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1. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I				List-II			
A.	Labour's Day	1.	May 31st				
B.	Anti-Tobacco Day	2.	May 2nd				
C.	Mother's Day	3.	May 1st				
D.	National Girl Child	4.	Jan 24th				

Codes:

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

2. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I				List-II			
(Folk Dance)				(State)			
A.	Bidesia	1.	Jharkhand				
B.	Lajri	2.	Uttarakhand				
C.	Dangri	3.	Himachal Pradesh				
D.	Tamasha	4.	Maharashtra				

Codes:

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

3. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I				List-II			
A.	Khadakvasla	1.	Victorial Memorial				
B.	Konark	2.	Ambabai				
C.	Kolhapur	3.	Sun Temple				
D.	Kolkata	4.	National Defence Academy				

Codes:

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

4. Consider the following statements :

- Lord Clive was the first Governor of Bengal.
- G.V. Mavlankar was the first speaker of Lok Sabha.
- Dr. Zakir Hussain was the first Muslim President of Indian Republic.
- Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian Cosmonaut.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I		List-II	
A.	The largest lake	1.	Jammu and Kashmir
B.	The largest delta	2.	Sunderbans (Kolkata)
C.	The largest planetarium	3.	Birla Planetarium (Kolkata)
D.	The highest airport	4.	Leh (Ladakh)

Codes:

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

6. Consider the following statements :

- Panchatantra was written by Pt. Vishnu Sharma.
- Buddha charitam was written by Ashwaghosh.
- Prem Vatika was written by Raskhan.
- Arthashastra was written by Kautilya.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Bandipur National Park	1. Mysore, Karnataka
B. Dachigam Sanctuary	2. Jammu and Kashmir
C. Ghana Bird Sanctuary	3. Bharatpur, Rajasthan
D. Periyar	4. Idukki, Kerala

Codes:

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

8. Consider the following statements :

1. Nagarjuna Sagar Project located on river Krishna.
2. Kakrapar Project located on river Tapi.
3. Banasagar project located on river Sone.
4. Dul Hasti project located on river Chenab.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Brihadeeshwara temple	1. Tanjore
B. Dilwara temple	2. Mt. Abu
C. Nataraja temple	3. Chennai
D. Golden temple	4. Amritsar

Codes:

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

10. Consider the following statements :

1. Largest port of India is Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai.
2. Kandla in Gujarat is a tidal port.
3. The largest natural port is in Vishakapatnam.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Pichavaram	1. Odisha
B. Krishna estuary	2. Maharashtra
C. Ratnagiri	3. Andhra Pradesh
D. Bhitarkanika	4. Tamil Nadu

Codes:

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

12. Consider the following statements :

1. Kapilvastu related to Lord Buddha.
2. Kedarnath the temple of Lord Kedar.
3. Khajuraho, famous for its temples and erotic sculpture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. Which among the following famous dancers is an exponent of the Odissi dance style?

1. Sonal Man Singh
2. Sanjukta Panigrahi
3. Yamini Krishnamurthy
4. Madhavi Mudgal

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

14. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Birds sanctuary)	List-II (State)
A. Keoladeo	1. Rajasthan
B. Point Calimere	2. Tamil Nadu
C. Ratan Mahal	3. Gujarat
D. Ghat Prabha	4. Karnataka
E. Astamudi	5. Kerala

Codes:

A	B	C	D	E	
(a)	1	2	3	4	5
(b)	4	5	1	2	3
(c)	3	4	5	1	2
(d)	5	4	3	2	1

15. Consider the following statements :
1. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway started in 1881 is the oldest.
 2. Kalka Shimla Railway covers the longest distance among the three trains.
 3. Nilgiri mountain covers the shortest distance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Tejas	1. Air-to-air missile
B. Arjun	2. Ship-based missile
C. Dhanus	3. Main battle tank
D. Astra	4. Light combat aircraft

Codes:

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

17. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. National Institute of Immunology	1. Pune
B. National centre for cell Science	2. Manesar
C. Centre for DNA finger Printing and diagnostics	3. Hyderabad
D. National Brain Research Centre	4. New Delhi

Codes:

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

18. Consider the following statements :
1. World Peace Day is observed on 6th August
 2. World Literacy Day is observed on 8th September.

3. Worldwide Wildlife Day is observed on 6th Oct.

4. World Heart Day is observed on 29th Sept.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

19. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I	List-II
A. National Youth Day	1. 12th January
B. Kargil Memorial Day	2. 26th July
C. Indian Air Force Day	3. 8th October
D. National Sports Day	4. 29th August

Codes:

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

20. Consider the following statements :

1. Ajanta Caves included in UNESCO's list in 1983.
2. Elephanta Caves of Mumbai founded by Rashtrakutas.
3. Buddhists were founder of Ellora caves.
4. Jantar Mantar was founded by Sawai Jay Singh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

21. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I (Nickname)	List-II (Person)
A. Grand Old Man of India	1. Dadabhai Naoroji
B. Tota-e-Hind	2. Amir Khushro
C. Shakespeare of India	3. Kalidas
D. Nightingale of India	4. Sarojini Naidu

Codes:

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

22. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I (Crematorium)	List-II (Persons)
A. Raj Ghat	1. Mahatma Gandhi
B. Veer Bhumi	2. Rajiv Gandhi
C. Shakti Sthal	3. Indira Gandhi
D. Shanti Van	4. J.L. Nehru

Codes:

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

23. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Places)	List-II (Persons)
A. Anand Bhawan	1. J.L. Nehru
B. Sabarmati	2. Mahatma Gandhi
C. Kushi Nagar	3. Gautam Buddha
D. Kundgram	4. Mahavir

Codes:

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

24. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I	List-II
A. Central Rice Research Institute	1. Cuttack
B. National Dairy Research Institute	2. Karnal
C. National Institute of Oceanography	3. Panaji
D. National Aeronautical Laboratory	4. Bangalore

Codes:

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

25. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I (Ports)	List-II (Rivers/ Ocean)
A. Kandla	1. Arabian Sea
B. Paradip	2. Bay of Bengal
C. New Tuticorin	3. Bay of Bengal
D. Kolkata	4. Hoogly River

Codes:

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

26. Match list-I with list-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Scientists)	List-II (Country)
A. Archimedes	1. Britain
B. Graham Bell	2. Germany
C. Nicolos Copernicus	3. Greece
D. Albert Einstein	4. USA
	5. Poland

Codes :

A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
(a) 3	1	5	2	(b) 3	2	4	5
(c) 4	5	2	1	(d) 4	3	5	2

27. Consider the following statements :

1. Zubin Mehta is a renowned musician.
2. Orhan Pamuk is an environmentalist.
3. Robert Zoellick is a novelist.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

28. Match list-I with list-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Person)	List-II (Company)
A. Steve Jobs	1. Google
B. Sheryl Sandberg	2. Apple
C. Larry Page	3. Yahoo
D. Marissa Mayer	4. Facebook

Codes:

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

29. Consider the following statements :
1. In Custody is written by Anita Desai.
 2. Sea of Poppies is written by Amitav Ghosh.
 3. The Argumentative Indian is written by Amartya Sen.
 4. Unaccustomed Earth is written by Jhumpa Lahiri.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above

30. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below :

List-I (Books)	List-II (Author)
A. Moon and Sixpence	1. Salman Rushdie
B. The Moor's Last Sigh	2. Ved Mehta
C. Portrait of India	3. Sidney Sheldon
D. Rage of Angels	4. Somerset Maugham

Codes:

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

31. Consider the following statements :
1. 'The Struggle is My Life' is written by Nelson Mandela
 2. 'The Struggle and the Triumph' is written by Lech Walesa.
 3. 'Friends and Foes' is written by Mujibur Rehman.
 4. 'Rebirth' is written by Leonid Brezhnev.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above

32. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Books)	List-II (Author)
A. Freedom From Fear	1. Aung San Suu Kyi
B. Decision Points	2. George W. Bush
C. The Illusion of Destiny	3. Amartya Sen
D. The Brief History of Time	4. Stephen Hawking

Codes:

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

33. Consider the following statements :

1. 'Rahul Dravid : Timeless Steel' is written by Greg Chappell.
2. 'An Ashes Summer' is written by V. Krishnaswamy.
3. 'Sachin: A Hundred Hundreds Now' is written by Steve Waugh and Naseer Hussain.
4. 'Opening up: My Autobiography' is written by Mike Artherton.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only (d) All of the above

34. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Death Valley	1. Arizona
B. Edward's Plateau	2. California
C. Sonoran Desert	3. Florida
D. The Everglades	4. Texas

Codes:

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

35. Consider the following statements :

1. India banned imports of milk and milk products from China.
2. Melamine was detected in milk.
3. China is the largest producer of milk in the world.
4. The ban was under the control of the ministry of commerce and industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

36. Consider the following statements :
1. Mauritius is the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India.
 2. India has signed a nuclear deal with Kazakhstan, Argentina, Namibia, Mongolia and France.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of these

37. Consider the following statements :

1. A conventional warhead contains high energy explosives.
2. Strategic warhead, radioactive materials are present, they exhibit huge radioactivity that can wipe out even cities.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of these

38. Consider the following statements :

1. Better Life Index is given by OECD.
2. The Happy Planet Index is launched by New Economics Foundation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

39. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Organisation)	List-II (Reports)
A. World Bank	1. Doing Business Index
B. Yale and WB	2. Better Life Index
C. OECD	3. Environmental Performance Index
D. UN	4. Global HDI

Codes:

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

40. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Organisation)	List-II (Reports)
A. WEF	1. Trade and Development Report
B. UNCTAD	2. The Global Competitiveness Report.
C. Charities Aid Foundation	3. World Giving Index
D. RICS, India	4. Sustainable competitiveness report.

Codes :

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

41. Consider the following statements :

1. The Global Integrity Report is an essential guide to anti-corruption institutions and mechanisms around the world.
2. The report is presented by local researchers, journalists and academics using double-blind peer review process.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

42. Consider the following statements :

1. The EU is the world's largest economy.
2. The EU has its own flag, anthem and currency.
3. The EU's combined armed forces are the second largest in the world.
4. The EU has its own constitution.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

43. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I (Parliament)	List-II (Country)
A. Knesset	1. Israel
B. Diet	2. Japan
C. Majlis	3. Iran
D. Shura	4. Afghanistan

Codes :

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

1. North Atlantic Co-operation Council (NACC) is the name of the new organization which has replaced the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
2. The United States of America and the United Kingdom became the members of the NATO when it was formed in the year 1949.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Consider the following statements :

1. East Asia Summit (EAS) is formed in 2005 with ASEAN in a leadership position.
2. The first EAS summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

46. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Agencies)	List-II (Headquarters)
A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	1. Nairobi
B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	2. Vienna
C. United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNID)	3. Berne
D. Universal Postal Union (UPU)	4. New York

Codes :

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

47. Consider the following statements :

1. India is a member of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.
2. Russia is a member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

correct?

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

48. Consider the following statements :

1. Asia Development Bank is located in Tokyo.
2. Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation is located in Singapore.
3. ASEAN is located in Bangkok.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

49. Consider the following statements :

1. The headquarters of UNESCO is located in Geneva.
2. The headquarters of IMF is located in Paris.
3. The headquarters of ILO is located in Washington.
4. The headquarters of UNIDO is located in Vienna.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 4 only (d) All of the above

50. Consider the following statements regarding IAEA;

1. The IAEA has its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.
2. IAEA encourages the development of the peaceful applications of nuclear technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. Consider the following statements :

1. Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is an inter-governmental organisation of twelve oil producing countries.
2. Ecuador and Venezuela are the members of the OPEC outside the Arab countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

52. Consider the following statements :
1. International Labour Organisation is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
 2. International Labour Organisation is one of the oldest specialised agencies of the United Nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
53. Consider the following statements about NATO?
1. It is 28 members organization.
 2. It was founded in 1949.
 3. Iceland is one of the original members of NATO.
 4. The Head quarters of NATO is in New York.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 4 (b) 3 and 4
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) All of the above
54. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. 4th November	1. World Citizen Day
B. 10th December	2. International Human Rights Day
C. 26th November	3. National Law Day
D. 5th October	4. World Teacher's Day

Codes:

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

55. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. 8 th September	1. World Literacy Day
B. 21 st September	2. World Peace Day
C. 6 th March	3. World Wide Wildlife Day
D. 29 th September	4. World Heart Day

Codes :

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

56. Consider the following statments :
1. International Women's Day observed on 8th March.
 2. World AIDS Day observed on 1st December.
 3. World Forest day observed on 21st March.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) All of the above
57. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I (Tribes)	List-II (Country)
A. Eskimo	1. Canada
B. Khirgir	2. Central Asia
C. Masai	3. Tanzania
D. Maori	4. New Zealand

Codes:

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

58. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List-I	List-II
A. Baalaika	1. Russia
B. Cabaca	2. Latin America
C. Hityokin	3. Japan
D. Sitar	4. India

Codes:

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

59. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

List-I (Detective Agency)	List-II (Country)
A. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	1. USA
B. MOSSAD	2. Israel
C. KGB/G.R.U	3. Russia
D. Naicho	4. Japan

Codes :

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

60. Consider the following facts about Education Development Index:

1. This index has been developed by National University of Educational Planning and Development.
2. EDI comprises of four components - Access, infrastructure, teachers and outcomes.

The correct code is

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

61. Which government body promotes measures for care and protection of persons with disability in the event of death of their parents or guardians?
- Child Welfare Committee
 - Central Social Welfare Board
 - National Trust
 - National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation
62. Determinant of population growth is-
- Family
 - Marriage
 - Economy
 - Fertility

Codes:

- 1 and 2
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 and 4
 - 4 only
63. Match List - I with List-II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below.

List - I
(Commission/
Committee)

- Sachar Committee
- Srikrishna Commission
- Ranganath Misra
- Nanavati Commission

List - II
(Mandate)

- Anti-Sikh Riots, 1984
- Socio-economic and educational conditions of Muslims in India
- Bombay Communal Riots, 1992
- Linguistic and religious minorities in India

Codes:

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

64. Which of the following are UNESCO recognized world heritage sites?
- Caves of Ajanta
 - Temple and Caves at Ellora
 - Mandapas of Mahabalipuram
 - Caves of Kanheri

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

Codes:

- 1 and 4 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 1, 3 and 4
 - 2, 3 and 4
65. Which of the following are true of Matrilineal societies?
- Newly married couple stays with the woman's parents.
 - As per the rules of inheritance, the property passes from mother to daughter.
 - Women play a dominant role in the family.
 - Examples of matrilineal societies are those of the Khasi and Jaintia tribes of Meghalaya.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

Codes:

- 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 2 and 4 only
 - 1, 2 and 4 only
66. Consider the following statements about the Palestine-
- UNO General Assembly Voted to upgrade the status of the Palestine to that of a 'Non-member observer State'.
 - Now Palestine is a sovereign state.
 - Palestinian Authority is eligible for membership of several U.N. agencies.
 - Palestinian Authority is still not eligible to sign Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
- 1 and 2
 - 1, 2 and 3
 - 2, 3 and 4
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
67. Which of the following statements about India-China relations is/are correct?

- 'Look East Policy' is a vital part of the relationship.
- There is an active defence exchange programme.
- Institutional mechanism to share international waters is in place.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

Codes:

- 1, 2 and 3
- 1 and 2 only
- 1 only
- 2 and 3 only

68. Consider the following statements about the UNO:

1. The creation of the UNO was a reflection of the ongoing quest for international peace during the Second World War.
2. The Charter of the UN explicitly mentions two vital objectives of the organisation: (i) the quest for international peace and (ii) all round welfare of the people of the world.
3. The UN has resolved all the major global disputes including the Palestine dispute.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

69. Arrange the following Acts in order in which they were enacted? Use the codes given below:

1. Child Marriage Restraint Act.
2. Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act.
3. Hindu Marriage Act.
4. Dowry Prohibition Act.

Codes :

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

70. Match the following

List-I (Event)	List-II (Date of Observance)
A. World Consumer Day	1. October 24th
B. International Literacy Day	2. September 8th
C. World Mental Health Day	3. October 10th
D. UN Day	4. March 15th

Codes :

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

71. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A) : In spite of best efforts Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan failed to achieve desirable literacy rate.

Reason (R) : Results can be achieved without political will.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Codes :

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are correct.
(b) Both (A) and (R) are not correct.
(c) (A) is correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
(d) (A) is correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

72. Consider the following statements

1. Mascot of Census 2011 is the Female Enumerator.
2. After Census 2011 India became 5th most populous country in the World.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

73. Consider the following statements

When a man circles round the earth in a satellite, then

- (a) His mass becomes zero but weight remains constant
(b) Mass remains constant but weight becomes zero
(c) Both mass and weight remain constant
(d) Both mass and weight remain zero

74. Consider the following statements

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a US \$400 million currency swap agreement with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
2. The currency swap agreement will allow central banks of both nations to make withdrawals of US Dollar or Euro in multiple tranches up to a maximum of USD 400 million or its equivalent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither of the 2

75. Consider the following statements:
1. The Supreme Court (SC) on 24 March 2015 struck down the Section 66A of the Information and Technology Act 2000 calling it unconstitutional and untenable.
 2. SC in its ruling held that Section 66A interferes with freedom of speech and expression envisaged under Article 15 of Constitution of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

76. Consider the following statements:
1. Madhav Gadgil has won the prestigious Tyler Prize 2015.
 2. Madhav Gadgil is a Meteorologist.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

77. Consider the following statements:
1. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is a Central Scheme of government of India launched in 2007.
 2. Its Motto is to increase production and productivity of wheat, rice and pulses on a sustainable basis.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

78. Consider the following statements
Barclays Chairman 'Marcus Agius' was recently compelled to resign for being involved in a scandal which has dealt a devastating blow to the bank's reputation. The scandal is related to:

Select the correct answer

- (a) Insider trading
(b) LIBOR interest rates
(c) Money laundering
(d) Credit Default Swap

79. Consider the following statements
Which of the following places was recently attacked by armed militants from the fundamentalist 'Ansar Dine' group just two days after it was named as an endangered world heritage site by UNESCO?

Select the correct answer

- (a) Baku, Azerbaijan
(b) Zabid, Yemen
(c) Timbuktu, Mali
(d) Bamiyan Valley, Afghanistan

80. Consider the following statements
Which among the following has recently been included by UNESCO in its coveted list of World Heritage Sites?

Select the correct answer

- (a) Silk Route sites in India
(b) Matheran Light Railway Network
(c) Riverine Island of Majuli
(d) Western Ghats

81. Consider the following statements:
1. There are 12 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which have to be met by 2015.
 2. According to the latest United Nations Report, India is likely to miss the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) related to maternal health.

Which among the above Statement(s) is/are correct?

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

1.	(b)	10.	(d)	19.	(a)	28.	(c)	37.	(c)	46.	(b)	55.	(d)	64.	(b)	73.	(b)
2.	(a)	11.	(c)	20.	(d)	29.	(d)	38.	(c)	47.	(d)	56.	(a)	65.	(a)	74.	(c)
3.	(a)	12.	(d)	21.	(a)	30.	(d)	39.	(b)	48.	(b)	57.	(a)	66.	(b)	75.	(a)
4.	(d)	13.	(c)	22.	(a)	31.	(d)	40.	(a)	49.	(c)	58.	(a)	67.	(d)	76.	(a)
5.	(a)	14.	(b)	23.	(a)	32.	(a)	41.	(c)	50.	(c)	59.	(a)	68.	(d)	77.	(c)
6.	(d)	15.	(d)	24.	(a)	33.	(d)	42.	(a)	51.	(c)	60.	(b)	69.	(b)	78.	(b)
7.	(a)	16.	(c)	25.	(a)	34.	(c)	43.	(a)	52.	(c)	61.	(c)	70.	(a)	79.	(c)
8.	(d)	17.	(a)	26.	(a)	35.	(b)	44.	(b)	53.	(c)	62.	(d)	71.	(d)	80.	(d)
9.	(a)	18.	(d)	27.	(a)	36.	(c)	45.	(c)	54.	(d)	63.	(a)	72.	(a)	81.	(b)

Hints & Solutions

1. (b) The correctly matched pairs are :

Labour's Day — 1st May
Anti-Tobacco Day — 31st May
Mother's Day — 2nd May
National Girl Child Day — 24th Jan.

2. (a) The correctly matched pairs are :

Bidesia — Jharkhand
Lajri — Uttarakhand
Dangri — Himachal Pradesh
Tamasha — Maharashtra

These are names of folk stage performances in their respective states.

3. (a) The correctly matched pairs are :

Khadakvasla — National Defence Academy. The National Defence Academy (NDA) is the Joint Services academy of the Indian Armed Forces, where cadets of the three services, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force train together before they go on to pre-commissioning training in their respective service academies. The NDA is located in Khadakvasla near Pune, Maharashtra. It is the first tri-service academy in the world.

Konark — Sun Temple. Konark Sun Temple is a 13th century temple, at Konark, in Odisha, India. It was supposedly built by king Narasimhadeva I of Eastern Ganga Dynasty around 1250.



Kolhapur — Ambabai. The Shri Mahalakshmi Temple of Kolhapur in Maharashtra, India, is one of the Shakti Peethas listed in various puranas of Hinduism. According to these writings, a Shakti Peetha is a place associated with Shakti, the goddess of power.

Kolkata — Victorial Memorial. The Victoria Memorial is a large marble building in Kolkata, West Bengal, India which was built between 1906 and 1921.

4. (d) All the statements given above are correct.

5. (a) The correctly matched pairs are :
Largest lake — Jammu and Kashmir
Largest delta — Sunderbans (Kolkata)
Largest planetarium — Kolkata
Highest airport — Leh (Ladakh)

6. (d) All of these statements given above are correct.

7. (a) The correctly matched pairs are:
Bandipur National Park — Mysore. Bandipur National Park, established in 1974 as a tiger reserve under Project Tiger, is a national park located in the south Indian state of Karnataka. It was once a private hunting reserve for the Maharaja of the Kingdom of Mysore.

Dachigam Sanctuary — Jammu and Kashmir. Dachigam National Park is located 22 kilometers from Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. It covers an area of 141 square kilometers.

Ghana Bird Sanctuary — Bharatpur. The Keoladeo National Park or Keoladeo Ghana National Park formerly known as the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, India is a famous avifauna sanctuary that plays host to thousands of birds especially during the summer season.

Periyar — Idukki, Kerala. Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area in the districts of Idukki and Pathanamthitta in Kerala, south India. It is notable as an elephant reserve and a tiger reserve.

8. (d) All the given statements are correct.
9. (a) Brihadeeshwara temple — Tanjore. The Peruvudaiyar Kovil, also known as Brihadeeswara Temple, Raja Rajeswara Temple and Rajarajeswaram, at Thanjavur in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva.

Dilwara temple — Mt. Abu. The Jain Delwara temples of India are located about 2½ kilometres from Mount Abu, Rajasthan's only hill station. These temples built by Chalukya between the 11th and 13th centuries AD are world famous for their stunning use of marble. The five legendary marble temples of Dilwara are a sacred pilgrimage place of the Jains.

Nataraja temple — Chennai. Thillai Natarajah Temple, Chidambaram or Chidambaram temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva located in the town of Chidambaram, East-Central Tamil Nadu, South India.

Golden temple — Amritsar. The Harmandir Sahib, also Darbar Sahib and informally referred to as the "Golden Temple", is a prominent Sikh Gurdwara located in the city of Amritsar, Punjab, India. It was built by the fifth Sikh guru, Guru Arjan, in the 16th Century.

10. (d) All the above statements are correct.
11. (c) Pichavaram — Tamil Nadu
Krishna estuary — Andhra Pradesh
Ratnagiri — Maharashtra
Bhitarkanika — Odisha
12. (d) All the above statements are correct.
13. (c) The famous exponents of Odissi dance style are Sonal Man Singh, Sanjukta Panigrahi and Madhavi Mudgal.
14. (b) Keoladeo — Rajasthan. The Keoladeo National Park or Keoladeo Ghana National Park formerly known as the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, India is a famous avifauna sanctuary that plays host to thousands of birds especially during the summer season.

Point Calimere — Kerala. Point Calimere, also called Cape Calimere, is a low headland on the Coromandel Coast, in the Nagapattinam district of the state of Tamil Nadu, India. It is the apex of the Cauvery River delta, and marks a nearly right-angle turn in the coastline.

Ratan Mahal — Gujarat. This sanctuary harbours maximum population of sloth bears in the entire state, which is the star attraction in the wilds of Ratanmahals.

Ghat Prabha — Karnataka. Ghataprabha River originates in the Western Ghats at an altitude of 884 meters and flows eastward for a distance of 283 kilometers before its confluence with the Krishna River at Almatti. The river basin is 8,829 square kilometers wide and stretches across Karnataka and Maharashtra states.

Astamudi — Kerala. Ashtamudi Lake in the Kollam District of Kerala, India, is the second largest and deepest wetland ecosystem, a palm-shaped large water body, next only to the Vembanad estuary ecosystem of the state.

16. (c) Tejas — Light combat aircraft. The HAL Tejas is a 4+ generation, multirole light fighter developed by India. It is a tailless, compound delta-wing design powered by a single engine.

Arjun — Main battle tank. The Arjun is a third generation main battle tank developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), for the Indian Army. The Arjun features a 120 mm main rifled gun with indigenously developed APFSDS ammunition, one 7.62 mm coaxial machine gun, and a 12.7 mm machine gun.

Dhanush — Ship based missile. Dhanush is a variant of the surface-to-surface/ship-to-ship Prithvi II missile, which has been developed for the Indian Navy. It is capable of carrying both conventional as well as nuclear warheads with payload capacity of 500 kg and can strike targets in the range of 350 km.

Astra — Air-to-air missile. Astra is an active radar homing beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), India. Astra is designed to be capable of engaging targets at varying ranges and altitudes allowing for engagement of both short-range targets (up to 20 km) and long-range targets (up to 80 km) using alternative propulsion modes.

17. (a) A. National Institute of Immunology 1. New Delhi
 B. National Centre for Cell Science 2. Pune
 C. Centre for DNA Finger Printing and diagnostics 3. Hyderabad
 D. National Brain Research Centre 4. Manesar
18. (d) All the statements given below are correct.
19. (a) National Youth Day — 12th January
 Kargil Memorial Day — 26th July
 Indian Air Force Day — 8th October
 National Sports Day — 29th August
20. (d) All of the above statements are correct.
21. (a) A. Grand old man of India
 1. Dadabhai Naoroji. Dadabhai Naoroji, known as the Grand Old Man, was a Parsi intellectual, educator, cotton trader, and an early Indian political and social leader.
 B. Tota-e-Hind
 2. Amir Khushro. Ab'ul Hasan Yamin ud-Din Khusrow was a Sufi musician, poet and scholar. He was an iconic figure in the cultural history of the Indian subcontinent.
 C. Shakespeare of India
 3. Kalidas. Kalidas was a Classical Sanskrit writer, widely regarded as the greatest poet and dramatist in the Sanskrit language. His floruit cannot be dated with precision, but most likely falls within the 5th century AD.
 D. Nightingale of India
 4. Sarojini Naidu. Sarojini Naidu, born as Sarojini Chattopadhyay also known by the sobriquet as The Nightingale of India, was a child prodigy, Indian independence activist and poet.
22. (a) Raj Ghat — Mahatama Gandhi
 Veer Bhumi — Rajiv Gandhi
 Shakti Sthal — Indira Gandhi
 Shanti Van — J.L. Nehru
23. (a) Anand Bhawan — J.L.Nehru. The Anand Bhawan is a historic house museum in Allahabad, focusing on the Nehru-Gandhi Family. It was constructed by Motilal Nehru in the 1930s to serve as the residence of the Nehru family when the original mansion Swaraj Bhawan (previously called Anand Bhawan) was transformed into the local headquarters of the Indian National Congress.

Sabarmati — Mahatma Gandhi. Sabarmati Ashram (also known as Gandhi Ashram, Harijan Ashram, or Satyagraha Ashram) is located in the Sabarmati suburb of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on the banks of the River Sabarmati. This was one of the residences of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, generally called Mahatma Gandhi, who lived there for about twelve years along with his wife, Kasturba Gandhi.

Kushi Nagar — Gautam Buddha. Kushinagar, Kusinagar or Kusinara is a town and a Nagar panchayat in Gorakhpur Uttar Pradesh located around NH-28, being 52 km east to Gorakhpur.

Kundgram — Mahavir. Mahavira was Kshatriya of the Jnatri clan and a native of the (Kshatriya) Kundagram, a suburb of the town of Vaishali (near Patna). He was the second son of Siddhartha and Trishala.

24. (a) Central Rice Research Institute — Cuttack
 National Dairy Research Institute — Karnal
 National Institute of Oceanography — Panaji
 National Aeronautical Laboratory — Bangalore
25. (a) Kandla — Arabian Sea
 Paradip — Bay of Bengal
 New Tuticorin — Bay of Bengal
 Kolkata — Hoogly River
26. (a) The correctly matched pairs are :
 Archimedes – Greece
 Graham Bell – Britain
 Nicolas Copernicus – Poland
 Albert Einstein – USA

These are the names of famous scientists who belong to the respective countries.

27. (a) Zubin Mehta is a renowned musician. Zubin Mehta is an Indian Parsi conductor of Western classical music. He is the Music Director for Life of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Main Conductor for Valencia's opera house.
28. (c) The correctly matched pairs are :
 Steve Jobs – Apple. Steven Paul “Steve” Jobs was an American entrepreneur, marketer, and inventor, who was the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Inc.
 Sheryl Sandberg – Facebook. Sheryl Kara Sandberg is an American businesswoman. Till August 2013, she had been the chief operating officer of Facebook.

Larry Page – Google. Lawrence “Larry” Page is an American computer scientist and Internet entrepreneur who is the co-founder of Google, alongside Sergey Brin. On April 4, 2011, Page succeeded Eric Schmidt as the chief executive officer of Google.

Yahoo. Ross Levinsohn is the CEO of Guggenheim Digital Media, overseeing such assets as The Hollywood Reporter, Billboard, Adweek, The Clio Awards and Film Expo Group. Previously, he served as interim CEO of Yahoo! in 2012.

29. (d) All the statements given above are correct in respect of the books and their authors.

30. (d) The correctly matched pairs are :

Moon and Six pence – Somerset Maughan. William Somerset Maughan CH was a British playwright, novelist and short story writer. He was among the most popular writers of his era and reputedly the highest paid author during the 1930s.

The Moor’s Last Sigh – Salman Rushdie. Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie is a British Indian novelist and essayist. His second novel, *Midnight’s Children*, won the Booker Prize in 1981. Much of his fictions are set in the Indian subcontinent.

Portrait of India – Ved Mehta. Ved Parkash Mehta is a writer who was born in Lahore, British India. He lost his sight at the age of four to cerebrosplinal meningitis.

Rage of Angels – Sidney Sheldon. Sidney Sheldon (February 11, 1917 – January 30, 2007) was an American writer. His TV works spanned a 20-year period during which he created *The Patty Duke Show* (1963–66), *I Dream of Jeannie* (1965–70) and *Hart to Hart* (1979–84), but he became most famous after he turned 50 and began writing best-selling novels, such as *Master of the Game* (1982), *The Other Side of Midnight* (1973) and *Rage of Angels* (1980). He is the seventh best selling fiction writer of all time.

All these are names of famous books written by the respective authors.

31. (d) All the statements given above are correct.

32. (a) The correctly matched pairs are :

Freedom from Fear – Aung San Suu Kyi. Aung San Suu Kyi is a Burmese opposition politician and chairperson of the National League for Democracy in Burma. In the 1990 general election, the NLD won 59% of the national votes and 81% of the seats in Parliament.

Decision Points – George W. Bush. George Walker Bush is an American politician and businessman who served as the 43rd President of the United States of America from 2001 to 2009 and the 46th Governor of Texas from 1995 to 2000.

The Illusion of Destiny – Amartya Sen. Amartya Kumar Sen (born 3 November 1933), is an Indian economist and a Nobel laureate. He has made contributions to welfare economics, social choice theory, economic and social justice, economic theories of famines, and indexes of the measure of well-being of citizens of developing countries. He was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998 for his work in welfare economics.

A Brief History of Time – Stephen Hawking. Stephen William Hawking is an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author and Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology in the University of Cambridge.

33. (d) All of the statements given above are correct.

34. (c) Death Valley – California
Edward’s Plateau – Texas
Sonaran Desert – Arizona
The Everglades – Florida

35. (b) The Ministry of Commerce and Industry banned imports of milk from China because Malanine was detected in milk.

39. (b) The correctly matched pairs are :

World Bank – Doing Business Index
Yale and WB – Environmental Performance Index
OECD – Better Life Index
UN – Global HDI

40. (a) WEF – The Global Competitiveness Report
UNCTAD – Trade and Development Report

Charities Aid – World Giving Index

Foundation

RICS, India – Sustainable

Competitiveness Report.

41. (c) Both the statements given above are correct.

42. (a) 1. The EU is the world’s largest economy
2. The EU has its own flag, anthem and currency
3. The EU’s combined armed forces are the second largest in the world.

43. (a) Knesset – Israel
Diet – Japan
Majlis – Iran
Shura – Afghanistan
All these are the names of Parliament of the respective countries.
44. (b) USA and UK became members of NATO in 1949.
46. (b) The correctly matched pairs are :
UNDP – New York
UNEP – Nairobi
UNID – Vienna
UPU – Berne
48. (b) Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation is located in Singapore.
49. (c) The headquarter of UNIDO is located in Vienna.
50. (c) IAEA encourages the development of the peaceful applications of nuclear technology.
51. (c) Both the statements given above are correct.
52. (c) Both the statements given above are correct.
53. (c) All the statements given above are correct.
54. (d) The correctly matched pairs are :
World Citizen Day – 4th December
International Human Rights Day – 10th November
National Law Day – 26th November
World Teacher's Day – 5th October
55. (d) 8th September – World Literacy Day
21st September – World Peace Day
6th March – World Wide Wildlife Day
29th September – World Heart Day
57. (a) Eskimo – Canada
Khirgir – Central Asia
Masai – Tanzania
Maori – New Zealand
All these are names of tribes existing in their respective countries.
58. (a) Ballalaika – Russia
Cebaca – Latin America
Hityokin – Japan
Sitar – India
All these are names of musical instruments played in their respective countries.
59. (a) FBI – USA
MOSSAD – Israel
KGB/GRU – Russia
Naicho – Japan
All these terms are the names of investigative bureaus of the following countries.
71. (d) **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan** (Education for all Movement) is a programme by the Government of India aimed at the universalization of elementary education “in a time bound manner”, as mandated by the 86th amendment to the Constitution of India making free education to children aged 6–14 a fundamental right. The programme was pioneered by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. SSA is being implemented in partnership with State Governments to cover the entire country and address the needs of 192 million children in 1.1 million habitations.
72. (a) After Census 2011 India became second most populous country in the World.
73. (b) Mass remains constant but weight becomes zero
74. (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a US \$400 million currency swap agreement with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The currency swap agreement will allow central banks of both nations to make withdrawals of US Dollar or Euro in multiple tranches up to a maximum of USD 400 million or its equivalent. The agreement will be valid for a period of three years and further economic co-operation between the two countries.
75. (a) Supreme Court held that
- Section 66 A is unconstitutional because it failed two major tests, the clear and present danger test and the tendency to create public disorder test.
 - Language used in this section is vague and nebulous does not properly define words like offensive or even persistent.
 - SC in its ruling held that Section 66A interferes with freedom of speech and expression envisaged under Article 19 of Constitution of India and also hit the root of two cardinal pillars of democracy liberty and freedom of expression.
76. (a) Madhav Gadgil is an Ecologist. Renowned Indian Ecologist Madhav Gadgil has won the prestigious Tyler Prize 2015 for Environmental Achievement. He will share this prize with noted American marine ecologist and environmental scientist Jane Lubchenco.
77. (c) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is a Central Scheme of GOI launched in 2007 for 5 years to increase production and productivity of wheat, rice and pulses on a sustainable basis so as to ensure food security of the country.
81. (b) The United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are 8 goals that UN Member States have agreed to try to achieve by the year 2015.

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