent forest fires
(e) Eliminate plant competition

Q.85)
The word "diversified" in the passage most nearly means:

(a) Declined sharply
(b) Became varied
(c) Lost significance
(d) Stabilized
(e) Disappeared

Q.86)
The word "fragility" as used in the passage is closest in meaning to:

(a) Strength
(b) Complexity
(c) Delicacy
(d) Stability
(e) Permanence

Q.87)
Fill in the blank:
The fungus requires specific levels of temperature and humidity to _____.

(a) reproduce rapidly
(b) expand colonies
(c) survive
(d) migrate
(e) compete

Q.88)
Which of the following best captures the central idea of the passage?

(a) Termites as agricultural pests
(b) Climate change and insect adaptation
(c) The evolutionary and ecological significance of termite–fungus symbiosis
(d) The architectural design of termite mounds
(e) Competition among tropical insects

Q.89)
In the following question, a conjunction is given. From the four sentences below, identify the two sentences that can be combined using the given conjunction to form a coherent sentence.

Conjunction: Although

1) The Indian economy recorded strong GDP growth in the last quarter.
2) Inflationary pressures continue to remain a concern for policymakers.
3) The Reserve Bank of India reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points.
4) Foreign exchange reserves increased significantly during the same period.

Select the correct answer:

(a) (1) and (2)
(b) (1) and (3)
(c) (2) and (4)
(d) (3) and (4)
(e) (2) and (3)

Q.90)
In the following question, five statements are given. Three of them are connected in idea and form a coherent paragraph. Identify the two statements that do not fit in the context.

1) India's agricultural output depends heavily on monsoon rainfall.
2) Repo rate adjustments directly influence liquidity in the banking system.
3) The government launched a new portal to promote tourism in coastal states.
4) The Reserve Bank of India uses monetary policy tools to control inflation.
5) Open market operations are conducted to manage money supply.

Select the correct answer:

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

Q.91)
In the following question, five statements are given. Three of them are logically related. Identify the two statements that

do not fit the context.

1) The stock market witnessed high volatility due to global uncertainties.
2) Solar power projects have received policy support from the government.
3) Renewable energy capacity in India has increased significantly in recent years.
4) Foreign portfolio investors adjusted their holdings in emerging markets.
5) Wind energy installations contribute to reducing carbon emissions.

Select the correct answer:

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

Instructions for Q.92 to Q.94
In the following questions, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be correctly placed in the sentence. Identify the pair(s) of words that need to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

Q.92)
Extreme(A) global temperatures combined(B) with deforestation are increasing the frequency of rising(C) weather events, necessitating urgent(D) environmental and urban planning measures.

(a) B-D and A-C
(b) A-D
(c) A-C
(d) A-B
(e) No swap required

Q.93)
Mountainous regions are appropriate(A) to unforeseen climatic shifts, requiring hikers and tourists(B) to be well-prepared with prone(C) gear and contingency plans(D) for safety.

(a) B-D
(b) A-D and B-C
(c) A-B and C-D
(d) A-C
(e) No swap required

Q.94)
Research suggests that adolescents who exhibit(A) practice mindfulness and reflection regularly(B) improved emotional regulation and cognitive(C) flexibility which leads to better(D) decision-making under stress.

(a) B-D and A-C
(b) A-C
(c) A-B and C-D
(d) A-B
(e) No change required

Instructions for Q.95 to Q.100
In the following passage, some erroneous words and phrases have been highlighted and numbered. Choose the most suitable replacement from the options provided and replace the highlighted word/phrase.

The digital lending ecosystem in India has seen a primitive (1) shift, moving away from collateral-based loans to data-driven credit assessments. While this has improved financial inclusion, it has also preventing (2) concerns regarding data privacy and predatory lending practices. The regulator's primary objective is to diminish (3) a balance between innovation and consumer protection. However, many fintech firms are still struggling with compliance, resulted in a lack of clarity (4) about the boundaries of "digital footprints." Furthermore, the rapid expansion of shadow banking via these platforms has raised red flags regarding systemic risk. Authorities are worried that high-interest micro-loans could lead to widespread defaults if the economy slows down. Experts suggest that unless the industry adopts a self-regulatory model, the government might imposing a heavy-handed approach (5) that could stifle growth. Such a move would be counterproductive to the 'Digital India' mission. To mitigate this, a centralized grievance redressal mechanism must be integrated into every lending app. Ultimately, the success of this sector depends on building a transparent framework, which would have been ensuring (6) that borrowers are not trapped in a cycle of debt and that the financial system remains resilient.

Q.95)
Replace (1)

(a) Paradoxical
(b) Paradigm
(c) Superficial
(d) Prehistoric
(e) No replacement required

Q.96)
Replace (2)

(a) Triggered
(b) Escalates
(c) Inciting
(d) Alleviated
(e) No replacement required

Q.97)
Replace (3)

(a) Negate
(b) Strive
(c) Strike
(d) Reconciling
(e) No replacement required

Q.98)
Replace (4)

(a) citing a scarcity of transparency
(b) which has created an ambiguity
(c) leading to a vacuum of certainties
(d) pointed to a deficient of logic
(e) No replacement required

Q.99)
Replace (5)

(a) resort to a stringent framework
(b) be forced to mandates strictness
(c) invoking a restrictive measures
(d) have implemented a harsh rules
(e) No replacement required

Q.100)
Replace (6)

(a) thereby ensuring
(b) it will ensure
(c) to have been guaranteed
(d) which will be ensure
(e) No replacement required

Instructions for Q.101 to Q.105
Four statements have been mentioned below. One or more statements may contain an error. The error can be grammatical and/or contextual. Identify the CORRECT statement. In case all the statements are incorrect, then mark option E, "None of the above" as the answer.

Q.101)

(a) In "Metamorphosis", Kafka explores the existential crisis of Gregor Samsa, whose inexplicable transformation into an insect serves as commentary on the oppression nature of familial obligations.
(b) Kafka in "Metamorphosis" depicts Gregor's transformation into a vermin, which symbolizes societal neglect that gradually unfolds throughout a narrative.
(c) The novella "Metamorphosis" presents Gregor struggling with his altered form, while the family's reaction, which oscillates between compassion and revulsion, highlighting the tension between empathy and self-interest.
(d) In Kafka's work, the metamorphosis experienced by the protagonist shows how societal and familial expectations are often indifferent to personal suffering.
(e) None of the above

Q.102)

(a) Razia Sultana attempted to consolidate her authority through administrative reforms and strategic appointments that challenge the entrenched patriarchal assumptions of the Delhi court.
(b) The reign of Razia Sultana were often interpreted by historians as a significant yet fragile experiment in female sovereignty within the overwhelmingly male-dominated political structure.
(c) Although Razia Sultana sought to strengthen the central authority of the throne, many Turkish nobles resisted her policies because they perceived her rule as threatening.
(d) The brief rule of Razia Sultana illustrates how gender prejudices, along with factional rivalries among nobles, significantly contributed for the instability that ultimately led to her downfall.
(e) None of the above

Q.103)

(a) Although the planets in the solar system differ greatly in size and composition, they all revolve around the Sun due to its immense gravitational influence.
(b) The discovery of exoplanets in distant star systems has significantly expanded astronomers' understanding of how planetary systems formed and evolve over time.
(c) Jupiter, along with its dozens of moons that orbit it, exert strong gravitational effects that influences the movement of nearby celestial bodies.
(d) By studying the chemical composition of meteorites, scientists were able to understand the conditions who existed during the early formation of the solar system.
(e) None of the above

Q.104)

(a) The outbreak of the bubonic plague in fourteenth-century Europe was devastating not only because of its mortality rate, but also because it disrupted the established economic and social hierarchies.
(b) Although the bubonic plague is often remembered primarily as a medical catastrophe, much historians argue that it also accelerated long-term changes in labour relations.
(c) The scarcity of workers after the plague led many landowners to raise wages in order to attract labourers, which were strongly opposed by ruling elites.
(d) Contemporary chroniclers describing the devastation caused by the plague often exaggerate the number of deaths, a tendency that have complicated modern estimations.
(e) None of the above

Q.105)

(a) While artificial intelligence has significantly improved the efficiency with which large datasets are processed, critics argue that the opacity of many algorithms has raises difficult ethical questions about accountability.
(b) Although artificial intelligence has transformed industries ranging from healthcare to finance, many companies continue to adopt these systems without fully considering the ethical implications.
(c) As governments increasingly invest in artificial intelligence research, the absence of clear regulatory frameworks have created uncertainty among policymakers.

(d) Despite of the widespread belief that artificial intelligence will inevitably replace human labour in many sectors, several economists argue that technological change can create new forms of employment.
(e) None of the above

Instructions for Q.106 to Q.109
In the questions below, a phrase has been mentioned. The phrase has been used in following sentences. Identify the sentence(s) with the incorrect usage.

Q.106)

"Able to pull through"

1) Despite severe funding cuts and equipment failures, the lead scientist remained confident that the team would eventually be able to pull through the crisis.
2) The doctors initially feared the worst for the injured patient; however, after surgery, they believed he might still be able to pull through the ordeal.
3) The students argued that the dramatic lighting of the new building would be able to pull through the entire skyline and make the structure visible from afar.

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

Q.107)

"Cut down on"

1) After being warned about cognitive stress, several firms began encouraging employees to cut down on excessive overtime and adopt balanced schedules.
2) Researchers have advised urban households to cut down on unnecessary electricity consumption to lower long-term carbon emissions.
3) The historian decided to cut down on several newly discovered manuscripts so that the original handwriting could be preserved for future scholars.

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

Q.108)

"Go back on"

1) After realizing the statistical assumptions were flawed, analysts decided to go back on the earlier section of the report to correct the numerical projections.
2) The trekking group decided to go back on the narrow trail they had followed earlier so they could reach the base camp before sunset.
3) Although the teams agreed to collaborate, one group later attempted to go back on the arrangement by withholding crucial field observations.

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

Q.109)

"Spill the Beans"

1) Despite warnings to keep the strategy confidential, a volunteer accidentally spilled the beans to a journalist, forcing the team to release their plans early.
2) While narrating the events of the surprise party, she carefully avoided spilling the beans to ensure the elaborate arrangement remained a secret.
3) After hours of exhausting trekking, the hikers reached a small clearing where they decided to spill the beans beside a stream and prepare a simple meal.

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

Q.110)
In the question mentioned below, a paragraph is divided into different sentences. Rearrange the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

(P) Persistent inflation can gradually erode the purchasing power of households, particularly affecting lower-income groups that spend a large share of their income on essential commodities.
(Q) In recent years, policymakers in India have monitored inflation trends closely because sustained price increases can have significant consequences for economic stability and social welfare.
(R) To mitigate these pressures, the central bank frequently relies on monetary policy tools such as interest rate adjustments to regulate liquidity and moderate price levels.
(S) Consequently, maintaining price stability has emerged as a central objective of macroeconomic policy in the country.

(a) QPRS
(b) PQSR
(c) QRPS
(d) PRQS
(e) RQPS