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General Observations:

1. This year's OPSC Prelims paper in comparison to last year's paper was **EASY**.
2. Few question are **INVALID** and Students might have succumbed to the "**NOT CORRECT**" part in the exam.
3. On the surface, **paper appears easier**. Cut-Off will be on the higher side.
4. What will be the **CUT-OFF?**
 - a. Please fill up this form: [Click Here and Submit your Score](#) (More the data, More accurate to predict the Cut-Off)
 - b. Cut-Off will be mailed to you / Will be declared in our [WhatsApp Channel](#)
5. The Answer Key is given as per the **SET-D**.

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Questions & Solutions

1. Match List - I with List - II and select from Code [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List - I (Name):	List - II (Activities):
a. Madhusudan Das	1. Leader of Khurda Rebellion
b. Buxi Jagabandhu	2. Founder of Utkal Sammilani
c. Fakir Mohan Senapati	3. Pioneer of Modern Odia literature
d. Krushna Chandra Gajapati	4. Played key role in Odisha's separate province formation

- A. a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4
 B. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4
 C. a-4, b-2, c-1, d-3
 D. a-1, b-3, c-4, d-2

Correct Answer: B. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4

Explanation:

- Madhusudan Das founded Utkal Sammilani.
- Buxi Jagabandhu led Khurda Rebellion.
- Fakir Mohan Senapati is the pioneer of modern Odia literature.
- Krushna Chandra Gajapati played a key role in Odisha's formation.

2. What does NISAR stand for? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. NASA-ISRO Space and Aeronautics Research
- B. NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar
- C. National Indian Space and Aeronautics Radar
- D. NASA International Satellite for Advanced Research

Correct Answer: B. NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar

Explanation:

NISAR is a joint project between NASA and ISRO aimed at earth observation using a Synthetic Aperture Radar.

3. Consider the contributions and challenges of the Services Sector in India. Which of the above statements are correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

Statements:

1. The Services sector is the largest contributor to India's GDP and has been the primary driver of economic growth in recent decades.
2. Despite its large share in GDP, the services sector's share in total employment is significantly lower than that of agriculture.
3. The growth in services has often been termed jobless growth in the formal sector, leading to a rise in informal sector employment.
4. Digitalization and the rise of the IT/ITES sector have further solidified India's position as a global service hub, but the benefits are not uniformly distributed across the workforce.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation:

All statements correctly describe India's service sector in terms of GDP, employment, jobless growth, and digitalization's impacts.

4. Consider the following statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R), and select the correct option using the codes given below: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

Assertion A: In central and southern Odisha, the Proterozoic era is represented by the Eastern Ghats Granulite Belt, which consists of khondalite, charnockite, migmatite, anorthosite and alkaline rocks.

Reason R: These rock formations are linked to the mineralisation of bauxite, manganese, graphite, and gemstones.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A
- B. Both A and R are true, but R does not correctly explain A
- C. A is true, but R is false
- D. A is false, but R is true

Correct Answer: A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A

Explanation:

The Eastern Ghats Belt's geology is linked to mineralization, so both statements are true and logically connected.

5. Match List - I with List - II and Select the correct answer while using the Code given below [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List - I (Leader):	List - II (Organisation):
a. M. C. Raja	1. All India Depressed Classes League
b. Jagjivan Ram	2. All India Depressed Classes Congress
c. B.R. Ambedkar	3. All India Depressed Classes Association
d. Mahatma Gandhi	4. All India Harijan Sangh

- A. a-3, b-2, c-4, d-1
- B. a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4
- C. a-1, b-3, c-2, d-4
- D. a-4, b-2, c-1, d-3

Correct Answer: B. a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4

Explanation:

- M.C. Raja → *All India Depressed Classes Association* (1925)
- Jagjivan Ram → *All India Depressed Classes League* (1935)
- B.R. Ambedkar → *All India Depressed Classes Congress* (1930)
- M.K. Gandhi → *All India Harijan Sangh* (1932)

6. The Ganjam Plates of Madhav Raja II of the Shailodbhava dynasty provide valuable information about which aspect of early Medieval Odisha's history? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. The genealogy and territorial extent of the Shailodbhava rulers
- B. The maritime trade networks of the Shailodbhavas with Southeast Asia
- C. The construction of the temple Mukteshvara at Bhubaneswar
- D. The diplomatic relations between the Shailodbhavas and the Gupta Empire

Correct Answer: A. The genealogy and territorial extent of the Shailodbhava rulers

Explanation:

The Ganjam Plates are key sources for dynasty genealogy and territory.

7. Which of the following statements about the Asia Cup cricket tournament is NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. The Asia Cup is a cricket tournament played among the Asian group of nations.
2. The Asia Cup is organised by the Asian Cricket Council.
3. The Asia Cup was first held in the year 1984.
4. The first Asia Cup cricket tournament was played in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 3 and 1 only
- D. 4 only

Correct Answer: D. 4 only

Explanation:

The first Asia Cup tournament was played in Sharjah, UAE, not Colombo.

8. Match List I Sub divisions of Himalayas with List - II Characteristics and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List-I:	List-II:
a. Trans-Himalaya	1. Known for hill stations like Shimla, Mussoorie
b. Greater Himalaya	2. Composed of unconsolidated sediments forming foothills
c. Lesser Himalaya	3. Includes Karakoram, Ladakh, Zaskar range
d. Siwaliks	4. Contain Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga

Codes:

- A. 1 4 2 3
- B. 3 2 1 4
- C. 3 2 4 1
- D. 3 4 1 2

Correct Answer: D (3 4 1 2)

Explanation:

- **Trans-Himalaya** → Karakoram, Ladakh, Zaskar ranges
- **Greater Himalaya** → Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga
- **Lesser Himalaya** → Hill stations (Shimla, Mussoorie)
- **Siwaliks** → Unconsolidated foothill sediments

9. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Rajya Sabha? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. It is a permanent body and cannot be dissolved.
2. One-third of its members retire every two years.
3. The Vice President of India is the ex-officio Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha.
4. It can be dissolved by the President during National Emergency.

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: B. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

Rajya Sabha is permanent, with 1/3 retiring every two years, VP as chairperson. It cannot be dissolved even during emergency.

10. Who fought the Battle of Talikota? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Harihara I
- B. Devaraya II
- C. Krishna Deva Raya
- D. Rama Raya

Correct Answer: D. Rama Raya

Explanation: Aliya Rama Raya, the de facto ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire, fought against an alliance of the Deccan Sultanates in the Battle of Talikota..

11. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) functions under [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Cabinet Secretariat
- D. Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

Correct Answer: B. Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation:

The NDMA is under the Ministry of Home Affairs; it does not function under Environment, Cabinet Secretariat or PMO.

12. India's first OECM (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measure) recognition was awarded for which reason? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Ex-situ conservation of orchids
- B. Sacred groves with endemic fauna
- C. Biodiversity management in community forests
- D. Coral reef mapping

Correct Answer: C. Biodiversity management in community forests

Explanation:

OECM recognition is given for significant conservation outcomes outside protected areas, seen in community forest management.

13. Who commissioned the construction of the rock-cut Jain Monasteries on Udayagiri Hills? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Ashoka
- B. Chandra Gupta Maurya
- C. Kharavela
- D. Bindusara

Correct Answer: C. Kharavela

Explanation:

Kharavela, the Kalinga king, is credited with the Udayagiri rock-cut Jain caves constructions.

14. Which of the following statements about Tropical Evergreen Forests in India are NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. They are confined only to the Eastern Ghats of India
2. The trees shed their leaves simultaneously during the dry summer season.
3. They are found in regions receiving rainfall above 200 cm.
4. Ebony, mahogany, and rosewood are common species.

- A. 3 and 4 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1 and 4 only

Correct Answer: B. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

Tropical evergreen forests are not confined to Eastern Ghats and do not shed leaves simultaneously; found in high rainfall regions, with ebony, mahogany, and rosewood as species.

15. What is the Surya Heliophysics Foundation Model? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. A planetary rover
B. An AI model to forecast solar activity
C. An Earth observation satellite
D. A spacecraft

Correct Answer: B. An AI model to forecast solar activity

Explanation:

The Surya Heliophysics Foundation Model is a 366-million-parameter, open-source AI model developed by NASA and IBM to advance the study of solar physics and improve space weather forecasting. Trained on nine years of high-resolution data from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), Surya can predict solar activity, like flares and coronal mass ejections, with greater speed and accuracy than previous methods.

16. Arrange the religious institutions established by Raja Ram Mohan Roy in chronological order [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- a. Unitarian Committee
b. Vedanta College
c. Atmiya Sabha
d. Brahmo Samaj

- A. d, a, b, c
- B. c, a, b, d
- C. b, d, c, a
- D. a, c, b, d

Correct Answer: B. c, a, b, d

Explanation:

Atmiya Sabha (1814-15), Unitarian Committee (1821), Vedanta College (1825), Brahmo Samaj (1828).

17. Consider the following statements concerning India's Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI): [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : B → Which is WRONG because statement 3 is right.]

1. India's MPI uses health, education and standard of living as dimensions, aligning with the global MPI methodology.
2. The MPI is published by NITI Aayog using data primarily from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS).
3. The Global MPI is released annually by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
4. India's MPI includes indicators such as nutrition, school attendance and access to clean cooking fuel, among others.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation:

All statements accurately describe MPI's concept, components, and publishing.

18. The "One Health" approach in public policy refers to [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Integrating traditional and modern health systems
- B. Linking human, animal and environmental health to prevent pandemics
- C. Making public and private hospitals work jointly
- D. Telemedicine expansion to rural areas

Correct Answer: B. Linking human, animal and environmental health to prevent pandemics

Explanation:

“One Health” approach underlines interconnection of human, animal, and environment to control health challenges.

19. Which of the following statements about the Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture (OIIPCRA) is NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. OIIPCRA is jointly funded by the Government of Odisha and the World Bank.
2. The project aims to improve irrigation infrastructure and promote climate-resilient farming practices in selected districts.
3. It primarily focuses on large-scale dam construction to increase irrigation potential in coastal Odisha.
4. The project supports farmer training, capacity building and the introduction of climate-smart agricultural technologies.

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. 3 only
D. 4 only

Correct Answer: C. 3 only

Explanation:

OIIPCRA focuses on small/medium projects and resilience, not large-scale dams.

20. Who is the author of the book “Baidehisha Bilasa”? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Hari Charan Deva
B. Sisu Sankar Das
C. Upendra Bhanja
D. Harihar Kabi

Correct Answer: C. Upendra Bhanja

Explanation:

Upendra Bhanja is the noted author of “Baidehisha Bilasa.”

21. Which of the following statements about Biosphere Reserves in India are NOT correct?
[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Great Nicobar is one of the designated biosphere reserves.
2. Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is spread over Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
3. There are no biosphere reserves in the Himalayan region.
4. Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- A. 3 only
B. 1 and 3 only
C. 1, 2 and 4 only
D. 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer: A. 3 only

Explanation:

Himalayan region includes biosphere reserves. The third statement is incorrect.

22. The Mission Karmayogi launched by the Government of India is aimed at [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Skill development for unemployed youth
B. Capacity building and competency development of civil servants
C. Leadership training for Panchayati Raj officials
D. Military training for disaster response

Correct Answer: B. Capacity building and competency development of civil servants

Explanation:

Mission Karmayogi is for training and upskilling government officials, not youth, panchayat, or military.

23. In India, the Threatened Species Recovery Programme under NBAP targets species that are [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Locally extinct but globally common
B. Keystone species across agro-ecological zones
C. Species with narrow geographic range and declining population
D. Genetically engineered but endangered

Correct Answer: C. Species with narrow geographic range and declining population

Explanation:

Focuses on endangered species with small populations and limited range.

24. Which Mughal Emperor appointed the first separate Subahdar of Odisha, and in which year did Odisha become a separate Subah? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Akbar, 1593
- B. Aurangzeb, 1658
- C. Shahjahan, 1628
- D. Jahangir, 1607

Correct Answer: D. Jahangir, 1607

Explanation:

Odisha became a separate Subah under Jahangir, 1607

25. Match these summits to their host cities [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List I:	List II:
a. G7 2025	1. Kananaskis
b. NATO 2025	2. The Hague
c. SCO 2024	3. Islamabad
d. G20 Summit 2025	4. Johannesburg

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

Correct Answer: A. a-1 b-2 c-3 d-4

Explanation:

G7 in Kananaskis, NATO in The Hague, SCO in Islamabad, G20 in Johannesburg.

26. The El Nino phenomenon is associated with [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Weakening of monsoon in India
- B. Strengthening of monsoon in India
- C. No effect on the monsoon in India
- D. Only winter rains in India

Correct Answer: A. Weakening of monsoon in India

Explanation:

El Nino weakens Indian summer monsoon rainfall.

27. Which country did India defeat in both men's and women's Kho Kho World Cup 2025 finals? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Pakistan

Correct Answer: C. Nepal

Explanation:

India beat Nepal in both the finals to become the inaugural men's and women's kho kho world champions.

28. Match the following [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List I (Authors):	List II (Books):
1. A L Basham	a. India as a secular state
2. Donald E Smith	b. The wonder that was India
3. Rudolph Rudolph	c. Government and politics of India
4. WH Morris Jones	d. In pursuit of Lakshmi

- A. b a d c
- B. a c b d
- C. d b a c
- D. c b a d

Correct Answer: A (b a d c)

Explanation:

- Basham → *The Wonder That Was India*
- Donald E. Smith → *India as a Secular State*
- Rudolph & Rudolph → *In Pursuit of Lakshmi*
- W.H. Morris-Jones → *Government and Politics of India*

29. The 15th Finance Commission recommended a health grant architecture focusing on [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Health cess consolidation into GST
- B. States' debt takeover by Centre
- C. Universal health premium
- D. Urban-rural health infrastructure and primary health care strengthening

Correct Answer: D. Urban–rural health infrastructure and primary health care strengthening

Explanation:

Focus on foundational health infrastructure.

30. The Chola navy was known for its expedition against [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Cambodia and Laos
- B. Vietnam
- C. Indonesia and Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

Correct Answer: C. Indonesia and Sri Lanka

Explanation:

Chola navy carried expeditions to Southeast Asia, notably Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

31. The PM Gati Shakti - National Logistics Policy targets [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Achieving net-zero carbon emissions in urban transport
- B. Integrating Road, rail, port, and airport infrastructure for faster goods movement
- C. Promoting bullet train corridors
- D. Increasing domestic shipbuilding industry

Correct Answer: B. Integrating Road, rail, port, and airport infrastructure for faster goods movement

Explanation:

The policy aims to unify and optimize major logistics infrastructure for faster freight movement in India.

32. What differentiates India's Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS) from the NAPCC? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. It targets only renewable energy
- B. It provides sector-specific deep decarbonization roadmaps
- C. It replaces all earlier missions
- D. It excludes forestry

Correct Answer: B. It provides sector-specific deep decarbonization roadmaps

Explanation:

LT-LEDS details pathways for various sectors, unlike the broader NAPCC approach.

33. Mustard Gas is [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Uranium hexafluoride
- B. Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

- C. 2,2-dichlorodiethylsulfide
D. Diethylsulphoxide

Correct Answer: C. 2,2-dichlorodiethylsulfide

Explanation:

This is the chemical structure for mustard gas, a chemical warfare agent.

34. Read the following statements and choose the correct alternative in respect of settlement geography of the world: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

Statement-1: In humid tropical regions, rural settlements often take the form of compact villages.

Statement-2: Isolated farmsteads are more common in the densely populated rice-growing regions of Asia.

Statement-3: Physical barriers like mountains and deserts can lead to clustered settlements in limited habitable pockets.

Statement-4: Settlement morphology is linked to agricultural systems and land ownership patterns.

- A. Statements 1, 2 and 3 are correct, and Statement 4 is incorrect.
B. Statements 1, 3 and 4 are correct, and Statement 2 is incorrect.
C. Statements 2, 3 and 4 are correct, and Statement 1 is incorrect.
D. Statement 3 is correct, and Statements 1, 2 and 4 are incorrect.

Correct Answer: B. Statements 1, 3 and 4 are correct, and Statement 2 is incorrect.

Explanation:

Isolated farmsteads are rare in densely populated rice regions of Asia; the other statements are true.

35. The basic foundation of global economic governance in the post-second World War was laid by various institutional frameworks. Which of the following combinations is correct?

[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : A.] [Our Understanding is that it should be INVALID, but nonetheless OPSC Interpretation of the question is not entirely WRONG either]

- a. IMF, World Bank, GATT
b. IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank
c. World Bank, GATT, BRICS
d. Asian Development Bank, IMF, IBRD

- A. a and b
B. a, b and c
C. a, c and d
D. a, b, c and d

Explanation:

ADB (1966) is not part of the immediate post-WWII Bretton Woods foundational triad (IMF, IBRD/World Bank, GATT).

36. With respect to inflation in the Indian context, consider the following statements:
[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is the primary metric used by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for monetary policy formulation.
2. Core inflation includes volatile components like food and fuel prices, providing a more stable measure of underlying inflationary pressures.
3. Supply-side factors, such as monsoons affecting agricultural output and global crude oil prices, play a significant role in India's inflation dynamics.
4. Headline inflation refers to the total inflation in an economy, including volatile components such as food and energy prices.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: B. 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

Core inflation excludes volatile food and fuel prices; the other statements are correct.

37. A Committee was constituted to formulate fundamental duties after emergency in 1976. It was headed by which of the following personalities? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. V.C. Shukla
- B. D.K. Barooah
- C. Sardar Swaran Singh
- D. Sanjeeva Reddy

Correct Answer: C. Sardar Swaran Singh

Explanation:

The Swaran Singh Committee recommended Fundamental Duties.

38. Wave-like character of an electron is proved by [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. The ionization of an atom
- B. The flow of electrons in a metal wire
- C. The deflection of an electron beam by electrical plates
- D. The diffraction pattern of electrons scattered from a crystalline solid

Correct Answer: D. The diffraction pattern of electrons scattered from a crystalline solid

Explanation:

Diffraction shows wave nature, proven experimentally for electrons by Davisson-Germer experiment.

39. Match List-I with List II and choose the correct answer from the Code given below [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List - I: Nationalist Women	List - II: Their Activities
a. Sarojini Naidu	1. A leader of the underground movement
b. Usha Mehta	2. Joined Azad Hind Fauz
c. Aruna Asaf Ali	3. Led the Salt Satyagraha in Dharsana
d. Dr. Lakshmi Swaminathan	4. Operated Secret radio during Quit India movement

Codes:

- A. 4 2 1 3
- B. 3 4 1 2
- C. 4 3 2 1
- D. 3 2 4 1

Correct Answer: B. 3 4 1 2

Explanation:

a-3 (Sarojini Naidu: Dharsana Satyagraha), b-4 (Usha Mehta: radio), c-1 (Aruna: underground), d-2 (Lakshmi: INA).

40. The 2025 Cambodia - Thailand border conflict was primarily triggered by [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Disputes on Oil and gas resources in the Gulf of Thailand
- B. Historical disputes over Preah Vihear Temple and the surrounding territory
- C. Disputes on Mekong River water-sharing
- D. Trade War

Correct Answer: B. Historical disputes over Preah Vihear Temple and the surrounding territory

Explanation:

The Preah Vihear Temple site and territory have long been contested by both countries.

41. The term 'seamless web' with reference to the interconnectedness of different parts of the Indian Constitution was used by which of the following authors? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Granville Austin
- B. K.C. Wheare
- C. Donald Smith
- D. A.V. Dicey

Correct Answer: A. Granville Austin

Explanation:

Granville Austin famously described the Indian Constitution as a 'seamless web' for its integrated structure.

42. Which of the following combinations are correct regarding social welfare policies and the year in which they were introduced? [Dropped by OPSC from Evaluation]

- a. PM POSHAN – 2021
- b. Right to Education – 2009
- c. Ayushman Bharat – 2018
- d. PM Awaas Yojana – 2015

- A. a, b, c and d
- B. c, a, d and b
- C. b, d, c and a
- D. d, c, a and b

Correct Answer: INVALID Question due Wring Framing.

43. With reference to the challenges of urbanization in India, consider the following statements: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Rapid urbanization often leads to strain on existing infrastructure such as housing, sanitation, water supply, and transportation.
2. The growth of informal settlements (slums) is a common consequence of unplanned urbanization due to unaffordable formal housing.
3. Urban areas typically experience higher rates of unemployment compared to rural areas, leading to increased pressure on social services.
4. Smart Cities Mission aims to promote sustainable and inclusive cities by applying smart solutions and leveraging technology.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer: C. 1, 2 and 4 only

Explanation:

Statement 3 is incorrect; urban areas generally have lower unemployment rates compared to rural areas.

44. Who was the founder of the Lingayat sect? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Appar
- B. Basava
- C. Bijjala
- D. Abhinava

Correct Answer: B. Basava

Explanation:

Basava is recognized as the founder of the Lingayat sect, which emerged in Karnataka.

45. Tarkunde Report is related to which of the following? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Electoral Reforms
- B. Centre-State Relations
- C. Economic Reforms
- D. Educational Reforms

Correct Answer: A. Electoral Reforms

Explanation:

The Tarkunde Committee/Report is known for recommendations on electoral reforms in India.

46. The CAMPA funds are prioritized for activities that involve [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Mining clearance proposals
- B. Community-managed wind farms
- C. Compensatory afforestation and eco-restoration
- D. River-interlinking project evaluations

Correct Answer: C. Compensatory afforestation and eco-restoration

Explanation:

CAMPA funds are specifically meant for compensatory afforestation and ecological restoration.

47. The Dyarchical system of government was introduced by which of the following measures? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Government of India Act, 1909
- B. Government of India Resolution 1918
- C. Government of India Act, 1919
- D. Government of India Act, 1935

Correct Answer: C. Government of India Act, 1919

Explanation:

Dyarchy was introduced in the provinces by the Government of India Act, 1919.

48. Which of the following is a non-reducing sugar? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Glucose
- B. Maltose
- C. Sucrose
- D. Fructose

Correct Answer: C. Sucrose

Explanation:

Sucrose is a non-reducing sugar because it does not have a free aldehyde or ketone group.

49. Which of the following statements about World Cultural Realms are NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Occidental Realm includes Western Europe, North America, Australia, and New Zealand, shares Greco-Roman heritage, Christianity and industrial development.
2. Indic Realm centered in India shaped by Hinduism, Buddhism and related cultural traditions.
3. Islamic Realm restricted solely to the Arabian Peninsula, excluding North Africa and Southeast Asia.
4. Sino-Japanese Realm comprises China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam influenced by Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism.
5. Sub-Saharan African Realm unified by Bantu linguistic roots and indigenous beliefs, with significant Islamic and Christian presence.

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 4 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 1, 3 and 5

Correct Answer: C. 3 only

Explanation:

Islamic realm is not restricted only to Arabia; it includes North Africa and Southeast Asia as well.

50. Which of the following statements about the CM-KISAN scheme of Odisha are NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Livelihood support under the scheme is provided exclusively to large landholding farmers.
2. Input support is given to farmers for cultivation.
3. Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana under CM-KISAN aims to promote agricultural education among farmers' children.
4. The scheme is designed to be progressive and inclusive in nature.

- A. 1 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 2 and 3 only
D. 1 and 4 only

Correct Answer: A. 1 only

Explanation:

Livelihood support is not exclusive to large landholding farmers; it is provided to small and marginal farmers also.

51. Arrange the following committees in a chronological order: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- a. N.N. Vohra Committee
- b. Rajinder Sachar Committee
- c. D.S. Kothari Committee
- d. Raja J. Chelliah Committee

- A. a, b, c and d
B. c, d, a and b
C. b, a, c and d
D. a, c, b and d

Correct Answer: B. c, d, a and b

Explanation:

Chronological order of the committees:

1. **D.S. Kothari Committee (1964–66)** – Focused on education and human resource development.

2. **Raja J. Chelliah Committee (1991)** – Related to tax reforms and fiscal policy.
 3. **N.N. Vohra Committee (1993)** – Studied issues related to governance and administrative reforms.
 4. **Rajinder Sachar Committee (2005)** – Examined the socio-economic conditions of Muslims in India.
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52. Which of the following is not a dye? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Alizarin
- B. Fluorescein
- C. Phenolphthalein
- D. Anthranilic acid

Correct Answer: D. Anthranilic acid

Explanation:

Anthranilic acid is a chemical intermediate, not a dye.

53. Consider the following statements regarding the Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO): [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. IDCO was established as a statutory corporation by the Government of Odisha in 1981.
2. It serves as the nodal agency for providing industrial infrastructure and land for industrial and infrastructure projects across the state.
3. The corporation's objectives include the development of industrial estates, IT parks and other industrial complexes.
4. IDCO's functions do not include land acquisition or the creation of a land bank for major and mega projects.
5. The corporation facilitates private-sector participation and provides project construction services.

Which of the above statements is NOT correct?

- A. 2 only
- B. 4 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 3 and 5 only

Correct Answer: B. 4 only

Explanation:

IDCO's functions do include land acquisition/land bank creation for projects.

54. Consider the following statements with regard to the Comptroller Auditor General (CAG): [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : C] [Our Understanding is that this should be INVALID as Statement C is also correct. CAG's removal is similar to SC judge removal i.e. it is a parliamentary procedure and grounds are Incapacity or Proved misbehaviour, once passed by Parliament, CAG is removed by presidential order]

- a. The office of CAG has been modelled on the basis of Advocate General under the Government of India Act, 1919.
- b. CAG is the impartial head of the audit and account system of India.
- c. CAG can be removed by the President on the grounds of proven misbehaviour.
- d. The term of office of CAG shall be six years from the date on which he assumes office.

Choose the correct answer:

- A. a and b
- B. a and c
- C. b and d
- D. a, b, c and d

Correct Answer: WRONG OPTIONS, Statements b,c,d are correct.

Explanation:

CAG is the impartial head; term of office is six years. Office is modeled not on Advocate General, removal is by impeachment.

55. Under which Mughal Emperor was the office of Muhtasib (Censor of Public Morals) instituted in Odisha? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Shahjahan
- B. Aurangzeb
- C. Jahangir
- D. Humayun

Correct Answer: B. Aurangzeb

Explanation:

Aurangzeb instituted the office of Muhtasib to oversee public morals.

56. Who was the first leader to move a resolution in the Central Legislative Assembly demanding the unification of all Odia speaking tracts into a separate province? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Madhusudan Das
- B. Gopabandhu Das
- C. Harekrushna Mahatab
- D. Nil Kantha Das

Correct Answer: D. Nil Kantha Das

Explanation:

Nil Kantha Das is historically credited for this resolution. In the prolonged course for the amalgamation of the Oriya-speaking regions, he played a prominent role and it was he who first moved a resolution in the Central Assembly in 1927 for a separate Oriya province.

57. Consider the following statements: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. The Inter-State Council (ISC) was set up under Article 263 of the Constitution.
2. Punchhi Commission recommended the establishment of the Inter-State Council.
3. The union home minister is the Chairman of the Inter-State Council.
4. It discusses matters of common interests and suggests policies for better coordination.

- A. 1 and 4
B. 1, 3 and 4
C. 2, 3 and 1
D. 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 4

Explanation:

1. **Correct.** The Inter-State Council (ISC) was indeed set up under **Article 263** of the Constitution to promote coordination between the Union and the States.
2. **Incorrect.** The Punchhi Commission (2007–2009) did **recommend strengthening the ISC**, but it **did not originally establish it**.
3. **Incorrect.** The **Prime Minister** is the Chairman of the ISC, not the Union Home Minister.
4. **Correct.** ISC discusses matters of common interest and suggests policies for better coordination between the Centre and the States.

58. Which climate initiative specifically supports Himalayan glacial monitoring? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. ICAP
B. National Mission on Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem
C. State REDD Programme
D. Bharat Clean Energy Mission

Correct Answer: B. National Mission on Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem

Explanation:

This National Mission targets preservation & monitoring of Himalayan glaciers.

59. Which of the following statements about the global industrial pattern is NOT correct?
[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Japan, Germany, and the USA are leaders in automobile production.
2. India and Bangladesh are major centres for textile and garment industries.
3. South Korea and Taiwan are known for shipbuilding and heavy machinery.
4. Canada and Australia are primarily known for heavy industry rather than resource-based industries.

- A. 2 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 3 and 1 only
D. 4 only

Correct Answer: D. 4 only

Explanation:

Canada and Australia are much better known for resource-based rather than heavy industry.

60. Which of the following was the first major administrative measure taken by the Congress Ministry formed in Odisha under Hare Krushna Mahatab on 23 April 1946?
[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Abolition Settlements of Zamindari
B. Release of political prisoners
C. Repeal of salt laws in Coastal Odisha
D. Introduction of compulsory primary education

Correct Answer: B. Release of political prisoners

Explanation:

This was one of the first major acts of the Congress Ministry in Odisha.

61. Which of the following best defines the concept of Pareto Optimality? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. A situation where everyone is equally well-off
B. A situation where no one can be made better off without making someone else worse off
C. A situation where total wealth is maximized
D. A situation where the government redistributes resources equally

Correct Answer: B. A situation where no one can be made better off without making someone else worse off

Explanation:

This captures the essence of Pareto Efficiency in economics.

62. Consider the following statements: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : C.] [Our Understanding is that Statement C is also a correct statement and hence this questions should be INVALID because we don't have the right options to choose from. Screenshot from Laxmikant also attached.]

- Under Article 124(4) of the Indian Constitution, a Supreme Court Judge can be impeached.
- The ground for impeachment of a Judge pertains to incapacity and proven misbehaviour.
- A minimum of 100 MPs are required to initiate the impeachment motion in the Lok Sabha.
- The President can pardon the Judge.

Which of the following statements are **INCORRECT**?

- a and b
- c only
- c and d
- a, c and d

Correct Answer: WRONG OPTIONS , The only incorrect statement is D.

Screenshot from Laxmikant:

The Judges Enquiry Act (1968) regulates the procedure relating to the removal of a judge of the Supreme Court by the process of impeachment⁶:

1. A removal motion signed by 100 members (in the case of Lok Sabha) or 50 members (in the case of Rajya Sabha) is to be given to the Speaker/Chairman.
2. The Speaker/Chairman may admit the motion or refuse to admit it.
3. If it is admitted, then the Speaker/Chairman is to constitute a three-member committee to investigate into the charges.
4. The committee should consist of (a) the chief justice or a judge of the Supreme Court, (b) a chief justice of a high court, and (c) a distinguished jurist.

Explanation:

- **Article 124(4)** clearly provides the procedure for removal (commonly termed *impeachment*) of a Supreme Court Judge by the President on grounds of **proved misbehaviour or incapacity**, after an address by Parliament. **Correct.**
- These are **exactly** the two grounds mentioned in **Article 124(4)** — *proved misbehaviour or incapacity*. **Correct.**
- Under the **Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968**,

- In the **Lok Sabha**, a motion must be signed by **not less than 100 members**. (50 in case of Rajya Sabha)
 - In the **Rajya Sabha**, it requires **not less than 50 members**.
 - **Correct**
- The President has **no power to pardon or overrule** an impeachment/removal passed by Parliament under Article 124(4). The President has the power to grant pardons to convicted individuals under Article 72 of the Constitution, but this is not applicable to judges, who are instead removed through a specific parliamentary process. **Incorrect**

63. Consider the following statements regarding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their indicators: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : A.]

[Our understanding is that Statement 2 is an incorrect statement because SDG 1 uses world bank's poverty line and not national poverty line. Screenshot from Official UN site attached]

1. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, comprises 17 SDGs and 169 targets.
2. SDG 1 targets poverty ending in all its forms everywhere, using indicators like the proportion of people living below the national poverty line.
3. The 'leave no one behind' principle is central to the SDGs, emphasizing disaggregated data collection to identify vulnerable groups.
4. Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is primarily addressed under SDG 14, focusing on efficient resource use and reducing waste.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: WRONG OPTIONS, Because Statement 2 is definitely **WRONG**.

Explanation:

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, comprises 17 SDGs and 169 targets. **Statement 1 is Correct.**
- SDG 1 targets poverty ending in all its forms everywhere, using indicators like the proportion of people living below the national poverty line. **Statement 2 is Incorrect.** The reason is SDG is global goal, and it cannot use national poverty line because then it will change for every nation and the goal cannot be tracked properly. It uses **World Bank's poverty line**. Link : [Click here](#)
- The 'leave no one behind' principle is central to the SDGs, emphasizing disaggregated data collection to identify vulnerable groups.

- Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is primarily addressed under SDG 12, focusing on efficient resource use and reducing waste.

Facts and Figures

Goal 1 Targets

- The updated international poverty line of \$3.00 resulted in a revision in the number of people living in extreme poverty from 713 to 838 million in 2022. (World Bank)
- If current trends continue, 8.9 per cent of the world's population may still be living in extreme poverty by 2030 and only one in five countries will have halved their national poverty levels.
- For the first time on record, over half of the world's population now receives at least one form of social protection benefit. Despite this milestone, 3.8 billion people remain uncovered.
- The share of government spending on essential services, such as education, health and social protection, is significantly higher in advanced economies than in emerging and developing economies.
- Guaranteeing basic social security floors in low- and middle-income countries requires an additional \$1.4 trillion annually, or 3.3 per cent of their aggregate GDP in 2024.
- A surge in action and investment to enhance economic opportunities, improve education and extend social protection to all, particularly the most excluded, is crucial to delivering on the central commitment to end poverty and leave no one behind.

64. Section 4 of the RTI Act states that the obligations of public authorities to maintain records and publish information within ____ days from the enactment of the Act. [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : C.]

- A. 120
- B. 30
- C. 110
- D. 10

Correct Answer: A. 120

Explanation:

Public authorities must comply within 120 days from enactment.

65. Consider the following statements about the Ramsar sites in India: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : C.] [Our understanding is that Statement 2 is also correct because both Chilika lake and Keoladeo National Park were first to be added to RAMSAR site from India and their designated date is same i.e. 1 October 1981. So technically Statement 2 is not wrong and multiple sources and books mention the same]

1. A Ramsar site is declared based on its ecological importance and biodiversity richness.
2. Chilika Lake was the first Indian site to be added to the Ramsar list.

3. As of 2023, India has more than 75 Ramsar sites.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

All three statements are correct.

66. The writ of Mandamus is issued [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. To release a person from illegal detention
- B. To transfer a case from a lower court to a higher court
- C. To compel a public official to perform a public duty
- D. To question the legality of a person holding a public office

Correct Answer: C. To compel a public official to perform a public duty

Explanation:

Mandamus directs a public authority to perform mandatory duties.

67. Consider the following statements about Samudrayaan Mission: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- 1. The development of the Samudrayaan Mission will enhance India's capability in Nuclear Submarine Development
- 2. Samudrayaan Mission aims to develop a self-propelled manned Submersible.
- 3. Samudrayaan Mission aims to explore deep oceans up to 6000 meters.
- 4. Samudrayaan Mission aims to boost marine tourism.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. 4 only

Correct Answer: B. 2 and 3

Explanation:

Its main focus is on manned submersibles and deep-ocean exploration.

68. Which of the following statements regarding India's aquaculture policies is/are correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) aims to enhance fish production and boost exports.
2. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority regulates aquaculture activities in brackish water and coastal areas.
3. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) is responsible for promoting modern aquaculture practices.
4. The FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries is legally binding in India.

- A. 1, 2, and 3 only
B. 1 and 4 only
C. 2 and 4 only
D. 1, 3, and 4 only

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2, and 3 only

Explanation:

FAO Code is not legally binding; other statements are correct.

69. What is the time limit provided for making a complaint under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013 (POSH)? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. 14 days
B. One month
C. Two months
D. Three months

Correct Answer: D. Three months

Explanation:

Under Section 9 of the POSH Act, 2013, an aggrieved woman must file a written complaint within three months of the incident or the last in a series of incidents. The Internal or Local Committee has the discretion to extend this three-month period by another three months if they are satisfied the circumstances justified the delay and they record the reasons in writing.

70. Consider the following statements about endemic species in India: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Endemic species are restricted to a specific geographical location.
2. The Nilgiri Tahr is endemic to the Western Ghats.
3. Endemic species always fall under the IUCN Critically Endangered category.

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

Correct Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

Endemic species are location-specific, Nilgiri Tahr is endemic, but not all endemic species are Critically Endangered.

71. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is mentioned in which part of the Indian Constitution? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Part VII
- B. Part XIII
- C. Part XIV
- D. Part IX

Correct Answer: C. Part XIV

Explanation:

UPSC appears in Part XIV (Articles 315–323) concerning services under the Union and States.

72. Consider the following statements about delimitation and its implications in India: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. Delimitation is the process of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and state assembly constituencies to represent changes in population.
2. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and its orders have the force of law and cannot be challenged in any court.
3. The primary objective of delimitation is to ensure that all constituencies have roughly equal populations, thereby upholding the principle of one person, one vote.
4. The current delimitation exercise is based on the 2001 Census, with the next one mandated after the first census following 2026.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: A. 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

The current delimitation exercise is based on 1971 census as the seats are frozen till 2026.

73. Which British Governor-General of India formally annexed Odisha into the British empire? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Warren Hastings
- B. Lord Cornwallis
- C. Lord Wellesley
- D. Lord Dalhousie

Correct Answer: C. Lord Wellesley

Explanation:

Odisha was annexed by Lord Wellesley in 1803.

This question can be contested though : The broad understanding of things tells us that the answer should be Wellesley. But, different parts of Odisha annexed in different period of time. And the Title Governor General of India did not exist then. Wellesley was Governor-General of Bengal and not Governor-General of India. This is obviously a technical argument, and it is up to OPSC to decide what is right and what is wrong.

74. Which one among the following does not match properly the Nobel Prize category with its 2024 laureate? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Peace – Narges Mohammadi
- B. Literature – Han Kang
- C. Economics – Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson
- D. Physics – John Hopfield, Geoffrey Hinton

Correct Answer: A. Peace – Narges Mohammadi

Explanation:

- The Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 was awarded to **Nihon Hidankyo**, an organization representing survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, for their efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.
- Narges Mohammadi was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2023

75. Who made history as the first Black man to win the Oscar for Best Costume Design at the 97th edition of the Academy Awards? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Paul Tazewell
- B. Olivier Persin
- C. Emilia Perez
- D. Sean Baker

Correct Answer: A. Paul Tazewell

Explanation:

Paul Tazewell became the first Black man to win this Oscar category.

76. Arrange the following texts in their chronological order of composition: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- a. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- b. Manusmriti
- c. Arthashastra
- d. Milinda Panha

- A. a-b-c-d
- B. b-c-a-d
- C. c-a-b-d
- D. a-c-b-d

Correct Answer: D. a-c-b-d

Explanation

- **Brihadaranyaka Upanishad (c. 7th-6th century BCE):** This is one of the oldest Upanishads and is considered a pre-Buddhist text. It was likely composed in the earlier part of the 1st millennium BCE.
- **Milinda Panha (c. 100 BCE to 200 CE):** This Buddhist text, which records a dialogue between the Indo-Greek King Menander I and the Buddhist sage Nagasena, is dated to sometime between 100 BCE and 200 CE

The major doubt is around Manusmriti & Arthashastra and here is the authentic source to clarify those doubts →

Excerpts from U. Singh:

- **Manusmriti** → “Consider the following examples based on the Manava Dharmashastra, often referred to as the Manu Smriti, a text generally assigned to between c. 200 BCE and 200 CE.”
- **Arthashastra** → A major problem in using the Arthashastra as a source of history are the differences of opinion regarding its date and authorship (see Kangle, 1965: 59–115). The traditional view is that it is a work of the **4th century BCE**, written by Kautilya, also known as Chanakya or Vishnugupta, who became Chandragupta Maurya’s chief minister after helping him overthrow the Nandas. This view is supported by two verses in the text.

NCERT:

Manusmriti, was compiled between c. 200 BCE and 200 CE.

77. Consider the following statements about India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. India has committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 from 2005 levels.
2. India aims to achieve about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.
3. India's updated NDC is linked to the Panchamrit announcement made at COP26.

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

Correct Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

All are true as per India's official climate change commitments.

78. Who has been appointed as India's new Deputy National Security Adviser as of August 2025? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Rajinder Khanna
- B. T.V. Ravichandran
- C. Anish Dayal Singh
- D. Pankaj Kumar Singh

Correct Answer: C. Anish Dayal Singh

Explanation:

Anish Dayal Singh was appointed to this role in August 2025.

79. Match the following Day – United Nations Events: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- a. 3 March – 1. World Wildlife Day
- b. 7 April – 2. World Health Day
- c. 3 May – 3. World Press Freedom day
- d. 20 June – 4. World Refugee day

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: A. a-1 b-2 c-3 d-4

Explanation:

World Wildlife Day = 3 March, Health Day = 7 April, Press Freedom = 3 May, Refugee Day = 20 June.

80. What was the official theme of the 38th National Games? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Fit India
- B. Sustainable Olympics
- C. Green Games
- D. Eco-Sports Initiative

Correct Answer: C. Green Games

Explanation:

The official theme was "Green Games" for National Games 38.

81. Match List - I (Colonial Policies/events) with List - II (Impact on Odisha) and select from code: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List - I	List - II
a. Permanent Settlement (1793)	1. Aggravated economic distress of Odisha peasants
b. British Reorganization after Maratha defeat	2. Led to inclusion of Odia-speaking tracts under different presidencies
c. Imposition of Bengali	3. Caused resentment and fueled Odia linguistic identity movement
d. Slavery Abolition (1843)	4. Enacted by Lord Ellenborough in Odisha
e. Simon Commission	5. Petitioned by Krushna Chandra Gajapati for separate province

- A. a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4, e-5
- B. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4, e-5
- C. a-4, b-5, c-1, d-3, e-2
- D. a-5, b-3, c-4, d-2, e-1

Correct Answer: A. a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4, e-5

Explanation:

Each policy/event is correctly matched with its impact as per Odisha colonial history.

82. Match List - I (Indian Rivers) with List - II (Their Tributaries) and select the correct answer: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List-I	List-II
a. Chambal	1. Bhima
b. Cauvery	2. Noyyal
c. Krishna	3. Banas
d. Godavari	4. Manjra

- A. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4
B. a-3, b-2, c-1, d-4
C. a-4, b-3, c-2, d-1
D. a-3, b-4, c-2, d-1

Correct Answer: B. a-3, b-2, c-1, d-4

Explanation:

Chambal–Banas, Cauvery–Noyyal, Krishna–Bhima, Godavari–Manjra are the correct pairings.

83. Match List - I (Rivers of Odisha) with List - II (Their Tributaries) and select the correct answer: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List-I	List-II
a. Mahanadi	1. Sankha
b. Brahmani	2. Raru
c. Baitarani	3. Ong
d. Subarnarekha	4. Deo

Codes:

- A. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4
B. a-3, b-2, c-1, d-4
C. a-3, b-1, c-4, d-2
D. a-3, b-4, c-2, d-1

Correct Answer: C. a-3, b-1, c-4, d-2

Explanation:

- Mahanadi → Ong
- Brahmani → Sankha
- Baitarani → Deo
- Subarnarekha → Raru

The Baitarani:	The Subarnarekha:
- It rises from the Gonasika in the Guptaganga hills of Keonjhar district. The river traverses a total distance of 360 kms. before falling into the Bay of Bengal. - There are 64 large, medium and small tributaries, out of which 35 join on the left side and 29 join on the right side of the river. - The main tributaries are Kangira, Ardei, Khairi Bhandan, Deo, Kanjhari, Sita, Musal, Remal, Kusei and Salandi river. - The Salandi originates from the Meghasani hills of the Similipal in Mayurbhanja district. It flows a distance of 144 Km with a catchment area of 1800 Sq.Km	- It originates near Nagri village of the Chhotnagpur plateau of Jharkhand. Total length of the river from its origin to its outfall into Bay of Bengal is 446.12 Km, including 79 Km in side Odisha. - The prominent tributaries of the Subarnarekha are Raru river, Kanchi river, Damra river, Karru river, Kharkhai river, Chinguru river, Karakari river, Gurma river, Garra river, Singaduba river, Kodia river, Dulunga river and Khajjori river.

84. Who were the first to issue gold coins in India? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Kushans
- B. Sakas
- C. Parthians
- D. Indo-Greeks

Correct Answer: D. Indo-Greeks

Explanation:

Indo-Greeks introduced the earliest gold coins in ancient India.

85. The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) recently signed an MoU with which organisation to enhance public awareness about social justice schemes? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
- C. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
- D. Central Vigilance Commission

Correct Answer: C. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

Explanation:

MoU signed with NALSA for enhancing awareness.

86. Match the initiative with its year of launch (Scheme–Year): [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

Scheme	Year
a. Ayushman Bharat	1. 2006
b. National Skill Development Mission	2. 2018
c. MGNREGS	3. 2015
d. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	4. 2014

A. a-2, b-3, c-1, d-4

B. a-4, b-1, c-2, d-3

C. a-3, b-2, c-4, d-1

D. a-1, b-4, c-3, d-2

Correct Answer: A. a-2, b-3, c-1, d-4

Explanation:

Ayushman Bharat (2018), National Skill Development Mission (2015), MGNREGS (2006), PMJDY (2014).

87. Match the following Rajput rulers with their notable battles or events: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

a. Rana Sanga	1) Battle of Haldighati
b. Maharana Pratap	2) Battle of Khanwa
c. Rao Chandra Sen	3) Struggle against Akbar
d. Raja Man Singh	4) Conquest of Odisha

Codes:

A. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4

B. a-1, b-3, c-2, d-4

C. a-3, b-2, c-4, d-1

D. a-4, b-2, c-1, d-3

Correct Answer: A. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4

Explanation:

- Rana Sanga (Mewar) fought the **Battle of Khanwa (1527)** against Babur.
- Maharana Pratap is famously associated with the **Battle of Haldighati (1576)** against Akbar.
- Rao Chandrasen (was a Rathore Rajput ruler of the Kingdom of Marwar who fought against Akbar.
- Raja Man Singh, a general of Akbar, led campaigns in **Odisha**, consolidating Mughal authority.

88. Consider the following statements regarding the structural transformation of the Indian economy: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. India's economic growth since the 1990s has been primarily led by the services sector, with a relatively smaller contribution from manufacturing.
2. The Make in India initiative aims to increase the manufacturing sector's share in GDP to 25% and create 100 million additional jobs by 2022.
3. Despite rapid economic growth, the share of the agricultural sector in India's GDP has consistently declined, while its share in employment remains significant.
4. The phenomenon of premature deindustrialization in India refers to the services sector growing rapidly without a strong manufacturing base.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation:

All four statements accurately describe economic structural transformation.

89. Which one of the following Article of Indian constitution provides that the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory of India? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Article 131
- B. Article 141
- C. Article 144
- D. Article 145

Correct Answer: B. Article 141

Explanation:

Article 141 makes Supreme Court judgments binding on all courts in India.

90. Which of the following statements about G-20 is NOT correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. The G20 was established in 1999.
- B. USA hosted the first G20 Summit of leaders in 2008.
- C. The presidency of the G20 rotates every year among member countries.
- D. Chile is a member of G20.

Correct Answer: D. Chile is a member of G20.

Explanation:

Chile is not a G20 member.

91. The foundational ideology of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association was inspired by [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Italian nationalist movement and the works of Mazzini
- B. Leninist Communism and the Russian Revolution
- C. American War of Independence and George Washington
- D. Irish freedom struggle and Sinn Fein Movement

Correct Answer: B. Leninist Communism and the Russian Revolution

Explanation:

HSRA drew inspiration from socialist and communist principles, including the Russian Revolution.

92. Which of the following fundamental rights is available only to Indian citizens and not to foreigners? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Right to Equality before Law (Article 14)
- B. Freedom of Speech and Expression (Article 19)
- C. Protection in respect of conviction for offences (Article 20)
- D. Right to Life and Personal Liberty (Article 21)

Correct Answer: B. Freedom of Speech and Expression (Article 19)

Explanation:

Article 19 rights are available only to citizens, not foreigners.

93. Match List - I (Geological Structure) with List - II (Economic Importance) and select the correct answer: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

List-I	List-II
a. Siwalik Hills	1. Coal, Mica, and Uranium Resources
b. Deccan Traps	2. Black cotton soils; sugarcane agriculture
c. Singhbhum Craton	3. Fossil-rich sedimentary deposit
d. Chhota Nagpur Plateau	4. Rich in iron ore deposits

- A. a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4
- B. a-3, b-2, c-1, d-4
- C. a-3, b-2, c-4, d-1
- D. a-3, b-4, c-2, d-1

Correct Answer: C. a-3, b-2, c-4, d-1

Explanation:

Geological Structure	Economic Importance
Siwalik Hills	Fossil-rich sedimentary deposits
Deccan Traps	Black cotton soils; sugarcane agriculture
Singhbhum Craton	Rich in iron ore deposits
Chhota Nagpur Plateau	Coal, Mica, and Uranium Resources

94. As per the Global Hunger Index 2023, India ranks at which position globally? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. 105
- B. 107
- C. 111
- D. 115

Correct Answer: C. 111

Explanation:

India ranked 111 in GHI 2023.

95. Consider the following statements regarding ecological pyramids: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. In a parasitic food chain, the pyramid of numbers is always upright.
2. Pyramids of biomass are always inverted in marine ecosystems.
3. Pyramids of energy are never inverted.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: B. 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

1. **Parasitic food chain – pyramid of numbers - *Incorrect*.** Many parasites on one host can invert the pyramid.
2. **Pyramid of biomass in marine ecosystems - *Correct*.** Phytoplankton have low biomass; consumers have higher biomass → inverted.
3. **Pyramid of energy - *Correct*.** Energy always flows upward; never inverted.

96. Consider the following statements about the Attorney General of India: [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : A.] [Our understanding is that it should be INVALID]

1. He is appointed by the President and holds office during the pleasure of the President.
2. He has the right to participate in proceedings of Parliament but without voting rights.
3. He must have qualifications equivalent to that of a Supreme Court judge.
4. His remuneration is fixed by the Parliament through a law under Article 148 of the Constitution.

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
B. 1 and 2 only
C. 1, 2 and 4 only
D. 2, 3 and 4 only

Correct Answer: The questions **does not ask us to identify which statements are right or wrong**. So OPSC might tag it under **NOT EVALUATED**. But if we go by the correct statements, then A will be the correct answer as except statement 4 all are correct statements.

Explanation:

Attorney General's remuneration is not fixed under Article 148, which pertains to CAG.

[OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : A.]

97. Which of the following statements about the Chenab Rail Bridge is correct? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

1. It is a cable-stayed bridge.
2. The Chenab Rail Bridge is taller than the Eiffel Tower.
3. It is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral Railway Project.
4. It is the world's highest railway arch bridge.

Select the correct answer:

- A. 1 and 3
B. 3 only
C. 1 only
D. 2 and 4

Correct Answer: D. 2 and 4

Explanation:

It is taller than the Eiffel Tower and is the world's highest railway arch bridge.

98. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched regarding Schedules of the Indian Constitution? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. 6th Schedule – Languages recognized by the Constitution
- B. 7th Schedule – Division of powers between Union and States
- C. 8th Schedule – Land Reforms and Ceiling on Landholdings
- D. 9th Schedule – Tribal Areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram

Correct Answer: B. 7th Schedule – Division of powers between Union and States

Explanation:

7th Schedule deals with Union, State, and Concurrent lists.

99. Which category under the IUCN classification is not directly recognized in the Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972? [OPSC PROVISIONAL Answer Key : Verified.]

- A. Critically Endangered
- B. Vulnerable
- C. Endemic
- D. Extinct in the Wild

Correct Answer: D. Extinct in the Wild

100. Acetylsalicylic acid is known as

- A. Oil of wintergreen
- B. Aspirin
- C. Ibuprofen
- D. Paracetamol

Correct Answer: B. Aspirin

Explanation:

Acetylsalicylic acid is the chemical name for Aspirin.

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