

1. Some of the most important soft legal instruments of recent years emerged from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) popularly known as the Earth Summit which was held in the Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. Which of the following treaties and declaration were formulated at the Earth Summit.

1. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2. United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
3. Statement of Agreement in Forest Principles.
4. Agenda 21

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 b) 2, 3 and 4
 c) All the above d) None of the above

2. Consider the following statements:

1. It is an organisation with headquarters in Cambridge, UK
2. It serves as an international clearing house for data on Conservation of natural resources, particularly endangered and threatened wildlife.

The above stated functions is associated with which one among the following International Agency.

- a) World Resource Institute
- b) World Conservation Union
- c) World Conservation Monitoring Centre
- d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

3. Which among the following statements regarding Environment Performance Index Report 2012 are correct?

1. The report has been released by researchers at Yale and Columbia Universities in collaboration with World Bank.

2. India ranks 116 out of 132 countries as per 2012 report.

Code:

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

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India, China and Nepal have agreed to join hands to save from extinction of the black-necked crane.
2. Black-necked crane is the state bird of Jammu and Kashmir
3. The black-necked crane, now a highly endangered species.
4. The black-necked crane is originally found in the Western Ghats of India.

Code:

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

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in India.

1. NCTC is a proposed federal anti-terror organisation to be created in India on the lines of NCTC in USA.
2. The agency will derive its powers from the National Security Act 1980.
3. Apart from other reasons, the Centre is also being opposed by many states because they feel that the nature of federal structure in India is different from that of USA.

Code:

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

6. Which of the following is/are correct regarding Elections in India?

1. Two additional Commissioners were appointed to the Election Commission for the first time on 1st October 1993.

2. The concept of multi-member Commission has been in operation since then, with decision making power by generating consensus among themselves
3. In the recently conducted elections for the five states (UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa and Punjab) the voting percentage has substantially gone up in all the five states in comparison to the 2007 elections.
- Code:**
- a) 1 and 2 b) Only 1
 c) Only 3 d) None of the above
7. Which of the following statements regarding Right to Education is/are correct?
1. Right to education was introduced as a fundamental right by the 88th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002.
2. The amendment bringing fundamental right to education had amended Article 45 of the constitution.
3. In a recent decision the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of the Right to Education Act 2009, which mandates 25 per cent free seats to the poor in government and private unaided schools except unaided private minority schools.
- Code:**
- a) Only 3 b) 1 and 3
 c) 2 and 3 d) All the above
8. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the split of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).
1. The MCD will be split into the North and South Delhi municipal corporations, with 104 municipal wards each, and the West Delhi corporation that will have 64 wards.
2. Each municipality will have a separate mayor and deputy mayor and half of its seats will be reserved for women, up from the existing 33 per cent reservation
3. Each municipality will have a commissioner. A new nodal agency called the Directorate of Local Bodies will also be created to coordinate among the three agencies.
- Code:**
- a) Only 3 b) 2 and 3
 c) Only 2 d) All the above
9. What is the meaning of the term 'Amicus Curia'
- a) Friend of the court
 b) Advisor to the court
 c) A voluntary informer
 d) Curative Petitioner
10. National Council for Senior Citizens is being set up under :
- a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 c) President of India
 d) Central Social Welfare Board
11. For a political party to be registered as a state party it needs to get what per centage of total votes polled:
- a) 6 % b) 4 %
 c) 8 % d) 2 %
12. The Union Government of India has finalised a developmental action plan for Naxal Affected districts particularly in eastern India. This action plan is known as:
- a) Sharada b) Saranda
 c) Samatha d) Santhala
13. The Election Commission of India has recently established an institute called:
- a) International Institute of Democracy and Election Management
 b) International Institute of Election Studies

- c) National Institute of Democracy and Election Management
- d) National Institute of Election Studies

14. Consider the following statements:

1. UN Population Fund described India in a recent report titled 'India @ 7 billion' whereby the report says that by 2035, India will overtake China to become the world's most populous country.
2. India accounts for meagre 2.4% of the world's surface area and houses 17.5% of the world's population.
3. World population reached 7 billion on 31st October, 2011 and to discuss this milestone people around the world had joined a campaign launched by UNFPA. This campaign was called 7 Billion Actions

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

15. The provisional figures of the Census 2011 were released in New Delhi on March 31, 2011 by Union Home Secretary G.K. Pillai and Census Commissioner and Registrar General of India C. Chandramouli. Consider the following statements in this regard

1. Overall sex ratio at the national level has increased by 7 points to reach 940 as against 933 in Census 2001. This is the highest sex-ratio since 1971.
2. 2001-2011 is the first decade (with the exception of 1911-21) which has actually added lesser population compared to the previous decade.
3. The percentage decadal growth rates of the six most populous states have increased during 2001-2011 compared to 1991-2001.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

16. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Human Development Report is an independent publication commissioned by the New York based United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
2. The first Report was launched in 1990 by the efforts of Mehabubul Haque and Amartya Sen of India assisted by many others with the goal of putting people at the centre of development.
3. HDR 2011 is the latest report which was released on 2nd November 2011 with the theme of Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future For All.
4. India ranks 134 out of 197 countries in 2011, much ahead of all the other SAARC countries.

Code:

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

17. Which of the following statements is/are correct

1. The Gender Inequality Index (GII) reflects women's disadvantage in three dimensions – reproductive health, empowerment and the labour market.
2. The index shows the loss in human development due to inequality between female and male achievements in these dimensions.
3. It ranges from 0, which indicates that women and men fare equal, to 1, which indicates that women fare as poorly as possible in all measured dimensions.

Code:

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

18. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. Aadhaar is a 12 digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India. This number will serve as a proof of identity and address, anywhere in India and will remain valid for the whole life.
2. The unique Identification of Authority of India (UIDAI) is an attached office under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was established to develop and implement the necessary institutional, technical and legal infrastructure to issue unique identity numbers to Indian residents and foreigners.
3. Mr. Nandan Nilkani was appointed as the first chairperson of the UIDAI in the rank and status of a Minister of state.
4. Mr. Ram Sewak Sharma was appointed the Director General and the Mission Authority of UIDAI

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 4 b) 2, 3 and 4
c) 2 and 3 d) All the above

19. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 conferred special powers upon armed forces in what the language of the act calls "disturbed areas" in the North Eastern states.
2. It was later extended to Jammu and Kashmir in 1990.
3. At present, the AFSPA is enforced entirely in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and Nagaland.
4. Justice Jeevan Reddy Committee which was appointed in 2004 recommended the repealing of the Act.

Code:

- a) 1, 3 and 4
b) 2, 3 and 4

- c) 1, 2 and 3
d) All the above

20. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Federation International de l'Automobile (FIA) mostly known as the governing body for many auto racing events is headquartered in London.
2. Formula One or F1 referred to officially as the FIA Formula One World Championship is the highest class of single seater auto racing sanctioned by the Federation international de l'Automobile (FIA).
3. In the first ever Indian Grand Prix event that took place on October 30, 2011 at the Buddh International circuit Jenson Button won the race.

Code:

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

21. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct with regard to the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Bill, 2011.

1. The Bill proposes a unified legislation for acquisition of land and adequate rehabilitation mechanisms for all affected persons and replaces the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.
2. The Bill proposes that private companies shall provide for rehabilitation and resettlement if they purchase or acquire land, through private negotiations, equal to or more than 100 acres in rural areas and 50 acres in urban areas.
3. Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority shall adjudicate all disputes, with appeal to the High Court.

Code:

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

22. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Constitution of India [Article 148] provides for an independent office to the CAG of India. The CAG could not be removed from office other than through a procedure of impeachment similar to what is applicable to a Judge of the Supreme Court of India. CAG is appointed by the Parliament of India for 6 years or 65 years of age whichever is earlier.
2. The CAG of India which was in news, in concerned with the CWG scam and 2G-Scam, has completed 200 years of its establishment in 2010.
3. CAG of India together with Indian Audit and Accounts Department is known as Supreme Audit Institution in India (SAI). It audits all receipts and expenditure of Government of India and the state governments, including those of bodies and authorities substantially financed by the government.

Code:

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

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) was set up in 2010 as a joint venture between the government and industry lobbies to help the sector meet an acute shortage of skilled workers by providing training to millions of youngsters.
2. The UIDAI, which is implementing the Aadhaar project, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the NSDC which will enable NSDC trained workers for various jobs.
3. UIDAI launched Aadhaar program in the tribal village, Tembli, in Nandurbar district of Maharashtra in September 2011.

Code:

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

24. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) was launched in 2008 from Andhra Pradesh. It promises hundred days of work to each poor rural household.
2. The Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal agency for implementing the scheme. A recent data by the Ministry has revealed that nearly 40% of the households who got work under the programme in 2010-11 did not complete even 15 days of work.
3. Women's participation in the scheme in 2010-11 was below the mandated 33 per cent. Overall Rajasthan is the best performing state under this scheme.

Code:

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

25. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Centre has launched a programme the Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram to provide free services to pregnant women for deliveries and neo-natal, care, if needed, upto a month after birth.
2. This scheme was launched on 2nd October 2011 from Gandhinagar district of Gujarat.
3. The scheme benefits include free drugs and consumables, diagnostics, special diet during stay in the health institution.
4. The facility will be available to all women in government health institutions in rural areas only.

Code:

- a) 2 and 4 b) 1, 2 and 3
c) 1 and 3 d) All the above

26. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) was set up in 2009 to conserve the Ganga which originates from Gangotri, Uttarakhand.
2. Recently the Asian Development Bank has approved \$1 billion as credit and loan to support India's efforts to clean up the Ganga river.
3. The project will support the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in building the capacity of its nascent operational level institutions so that they can manage the long term Ganga clean-up and conservation programme.
4. The project will also help the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) to set up a state-of-the-art Ganga Knowledge Centre to act as a repository of knowledge relevant for the conservation of the Ganga.

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 b) 2, 3 and 4
 c) 1, 3 and 4 d) All the above

27. Consider the following statements:

1. "Project Sunshine" is the name of Monsanto's hybrid maize expansion programme seeking to bring about a "Yellow Revolution" in tribal areas of India and is being implemented under various names in Gujarat, Odisha and Rajasthan.
2. The Maharashtra government recently formed a separate "Agriculture Cabinet" and passed a comprehensive "Organic Policy" to make Maharashtra an organic State.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
 b) Only 2 is correct
 c) Both are correct
 d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

28. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojna is a Central Government Scheme launched on October 1, 2010. It is a health insurance scheme for the families in the unorganized sector.
2. The Yojana envisages smart card based cashless health insurance cover of up to Rs. 50,000 annually to below poverty line workers in the country.
3. The fund for the scheme will be allocated from the National Social Security Fund for Unorganised Workers. The premium will be shared by the Central and State governments in the 50:50 ratio.

Code:

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

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Roshini is an initiative taken on the directions of the President of India to make the President's Estate (Rashtrapati Bhawan) a green, energy efficient and a zero waste model township.
2. It includes recycling of waste and water, waste management, vermin-culture, use of new and renewable energy resources.
3. To encourage the use of energy-efficient compact fluorescent lamps, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has introduced a new Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) scheme that will offer clean energy options at economical price.

Code:

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

30. Which of the following is/are correct?

1. A New Bill on ports drafted by the shipping ministry will help turn the facilities controlled by the government on major ports into corporate entities.

2. Currently, 12 of the 13 ports controlled by the Union government function as trusts under the Major Port Trust Act, 1963.
3. Vishakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh is the only exception, having been formed as a company under the companies Act, 1956, when it was opened in 2001.
4. Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd. (KPCL) has joined hands with Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) to provide seamless movement of container traffic from the port to the hinterland by developing rail infrastructure.

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 4 b) 2, 3 and 4
c) 1 and 2 d) All the above

31. Consider the following statements:

1. To strengthen its capabilities to carry out special operations, the Indian Army is raising a new special forces battalion - the Glider Regiment – which will be deployed in north-eastern sector of India.
2. There will be the eight special forces battalion of the Glider Regiment and will be deployed in counterinsurgency and counter-terrorism operations in that region.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

32. Consider the following statements:

1. The Union Government has selected 17 districts in Rajasthan to launch a scheme for enhancing productivity of bajra and jowar crops through technological applications under the National Agriculture Development Programme.
2. The National Informatics Centre (NIC), Madhya Pradesh has bagged an award for

its e-district initiative and e-governance in rural areas at the e-world forum 2011 organised in New Delhi by the Centre for Science Development and Media Studies (CSDMS)

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

33. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) came into force in March, 2011. The treaty officially established the Union of South American Nations, a supranational continental union of twelve South American nations.
2. The Union of South American Nations is an inter-governmental union integrating two existing customs unions: Mercosur and Andean Community of Nations, as part of continuing process of South American integration. It is modeled on the European Union.
3. The former President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was unanimously elected as the first Secretary General of UNASUR for a two-year term.
4. The Headquarter of UNASUR is at Bueno Aires

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 4 b) 1 and 2
c) 3 and 4 d) All the above

34. What is Enrica Lexie?

- a) It is a ship owned by Tolani shipping (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd. which was in news because of the killing of three Indian fishermen.

- b) It is an Italian oil tanker which was recently sailing in the Indian Ocean and was involved in the death of Indian fisherman
- c) It is a sub-marine developed by China.
- d) None of the above

35. Who among the following is not a participant to the Louis Philippe Cup, a 10-team event that started in Bangalore recently?
- a) Digvijay Singh
 - b) Jyoti Randhawa
 - c) Shiv Kapur
 - d) Anirban Lahiri

36. Three players were tested positive at the last National Games held in Ranchi in February 2011. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct in this regard?
1. To look into this matter a disciplinary panel was constituted headed by Justice C.K. Mahajan.
 2. Later, an appeal panel called as the National Anti-Doping Appeal panel (NADAP) was established to be headed by Justice Dinesh Dayal.

Codes:

- a) Only 1 is correct
- b) Only 2 is correct
- c) Both are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

37. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?
1. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a new sub-sonic cruise missile called NIRBHAY (Fearless in Sanskrit), which may be test-fired in April.
 2. The Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE), a DRDO facility at Avadi, has designed and developed the Nirbhay.

3. Nirbhay is India's equivalent of Tomahawk, a long-range, subsonic cruise missile, developed by Russia.
4. It's a single stage, surface to surface missile. It can carry multiple payloads and engage several targets.

Codes:

- a) 1, 2 and 3
- b) 1, 3 and 4
- c) Only 1
- d) None of the above

38. The Supreme Court of India had appointed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) on 2000 Gujarat carnage. Who is heading the SIT.
- a) M.B. Shah
 - b) R.B. Sreekumar
 - c) Raju Ramachandran
 - d) R.K. Raghvan

39. Consider the following statements:

1. Antrix, the marketing arm of ISRO signed an agreement with Devas Multimedia, a Bangalore based private company.
2. Two committees were appointed to look into the details of the agreement the one was under Pratyush Sinha.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
- b) Only 2 is correct
- c) Both are correct
- d) Neither 2 nor 2 is correct

40. In which of the following countries Presidential elections were held recently?
- 1. Russia
 - 2. Iran
 - 3. Maldives
 - 4. Sudan

Code:

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

41. World Food Prize was awarded on the occasion of the UN World Food Day on 16th October 2011.

1. World Food Prize was constituted by Norman Borlaug in 1980s.
2. The 2011 Prize was jointly won by Bob Dole and George McGovern of the US
3. The World Food Prize is an international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

42. Which of the statements about Novak Djokovic is/are NOT correct?

1. He is the sixth player to win three consecutive Grand Slams
2. He defeated Roger Federer in Australian Open 2012 Singles Championship.
3. He has been chosen as the best sports person by Laureus sports award for the year 2011

Code:

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

43. Which of the following is a literary award?

1. Bhartiya Jnanpith Award
2. Saraswati Samman
3. Vachaspati Puraskar
4. Kalidas Samman

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 3
 b) 2, 3 and 4
 c) 1, 3 and 4
 d) All the above

44. Match List-I (*Players*) with List-II (*Discipline*) and give answer using the code given below:

List-I

List-II

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| A. Shabbir Ali | 1. Hockey |
| B. Preeja Sreedharan | 2. Boxing |
| C. Rajinder Singh | 3. Athletics |
| D. Suronjoy Singh | 4. Football |

Code:

- | | A | B | C | D |
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| a) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| b) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| c) 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | |
| d) 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | |

45. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Cab Signaling System in railways?

1. The system, similar to the European Train Control System, maximises track utilization with safety at high speed.
2. The panel was headed by Sam Pitroda, who is currently advisor to the Prime Minister on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovation.
3. The panel has also suggested Rs 10,000 crore for investment in infrastructure in the next fiscal coinciding with the 12th Five-Year Plan

Code:

- a) Only 1 b) 1 and 2
 c) All the above d) None of the above

46. Consider the following statements:

1. Recently Vietnam started the first phase of a joint plan with Untied States to clean up environmental damage leftover from the chemical defoliant Agent Orange, a lasting legacy from the Vietnam War.
2. Amonium Nitrate is a chemical used in Agent Orange which has been linked to cancer and birth defects in Vietnam.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
- b) Only 2 is correct
- c) Both are correct
- d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

47. Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.
2. UN Women became operational in January 2010. UN Women is a member of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG).
3. Former Argentine President Nestor Kirchner is the inaugural Executive Director and Under Secretary General to head UN Women.

Code:

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

48. The Silk Road Initiative (SRI) aims to build a common future based on traditional links. It centres on capacity-building efforts for regional integration in the silk road area.

Which of the following statements is/are NOT correct in this regard?

1. The initiative is executed under a regional UNDP programme in cooperation with UNCTAD and IMF.
2. The SRI cover five countries; China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, and targets three main areas: trade, investment and tourism.
3. Historically the silk road is the most well-known trading route of ancient Chinese civilization.
4. India and Pakistan have both rejected the SRI.

Code:

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

49. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. In 2011 China put into orbit Pakistan's first communications satellite PAKSAT-1R from a centre in Western Sichuan province, marking a deepening in technological cooperation with the Pakistan.
2. Japan has launched its own global navigation system, called COMPASS or Beidou, which will function similar to the America-developed Global Positioning System.
3. Recently the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has approved the Type-66 agreement for the two nuclear reactors of China.

Code:

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

50. Match List-I (*Books*) with List-II (*Authors*) and give answer using the code given below:

List-I	List-II
A. The Makers of Modern India	1. George W. Bush
B. River of Smoke	2. Raghuraman Rajan
C. Decision Point	3. Ramchandra Guha
D. Fault Lines	4. Amitav Ghosh

Code:

- | | A | B | C | D |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| a) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| b) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| c) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| d) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |

51. Match List-I with List-II and give answer using the code given below:

<i>List-I</i>	<i>List-II</i>
A. Rahim Fahimuddin Dagar	1. Carnatic Musician
B. Ustan Azizuddin	2. Dhrupad Music
C. Ustad Sultan Khan	3. Khayal Music
D. T.K. Govinda Rao	4. Sarangi Player

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	4	2	3	1
b)	3	2	4	1
c)	2	3	4	1
d)	1	4	3	2

52. Consider the following statements:

1. The Arab League is a regional organisation of Arab states in North and Northeast Africa, and Middle East. It was formed in Cairo in 1945 with six members.
2. In 2011, the Arab League suspended Syria until President Omar al-Bashir implements an Arab deal to end violence against protestors.
3. At present the Arab League has 22 members (including one, Syria, whose participation was suspended in November 2011)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

53. Match List-I (*Padma Vibhushan Awardees*) with List-II (*Field*) and give answer using the code given below:

<i>List-I</i>	<i>List-II</i>
A. K.G. Subramanyan	1. Orthopedic
B. K.H. Sancheti	2. Painting & Sculpture
C. Mario de Miranda	3. Civil Service
D. T.V. Rajeswar	4. Cartoonist

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	1	2	3	4
b)	1	2	4	3
c)	2	1	3	4
d)	2	1	4	3

54. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Mekong is a river that runs through China, Burma, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.
2. In 1995 Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam established the Mekong river Commission (MRC) to assist in the management and coordinated use of the Mekong's resources.
3. In 2011, China began deploying a more than 200 strong police force to patrol the Mekong river as part of a new joint initiative with Thailand, Myanmar and Laos to boost regional security following attacks on its ships.

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

55. Which of the following country released stamps in 2011 in commemoration of the arrival of the first indentured Indian labourers?

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| a) Fiji | b) Australia |
| c) New Zealand | d) South Africa |

56. Match List-I (*Committees*) with List-II (*Persons heading these committee*) and give answer using the code given below:

List-I

- A. De-regulation of the sugar sector
- B. Air-India-Indian Airlines Merger
- C. Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel
- D. Priority sector lending

List-II

1. Madhav Gadgil
2. M.V. Nair
3. C. Rangarajan
4. D.M. Dharmadhikari

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	3	4	1	2
b)	3	4	2	1
c)	1	2	3	4
d)	2	1	3	4

57. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the Rio Summit was a major UN conference held in Rio de Janerio in 2001.
2. An important achievement of the conference was an agreement on the climate change convention which in turn led to the Kyoto protocol.

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| a) Only 1 | b) Only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) None |

58. The Falkland Islands are an archipelago in the South Atlantic Ocean. This island have been a source of tension between two countries. Which of the following are those two countries?

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| 1. Brazil | 2. Argentina |
| 3. US | 4. UK |

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| a) 2 and 3 | b) 1 and 2 |
| c) 2 and 4 | d) 1 and 4 |

59. India in 2011 declared itself free from certain diseases. Which are they?

1. Measles
2. Polio

3. Bird-flu
4. Foot and Mouth disease

Code:

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| a) 1 and 2 | b) 2 and 3 |
| c) 3 and 4 | d) 1 and 4 |

60. Which of the following Indian state has declared that the year 2012 would be celebrated as the 'Year of Youth Power', to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda?

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| a) Gujarat | b) West Bengal |
| c) Odisha | d) Rajasthan |

61. Match the following List-I with List-II and answer as per the code given below:

List-I

- A. M. Rafeeqe Ahmad
- B. M.C. Joshi
- C. Rohit Nandan
- D. Subir Gokarn

List-II

1. Deputy Governor, RBI
2. CMD, Air India
3. Chairman, CBDT
4. President, FIEO

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	4	3	2	1
b)	4	3	1	2
c)	1	2	3	4
d)	2	1	3	4

62. National Security Guard (NSG) has four regional hubs in the country. Choose the correct answer from the code given below:

1. New Delhi
2. Kolkata
3. Mumbai
4. Chennai
5. Hyderabad

Code:

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

63. Which among the following statements are correct regarding the “State of Forest Report 2011.

1. State of forest report is biennial report released by Forest Institute of India.
2. The forest cover of country decreased in respect to 2009 report by 367 Sq. Kms.
3. Mangrove Cover has increased by 23.34 Sq. Km. in respect to 2009 report.
4. Mizoram tops in terms of percentage of forest cover in relation to geographical area

Code:

- a) 2, 3 and 4 b) 1, 2 and 4
c) Only 2 and 4 d) All the above

64. Which of the following is/are not a World Heritage Site?

1. Keoladeo National Park
2. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary
3. Sunderbans National Park
4. Valley of Flowers National Park

Code:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 b) 2, 3 and 4
c) All the above d) None of the above

65. Consider the following statements:

1. The draft of Food Security bill is prepared by the Aruna Roy who headed Working Group which recommended independent grievance redress officers at the district level.
2. At the Centre and in the States, there will be appellate authorities, the National and State Commission – and in case, there is a grievance that cannot be sorted out at the State-level, it will come to the National Commission.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

66. The CAG has been appointed as external auditor of two major UN organizations. Which of the following is correct?

1. International Monetary Fund (IMF).
2. World Trade Organisation (WTO)
3. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
4. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Code:

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

67. Consider the following statements:

1. ISO 50001:2011 The ISO standard on energy management system, is a framework which draws the attention of organizations towards enhancing their existing energy efficiency. It takes into account the parameters of energy consumption and energy efficiency of the organisation.
2. The Hyderabad International Airport has been certified for ISO 5001:2011 energy management system, becoming the first airport operator to receive this certification.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

68. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. According to “Slums in India” published by the Union government every 8th child in India in the age-group of 0-6 years stays in slums. The report is compiled by the National Buildings Organisation (NBO) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation.

2. More than 20 per cent of Delhi's children are in slums, which have the highest proportion of slum child population.
3. According to the data, U.P. has the highest slum child population

Code:

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

69. Consider the following statements-

1. Large Hadron Collider (LHC), has found Chi-b(3P), heavier variant of a sub-atomic particle first discovered a quarter-century ago.
2. It comprises of two relatively heavy particles, the beauty quark and its anti-quark.

Code:

- b) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

70. Consider the following statements:

1. Aakash is world's cheapest tablet PC, produced by Datawind.
2. It runs on Android 2.2 operating software.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

71. Consider the following statements:

1. A new gene, called Meg-1 has discovered in maize plant by scientists from the University of Warwick and Oxford University.
2. The gene could increase the crop yields by regulating the transfer of nutrients from the plant to the seed.

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

72. Which one of the following statements is/are NOT correct?

1. "SAVE" project, a conservation effort has been launched to save vultures.
2. Concept of Green House Gases was postulated by Joseph Fourier.
3. Water pollution in a river is determined by measuring the dissolved amount of Nitrogen.
4. Yellow Revolution is related to production of Fish and Aquaculture.

Code:

- a) Only 1 b) 1 and 2
c) 2 and 3 d) 3 and 4

73. Which one of the following statements is not correct about "Shourya" ?

- a) It is a hypersonic missile.
b) It is a surface to air missile.
c) It has a striking range of 750 to 1900 km.
d) It was successfully test fired on September 24, 2011.

74. Match the List-I (*Institute*) with List-II (*Place*) and select the correct answer from the code given below the lists:

List-I

- A. Central Drug Research Institute
B. Central Leprosy Institute
C. Centre for DNA and Finger printing
D. National Brain Research Institute

List-II

1. Manesar
2. Hyderabad
3. Lucknow
4. Agra

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	1	2	3	4
b)	4	2	1	3
c)	3	4	2	1
d)	2	1	4	3

75. Which one of the following statements is not correct about "Polio" ?

- Poliomyelitis is an acute viral infection caused by an RNA virus.
- Government of India decided to implement the strategy of National Immunization days (i.e. Pulse Polio Immunization), from 1995.
- India has been removed from list of Polio-endemic countries by WHO.
- Pakistan, Afganistan and South Africa are still considered as 'endemic' to polio.

76. Match the List -I (*Name of clone*) with List-I (*Animal*) and select the correct answer from the code given below the lists:

List-I

- Noorie
- Garima
- Got
- Injaz

List-II

- Camel
- Bull
- Buffalo
- Pashmina goat

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a)	1	2	3	4
b)	2	1	3	4
c)	4	3	2	1
d)	4	3	1	2

77. Consider the following statements:

- The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) signed a memorandum of understanding with Rosatom Nuclear Energy State Corporation, of France.
- It was signed for cooperation in the activities to be pursued at the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) being set up by the DAE in Haryana.

Code:

- Only 1 is correct
- Only 2 is correct
- Both are correct
- Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

78. Which of the the following statements is/are correct?

- Japan's 'K Computer' is ranked 1 in the TOP500 List of the world's most powerful supercomputers released in November 2011.
- It is Installed at the RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS) in Kobe, Japan.
- 'K Computer' achieved an impressive 10.51 Petaflop/s on the Linpack benchmark using 705,024 SPARC64 processing cores.
- The 'K Computer' is the first supercomputer to achieve a performance level of 10 Petaflop/s, or 10 quadrillion calculations per second.
- Second place has been achieved by the Chinese Tianhe-1A system with 2.57 Petaflop/s performance.

Code:

- 1, 2 and 3
- 2, 4 and 5
- All the above
- None of the above

79. Consider the following statements:

- The world's oldest operating nuclear power station, Oldbury near Bristol was shutdown on 1 March 2012.
- It was opened in 1967 and was based on the Magnox design.

Code:

- Only 1 is correct
- Only 2 is correct
- Both are correct
- Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

80. Which of the following variety of mango was granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag on August 1, 2011.
- 'Gir Kesar' mango
 - Dussheri mango
 - Alphonso mango
 - Benishan mango
81. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding 'Project Darpan'?
- It is a multilingual graphical interface (UI) initiative.
 - It has been launched by Intel along with Chennai based with GoDB Tech.
 - The local language effort of Darpan will provide menus/commands of Darpan application in 6 languages English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil and Telugu.
 - It will provide graphical access to the internet and provide consumers with the comfort of accessing relevant Indian content in a simple manner.
- Code:**
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 1, 2 and 4
 - All the above
 - None of the above
82. India's first Solar Crematorium has been commissioned at
- Vadodara, Gujarat
 - Nasik, Maharashtra
 - Karnal, Haryana
 - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
83. Which year has been declared by United Nations as the year of Sustainable Energy for All?
- 2011
 - 2012
 - 2010
 - 2013
84. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- "Swabhiman" was launched on February 10, 2010
 - "Swabhiman" targets to provide insurance cover to all BPL households in the country.
- Code:**
- Only 1
 - Only 2
 - Both 1 and 2
 - None of these
85. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
- World Economic Outlook is published by the World Bank about expected growth rates of economies and the global economy
 - According to the latest World Economic Outlook, the world economy is expected to grow at a slower rate in 2012 as compared to 2011.
- Code:**
- Only 1
 - Only 2
 - Only 1 and 2
 - None of these
86. Consider the following statements regarding "Thirty Metre Telescope":
- Thirty Metre Telescope, in Hawaii, will be world's largest and most advanced telescope with nine times the collecting area of the current largest optical/infrared telescopes
 - It will provide high-sensitivity spatial resolution more than 12 times sharper than Hubble Space Telescope.
 - It will help in understanding the physical processes that lead to star and planet formation and to characterize the properties of extra-solar planets.
 - It is spearheaded by the California Institute of Technology and have international partners like Canada, Japan and China.
 - India has joined the TMT project as an observer.
- Code:**
- 1, 2 and 4
 - 2, 4 and 5
 - All the above
 - None of the above

87. What is the correct chronological order of various indices used by UNDP's Human Development Report?
- HDI, GEM, MPI
 - HDI, MPI, GDI
 - HDI, MPI, GEM
 - GDI, HDI, MPI
88. Consider the following statements regarding the first person to try to cross the vast wasteland of Antarctica back in 1912, about 100 years ago:
- Captain Scott and his team of British explorers were the first ever to reach the South Pole, unfortunately the whole team perished in their return journey.
 - Maitri is India's new and third research station in Antarctica's Larsemann Hills region.
- Which of the statements above is/are correct?
- Only 1
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Only 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2
89. What is the correct decreasing order of states on the basis of death rate in 2010?
- Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh
 - Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha
 - Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
 - Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha
90. Which of the following is correct about exports of agriculture and allied products during 2010-11?
- Share of cereals has been more than 1 percent of total exports during the year
 - Export value of marine products is more than the export value of cereals during the year
 - Share of agriculture and allied products is about 10 percent of the total exports during the year
- Code:**
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 3
 - 2 and 3
 - All the above
91. Consider the following statements about trends in agriculture during 2000-01 to 2010-11.
- During the period, area under coarse grains declined but production increase by about 3 percent per year.
 - During the period, growth rate in production was highest in oilseeds
 - Production growth rate of foodgrains was above 2 percent during the decade despite shrinking of land under foodgrain cultivation
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- Only 1 and 2
 - Only 2 and 3
 - Only 1 and 3
 - All of these
92. Which of the following states has the maximum percentage of agricultural land as rainfed?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Bihar
 - Maharashtra
 - Gujrat
93. The RBI reduced CRR from 6.0 percent to 4.75 percent in two steps during 2010-11. The target was-
- To increase liquidity with the banks
 - To control inflation
 - Both (a) and (b)
 - None of the above
94. The share of BRICS countries combined in world GDP on PPP basis is:
- Less than 20 percent
 - Between 20 and 30 percent
 - Between 30 and 35 percent
 - Between 35 and 40 percent
95. Consider the following statements regarding 'Strait of Hormuz', one of the world's most strategically important choke points:
- It is a narrow strait between the Arabian Sea in the southeast and Gulf of Oman in the northwest.
 - Around 20% of the world's oil, which is about 35% of seaborne traded oil, passes through the strait.

3. Recently Iranian vice president threatened to cut off oil supply from the Strait of Hormuz should economic sanctions limit, or cut off, Iranian oil exports.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

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

96. Which of the following is correct with respect to proposed National Waterway – 6 (NW-6)?

- a) It lies on Kaladan river and it will lend connectivity between North East India and Myanmar
b) It lies on Barak river and it will lend connectivity between North East India and Bangladesh
c) It lies on Brahmaputra river and it will lend connectivity between North East India and China
d) It lies on Dhaleshwari river and it will lend connectivity between North East India and Bangladesh

97. In a recent ruling, Posco's mega steel project in Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa was suspended till the environment ministry reviews it afresh. With reference to this ruling consider the following statements:

1. 'National Green Tribunal' is adjudicating this matter since POSCO got the clearance from the environment ministry last year.
2. POSCO failed to submit the EIA report for the full project as mandated by the MoU signed with Odisha government

Which of the statements given above is/are correct:

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

98. Consider the following statements about Delhi Jal Board's Keshopur Sewage Treatment Plant(STP):

1. It is a pilot project which is the first of its kind in India, involving a MoU signed between Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Swedish government .

2. The plant will convert sewage fumes to compressed biogas that would be fully compatible with Delhi's grid of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to help run DTC buses.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

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

99. Rajasthan government has recently decided to adopt which of the following step to reduce the deficit of electric companies for providing electricity connections in remote desert areas like Barmer and Jaisalmer?

- a) Offering subsidy support to cash starved electric companies
b) Providing electricity to such regions through solar power plants
c) Allowing the electric companies to charge higher rates for such connections
d) Selective electrification of these regions based on their cost effectiveness

100. Consider the following statements:

1. In March 2012 the Government of India inked three loan agreements worth \$826 million with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to shore up the country's power transmission systems for efficient transfer of electricity from surplus regions to deficit regions.
2. The present Chairman and Managing Director of Rural Electrical Corporation (REC) is Rajiv Sharma

Code:

- a) Only 1 is correct
b) Only 2 is correct
c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct