General Awareness

Q.1)
The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is mandatory under Section 135 of India's Companies Act, 2013. What is the effective year of the mandatory CSR provision in India?

(a) April 1, 2013
(b) September 12, 2013
(c) April 1, 2014
(d) January 1, 2016
(e) March 31, 2015

Q.2)
Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has become a popular mode of payment for retail and capital market transactions. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has prescribed specific transaction limits under UPI for different purposes. What is the aggregate 24-hour limit for UPI transactions in the Capital Market segment?

(a) ₹10 lakh
(b) ₹15 lakh
(c) ₹20 lakh
(d) ₹25 lakh
(e) ₹30 lakh

Q.3)
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently introduced the FREE-AI framework. The framework aims to promote ethical, transparent, and safe Artificial Intelligence (AI) use across regulated entities. How many strategic pillars form the foundation of RBI's FREE-AI framework?

(a) Four
(b) Five
(c) Six
(d) Seven
(e) Eight

Q.4)
The RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2021 was introduced to provide a single, simplified, and speedy grievance redressal mechanism for customers of entities regulated by the RBI. Recently, the scheme has been expanded to cover more financial institutions. As per the latest update, the Ombudsman Scheme is NOT applicable to which of the following entities?

(a) Payments Bank
(b) Small Finance Bank
(c) Regional Rural Bank
(d) Housing Finance Company
(e) Scheduled Co-operative Bank

Q.5)
The RBI's Financial Inclusion Index has three parameters, out of these, Quality is one parameter, which further has 19 indicators. Tell which of the following is an indicator of Quality:

(a) Financial literacy
(b) Consumer protection
(c) Inequality
(d) All of the above
(e) None of the above

Q.6)
Under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021, an Ombudsman or Deputy Ombudsman is appointed for a period not exceeding _____ at a time.

(a) 3 years
(b) 4 years
(c) 5 years
(d) 6 years
(e) 7 years

Q.7)
Which fintech companies have received first RBI approval to launch an e-rupee (e₹) wallet?

(a) PhonePe and Paytm
(b) MobiKwik and Cred
(c) Google Pay and Razorpay
(d) Paytm and MobiKwik
(e) BharatPe and PhonePe

Q.8)
Which of the following RBI data points is updated on a daily basis and reflects short-term liquidity conditions in the money market?

(a) Weighted Average Rate
(b) All options are correct
(c) Payment Settlements Report
(d) Liquidity Adjustment Facility
(e) Money Market Reference Rate

Q.9)
As per RBI guidelines, a payment aggregator must have a minimum net worth requirement of _____at the time of application?

(a) ₹5 crore
(b) ₹10 crore
(c) ₹15 crore
(d) ₹20 crore
(e) ₹25 crore

Q.10)
Which of the following entities has been created under the SARFAESI Act to carry out asset recovery and reconstruction functions?

(a) Asset Reconstruction Companies
(b) Payment Aggregator
(c) NBFC-MFI
(d) NBFC-HFC
(e) Asset Management Companies

Q.11)
Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) play a crucial role in providing financial services to low-income groups. As per RBI

guidelines, what is the minimum net worth requirement for an entity to qualify as an MFI?

(a) ₹1 crore
(b) ₹2 crore
(c) ₹5 crore
(d) ₹10 crore
(e) ₹15 crore

Q.12)
Under the RBI Retail Direct Scheme, which entity acts as an aggregator for bids in primary auctions and handles settlement operations?

(a) Asset Reconstruction Company
(b) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
(c) Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL)
(d) Reserve Bank of India
(e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Q.13)
As per RBI regulations, deposit-taking NBFCs must maintain a minimum credit rating of _____from a SEBI-registered credit rating agency to accept public deposits.

(a) BB
(b) BBB+
(c) A
(d) AA
(e) BBB-

Q.14)
The RBI Citizens' Charter is released to promote transparency and improve service delivery. It covers services offered by how many departments within the RBI?

(a) 12
(b) 14
(c) 18
(d) 20
(e) 11

Q.15)
Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) – Small Account is designed to promote financial inclusion for individuals. Which of the following statements about BSBDA–Small Account are true?

(a) It can be opened without officially valid KYC documents
(b) Total credits in a financial year should not exceed ₹1 lakh
(c) Only one BSBDA account is allowed per individual
(d) No charges are levied for not maintaining minimum balance
(e) All of the above

Q.16)
What is the authorized capital of India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) as per the latest available data?

(a) ₹10,000 crore
(b) ₹15,000 crore
(c) ₹20,000 crore
(d) ₹25,000 crore
(e) ₹30,000 crore

Q.17)
Which of the following statements are true with respect to India's performance in the 2025 Global Innovation Index?

1) Statement 1: India ranked 44th in innovative inputs, lowest from previous year
2) Statement 2: India ranked 32nd in innovative outputs, highest from previous year
3) Statement 3: India's GDP performed "at expected level of developed economy"

Options:

(a) I and II are correct
(b) All are incorrect
(c) Only II is correct
(d) Only III is correct
(e) Only III and II are correct

Q.18)
Mark the correct paired UCBs with their respective Housing loan limit per dwelling unit (extent to the limit of large borrower exposure limit) , as per the RBI's guidelines on Review and Rationalization of Prudential Norms for UCBs-February 2025.

(a) Tier 1 – Up to ₹60 lakh per dwelling unit
(b) Tier 2 – Up to ₹75 lakh per dwelling unit
(c) Tier 3 – Up to ₹1 crore per dwelling unit
(d) Tier 4 – Up to ₹10 crore per dwelling unit
(e) Tier 5 – Up to ₹100 crore per dwelling unit

Q.19)
RBI stopped issuing new licenses for which type of banks since 2004?

(a) Small Finance Banks
(b) Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)
(c) Local Area Banks
(d) Payments Banks
(e) Scheduled Commercial Banks

Q.20)
Capital adequacy and provisioning guidelines as per Basel III norms are applicable to which of the following regulated entities?

(a) Local Area Banks
(b) Payments Banks
(c) Regional Rural Banks
(d) Scheduled Commercial Banks
(e) Option (a) and (d) is correct

Q.21)
RBI controls the money supply through qualitative and quantitative tools. Which of the following falls under the qualitative category?

(a) SLR
(b) CRR

(c) Credit Rationing
(d) All are Quantitative Tools
(e) Open Market Operations

Q.22)
As per RBI's Interest Rate on Deposits Directions, 2025, banks can offer differential interest rates on savings accounts for balances exceeding which amount?

(a) ₹1,00,000
(b) ₹75,000
(c) ₹50,000
(d) ₹25,000
(e) ₹15,000

Q.23)
Which of the following statements is correct regarding Small Finance Banks (SFBs)?

(a) Minimum paid-up voting equity capital shall be ₹100 crore
(b) NRIs can be promoters if they control an NBFC with a satisfactory track record of at least 3 years
(c) Resident individuals/professionals with 10 years of experience in banking/finance can promote an existing NBFC
(d) Only (a) and (c) are correct
(e) All options are correct

Q.24)
Digital payments have become very common nowadays, and people in the country are heavily dependent on them. This high dependence can lead to which of the following disruptions?

(a) Delays in small-value payments
(b) Frequent transaction failures
(c) Weakening of cybersecurity and increased chances of fraud
(d) Delays due to bank server issues
(e) All of the above

Q.25)
Which of the following countries is not among the top five in the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2025?

(a) Switzerland
(b) Singapore
(c) Denmark
(d) Hong Kong
(e) United States

Q.26)
Who was the first Indian to win the Pulitzer Prize?

(a) R. K. Narayan
(b) Gobind Behari Lal
(c) Arundhati Roy
(d) Kiran Desai
(e) Khushwant Singh

Q.27)
How frequently is the Sea Dragon defense exercise conducted?

(a) Biennially
(b) Annually
(c) Every two years
(d) Once a decade
(e) Quarterly

Q.28)
The 2025 FIDE Women's Grand Swiss Tournament, organized in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, brought together some of the world's strongest chess players to compete for top honors and qualification spots for the Candidates Tournament. Which Indian chess player emerged as the winner of the Women's category in this prestigious global event?

(a) Koneru Humpy
(b) Dronavalli Harika
(c) Vaishali Rameshbabu
(d) Tania Sachdev
(e) Bhakti Kulkarni

Q.29)
Which of the following countries are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)?

(a) Iceland
(b) Switzerland
(c) Liechtenstein
(d) Norway
(e) All of the above

Q.30)
Which state became the first in India to issue ID cards for women Self-Help Group (SHG) members in 2025?

(a) Kerala
(b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Karnataka
(d) Odisha
(e) Maharashtra

Q.31)
The Nobel Prizes were originally established in 1895 as per the will of Alfred Nobel, recognizing achievements in various fields. However, another category was added much later to honor contributions in a specific domain. Which Nobel Prize category was introduced in 1968 by the Sveriges Riksbank, the central bank of Sweden?

(a) Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences
(b) Nobel Prize in Environmental Sciences
(c) Nobel Prize in Social Sciences
(d) Nobel Prize in Humanities
(e) Nobel Prize in Political Sciences

Q.32)
In an effort to improve women's health and empower families through better awareness and access to healthcare, the Government of India launched a special campaign in September 2025. This initiative was introduced jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women & Child Development. What is the name of this campaign?

(a) Nari Aarogya Mission
(b) Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan
(c) Shakti Se Swasth Bharat Abhiyaan

(d) Aarogya Nari Parivar Mission
(e) Healthy India Empowered Women Campaign

Q.33)
The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) plays a vital role in shaping India's economic and industrial policies through collaboration with the government and private sector. Every year, it appoints a new president to lead its initiatives and represent industry interests. Who has been appointed as the President of CII for the financial year 2025–26?

(a) Rajiv Memani
(b) Sanjiv Puri
(c) R. Dinesh
(d) T.V. Narendran
(e) Uday Kotak

Q.34)
The Women's Asia Cup is one of the most prestigious field hockey tournaments in Asia, featuring top national teams competing for continental glory. The 2025 edition of this championship is scheduled to take place in early September. In which city is the Women's Asia Cup Hockey Tournament 2025 being hosted?

(a) Tokyo, Japan
(b) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(c) Hangzhou, China
(d) Bangkok, Thailand
(e) Jakarta, Indonesia

Q.35)
The Booker Prize is one of the most prestigious literary awards recognizing outstanding works of fiction in the English language. In 2025, a novel titled "The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny" gained international attention after being shortlisted for this award. Who is the author of this acclaimed book?

(a) Arundhati Roy
(b) Kiran Desai
(c) Jhumpa Lahiri
(d) Amitav Ghosh
(e) Anita Desai

Q.36)
The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is one of India's premier research and development organizations, known for its contributions to science, technology, and innovation across diverse fields. It operates under the Ministry of Science and Technology and has a designated ex-officio president who provides overall leadership and guidance. Who holds this position?

(a) President of India
(b) Prime Minister of India
(c) Minister of Science and Technology
(d) Cabinet Secretary
(e) Vice President of India

Q.37)
The Vice President of India serves as the second-highest constitutional authority and also acts as the ex-officio Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. In the event of a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or removal, the Constitution provides guidance regarding the re-election process. Within what time frame must the election to fill the vacancy of the Vice President be conducted?

(a) Within 3 months
(b) Within 6 months
(c) Within 9 months
(d) Within 1 year
(e) As soon as possible

Q.38)
The AERB is an important statutory body in India that oversees the safe use of nuclear energy and radiation across various sectors. It ensures that activities related to atomic energy comply with prescribed safety standards and regulations. In the abbreviation AERB, what does the letter 'E' stand for?

(a) Electricity
(b) Energy
(c) Environment
(d) Engineering
(e) Equipment

Q.39)
Mental health has increasingly become a global priority, with awareness campaigns aiming to reduce stigma and promote well-being across communities. To recognize this cause, an international day is observed every year under the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health. On which date is World Mental Health Day celebrated annually?

(a) October 1
(b) October 5
(c) October 10
(d) October 15
(e) October 20

Q.40)
The QS World University Rankings 2026 evaluated global institutions based on parameters such as academic reputation, employer reputation, and research impact. Among Indian institutions, one university stood out by securing a position well within the top 500 globally, reflecting India's growing prominence in higher education. Which Indian university achieved this ranking?

(a) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)
(b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
(c) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)
(d) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru (IISc)
(e) Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Q.41)
The Australian Open, one of the four prestigious Grand Slam tennis tournaments, has witnessed legendary performances over the years. Among all players in tennis history, who holds the record for winning the most number of Australian Open titles, marking an era of dominance on the Melbourne hard courts?

(a) Roger Federer
(b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Novak Djokovic
(d) Andy Murray
(e) Pete Sampras

Q.42)
The largest volcano in our solar system, known for its massive size and towering height, stands as a fascinating geological feature beyond Earth. This volcanic structure, called Olympus Mons, is nearly three times the height of Mount Everest. On which planet of our solar system is this colossal volcano located?

(a) Jupiter
(b) Saturn
(c) Neptune
(d) Mars
(e) Uranus

Q.43)
The Government of India has entered into a partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to enhance food security, improve nutrition, and support sustainable food systems. This collaboration aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Which of the following SDGs is not a part of this partnership framework?

(a) Goal 1: No Poverty
(b) Goal 2: Zero Hunger
(c) Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
(d) Goal 13: Climate Action
(e) Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Q.44)
The Geological Survey of India (GSI), functioning under the Ministry of Mines, plays a key role in geological mapping, mineral exploration, and geoscientific research across the country. Established in 1851, it is one of the oldest scientific organizations in India. Where is the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) located?

(a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(b) Kolkata, West Bengal
(c) Hyderabad, Telangana
(d) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(e) New Delhi

Q.45)
The Indian Armed Forces launched their first-ever Tri-Service circumnavigation sailing expedition to showcase the spirit of jointness among the Army, Navy, and Air Force while promoting adventure and maritime awareness. This historic expedition aims to sail across the globe under the leadership of the Indian Navy. What is the name of this Tri-Service sailing expedition?

(a) Samudra Parikrama
(b) Sagar Yatra
(c) Samudra Pradakshina
(d) Sagarika Expedition
(e) Samudra Vijaya

Q.46)
On September 12, 2025, the Indian Navy strengthened its administrative and logistical capabilities by commissioning a new land-based naval base in Gurugram, Haryana. This establishment is aimed at improving operational efficiency and coordination for naval units in the region. What is the name of this newly commissioned naval base?

(a) INS Vikrant
(b) INS Aravali
(c) INS Viraat
(d) INS Delhi
(e) INS Kalinga

Q.47)
In a major step toward enhancing digital financial infrastructure, Infosys recently entered into a partnership with a global payment technology company to streamline and scale cross-border transactions. The collaboration integrates the Money Move platform with Infosys's Finacle solution to enable faster and more secure global money transfers. Which company has Infosys partnered with for this initiative?

(a) Visa
(b) American Express
(c) Mastercard
(d) PayPal
(e) Western Union

Q.48)
In line with India's efforts to promote sustainable energy and reduce dependence on fossil fuels, the country inaugurated Asia's first bamboo-based bio-refinery that produces bio-ethanol from bamboo. This refinery, named Assam Bio-Ethanol Private Limited (ABEL), was set up in September 2025 in the Golaghat district. In which Indian state is this bio-refinery located?

(a) Mizoram
(b) Sikkim
(c) Assam
(d) Meghalaya
(e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.49)
To boost investment in India's clean energy transition, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched the India Green Finance Facility (IGFF), aimed at promoting large-scale public and private funding in emerging green sectors. Which global organisation has approved $200 million for this ADB-led programme to support sustainable energy initiatives?

(a) World Bank
(b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(c) Green Climate Fund (GCF)
(d) Global Environment Facility (GEF)
(e) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Q.50)
In September 2025, a major development occurred in India's credit profile when Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) upgraded India's sovereign rating to BBB+

with a stable outlook. This move was based on India's strong growth momentum, fiscal discipline, and external stability. Which country does this credit rating agency, R&I, belong to?

(a) United States
(b) United Kingdom
(c) Japan
(d) France
(e) Singapore

Q.51)
Every year, the United Nations observes World Population Day to raise awareness about population issues, reproductive health, and sustainable development. In 2025, the focus shifted toward highlighting the role of youth in shaping demographic futures and ensuring reproductive rights and equality. What is the theme of World Population Day 2025?

(a) "Prioritizing Reproductive Health for a Sustainable Future"
(b) "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world"
(c) "Investing in Teenage Girls: Building a Better Tomorrow"
(d) "A World of 8 Billion: Towards a Resilient Future"
(e) "Population and Climate: Towards a Sustainable Balance"

Q.52)
The Government of India classifies Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) into Maharatna, Navratna, and Miniratna categories based on their performance, net worth, and global presence. The Maharatna status allows greater financial and operational autonomy to top-performing CPSEs, enabling them to compete globally. As of 2025, how many CPSEs in India hold Maharatna status?

(a) 10
(b) 12
(c) 14
(d) 16
(e) 18

Q.53)
In an effort to strengthen climate-related financial disclosures and align with global sustainability standards, several Indian banks have joined the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF). This initiative helps financial institutions measure and report the greenhouse gas emissions linked to their lending and investment portfolios. Which among the following banks are part of this partnership?

(a) Union Bank of India, IDFC First Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, and Punjab National Bank
(b) State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank
(c) Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Yes Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank
(d) Indian Bank, UCO Bank, Federal Bank, and Bank of India
(e) Central Bank of India, Karur Vysya Bank, Bandhan Bank, and Dhanlaxmi Bank

Q.54)
The World Green Economy Summit (WGES) serves as a leading global platform that unites world leaders, policymakers, and environmental experts to promote sustainable economic development. It focuses on fostering partnerships for a green and inclusive future. The Summit was launched in which city, and is jointly organized by the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, and which international organization?

(a) Abu Dhabi, World Energy Forum (WEF)
(b) Dubai, World Green Economy Organisation (WGEO)
(c) Doha, Global Sustainability Council (GSC)
(d) Riyadh, International Green Forum (IGF)
(e) Muscat, World Climate Partnership (WCP)

Q.55)
Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) are an emerging class of advanced nuclear power plants designed for enhanced safety, scalability, and lower carbon emissions. They are being developed worldwide to support clean energy transitions. As of 2025, only two SMR projects are reported to be fully operational globally. These projects are located in which two countries?

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

Q.56)
Artificial Intelligence continues to expand rapidly with tech giants developing advanced AI models for research, productivity, and consumer use. One such innovation, Nano Banana AI, represents a compact yet powerful model designed for efficient processing and accessibility. Which of the following AI models incorporated this tool?

(a) Gemini
(b) ChatGPT
(c) GitHub
(d) DALL·E
(e) Claude

Q.57)
India's Geographical Indication (GI) tags recognize products that have a unique origin and traditional significance. Thewa art work, a traditional craft that involves fusing intricately worked gold sheets on molten glass, had also received the GI tag. This exquisite art form originates from which Indian state?

(a) Gujarat
(b) Rajasthan
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Uttar Pradesh
(e) Maharashtra

Q.58)
The World Bank Group has partnered with the Government

of India to promote sustainable infrastructure development under the Green National Highways Corridor Project (GNHCP). This $500 million project aims to construct climate-resilient highways with green technologies. In which of the following Indian states is the project being implemented?

(a) Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh
(b) Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka
(c) Punjab, Haryana, Odisha, and Kerala
(d) Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal
(e) Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Assam, and Tripura

Q.59)
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plays a key role in advancing India's space technology and exploration efforts. As of 2025, ISRO continues to expand its global collaborations and launch missions under new leadership. Who was the first Chairperson of ISRO, and where is its headquarters located?

(a) Dr. Vikram Ambalal Sarabhai – Bengaluru, Karnataka
(b) Dr. K. Sivan – Chennai, Tamil Nadu
(c) Dr. S. Somanath – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
(d) Dr. Ritu Karidhal – Hyderabad, Telangana
(e) Dr. A. S. Kiran Kumar – Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q.60)
India is home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that showcase its rich cultural and architectural heritage. Some of these sites include ancient rock-cut caves, colonial-era railway terminals, and Mughal-era cities known for their historical significance and craftsmanship. Which one of the following sites is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list?

(a) Elephanta Caves
(b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
(c) Fatehpur Sikri
(d) All of the above
(e) Santiniketan

Q.61)
In the Indian Cabinet, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry plays a key role in trade and industrial policy. Which of the following ministers currently holds the portfolio of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

(a) Piyush Goyal
(b) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(c) Hardeep Singh Puri
(d) Dharmendra Pradhan
(e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.62)
As the United Nations approaches its 80th anniversary in 2025, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) has outlined key milestones to accelerate global progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals. These focus areas highlight the organization's commitment to collective prosperity, environmental balance, and social justice. Which of the following milestones will UN DESA emphasize in 2025?

1) Protecting our ocean
2) Investing in a sustainable future
3) Creating a fairer and more just world

(a) Only I
(b) Only III
(c) Only II and III
(d) All of them
(e) Only I and III

Q.63)
Which of the following countries is known to have more than one capital city as part of its constitutional or administrative arrangement, instead of functioning with a single officially designated capital?

(a) Thailand
(b) South Africa
(c) Singapore
(d) Japan
(e) Brazil

Q.64)
Which of the following pairs regarding global geographical size ranking is incorrect?

(a) Canada – 2nd largest
(b) USA – 3rd largest
(c) Brazil – 5th largest
(d) India – 7th largest
(e) Australia – 4th largest

Q.65)
In which year was Vallabhbhai Patel conferred the title "Sardar" following his leadership in a major peasant movement against increased land revenue imposed by the British government in Gujarat?

(a) 1917
(b) 1920
(c) 1925
(d) 1928
(e) 1931

Q.66)
Which of the following crops is cultivated as a Kharif forage crop during the monsoon season and is commonly used as green fodder for livestock in agricultural practices?

(a) Berseem
(b) Oat
(c) Maize
(d) Barley
(e) Wheat

Q.67)
Five mountain peaks are located in one country. Identify the odd one out.

(a) Mount Everest
(b) Nanda Devi
(c) Kanchenjunga
(d) Kudremukh
(e) Kamet

Q.68)
Which of the following river–origin country pairs is correctly matched?

(a) Nile – Ethiopia
(b) Amazon – Brazil
(c) Yangtze – Thailand
(d) Danube – Germany
(e) Volga – China

Q.69)
In which year did the Government of India replace the Planning Commission with NITI Aayog as the new policy think tank to promote cooperative federalism and strategic policy planning?

(a) 2013
(b) 2014
(c) 2015
(d) 2016
(e) 2017

Q.70)
Which campaign was launched in September 2025 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women & Child Development to promote women's health and family well-being?

(a) Poshan Abhiyaan 2.0
(b) Swasth Bharat Abhiyaan
(c) Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan
(d) Mission Shakti Plus
(e) Jan Arogya Nari Abhiyaan

Q.71)
According to the Economic Survey, match the following crops with their leading producing states:

Crops	States
1.Gram	A.Gujrat
2.Rice	B.Madhya Pradesh
3.Groundnut	C.Telangana
4.Sugarcane	D.Uttar Pradesh

Which of the following is the correct match?

(a) 1–A, 2–B, 3–C, 4–D
(b) 1–B, 2–C, 3–A, 4–D
(c) 1–C, 2–A, 3–B, 4–D
(d) 1–B, 2–A, 3–D, 4–C
(e) 1–D, 2–B, 3–A, 4–C

Q.72)
According to data released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, which of the following statements is incorrect?

(a) Net sown area constitutes more than half of India's total geographical area.
(b) The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for Sugar Season 2024–25 has been increased compared to the previous season.
(c) Well and tube well irrigation together account for about 62% of the net irrigated area in the country.
(d) The revised FRP of sugarcane for Sugar Season 2024–25 is ₹340 per quintal at a sugar recovery rate of 10.25%.
(e) The revised FRP of sugarcane for Sugar Season 2024–25 is applicable from 1 October 2024.

Q.73)
With reference to Migrated Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) in India, identify incorrect statement

(a) They are legacy investment vehicles originally registered under the SEBI (Venture Capital Funds) Regulations, 1996.
(b) They migrate to the regulatory framework of the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012.
(c) Migration allows such funds to obtain operational flexibility and a structured mechanism for liquidation of residual assets.
(d) Only funds with fully liquidated portfolios are eligible to migrate.
(e) Migrated VCFs are provided an extended and defined period for liquidation of unliquidated investments.

Q.74)
India has shown a steady rise in the Human Development Index (HDI) as per the latest Human Development Report. Identify India's progress on the following indicators:

(a) HDI Value
(b) Life Expectancy
(c) Mean Years of Schooling
(d) GNI per capital
(e) All of the above

Q.75)
The Financial Education Programme for Adults (FEPA), launched by the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE), primarily targets which of the following groups?

(a) School students and college youth
(b) Urban high-net-worth individuals
(c) Adult population including farmers, women groups, and frontline workers
(d) Only micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)
(e) Start-up founders and technology entrepreneurs

Q.76)
Which of the following are Centrally Sponsored Schemes aimed at building long-term development and promoting

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