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50 QUESTIONS CURRENT AFFAIRS (PART - II)

Q1. Union finance Minister Arun Jaitley tabled the Economic Survey 2016-17 in Parliament budget session. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. The survey projects the economy to grow in the range of 6.75% to 7.25% in fiscal year 2017-18 in the post-demonetization year.
2. It says that the adverse impact of demonetization on GDP growth will be transitional.
3. Farm sector to grow at 4.1% in 2016-17, up from 1.2% in 2015-16.
4. About Banking, it suggests setting up public sector asset rehabilitation agency (PSARA) to take charge of large bad loans in banks.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q2. India's first dedicated space observatory, ASTROSAT has captured the rare phenomenon of a small six-billion-year-old vampire star preying on a bigger celestial body. Consider the following statements about ASTROSAT.

1. Astrosat is India's first dedicated multi-wavelength space observatory launched.

2. It is one of the major scientific missions of ISRO after the highly acclaimed Chandrayaan-I and Mangalyaan.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q3. Seven new countries Lithuania, Gabon, Hungary, Indonesia, Malta, Mauritius and Russia – have signed Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement for Country-by-Country Reporting (CbC MCAA). Consider the following statements related to it.

1. CbC MCAA is a tax co-operation agreement to enable automatic sharing of country-by-country information.
2. The CbC MCAA aims to boost transparency by multinational enterprises (MNEs) by allowing signatories to bilaterally and automatically exchange country-by-country reports.
3. This exchange of information is facilitated as part of Action 13 of the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) Action Plan adopted by the OECD and G20 countries in 2013.
4. India is not a signatory to CbC MCAA

Which of the statements given above are correct?



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

Q4. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Government has constituted a new committee to form a strategy to expedite the process of transforming India into a cashless economy.
2. The committee will be headed by Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.
3. It has been tasked with identifying various bottlenecks affecting access of digital payments.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q5. Consider the following statements.

1. India was placed at the 20th rank among the 58 countries on the 2017 Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI).
2. The index was released by German watch, an independent German NGO and Climate Action Network Europe.
3. The CCPI is an instrument designed to enhance transparency in international climate politics.
4. It is list of countries doing the most to combat climate change.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q6. Consider the following statements.

1. India has been elected as the vice chair for 2018 and chair for 2019 of the Kimberly Process Certificate Scheme (KPCS).
2. KPCS is a joint initiative of the governments, industry and civil societies to prevent the entry of conflict diamonds from the mainstream rough diamond market.
3. It was established in 2003 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution.
4. However, India is not a founder member of the scheme.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana (PMAY-G), flagship housing for all scheme in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Identify the correct statement(s) from the following.

- (a) Under PMAY-G Government aims to provide affordable, environmentally safe and secure pucca house to every rural household living below the poverty line by 2022.
- (b) PMAY-G is part of Union Government's flagship 'Housing for All' scheme and has replaced previous rural housing scheme Indira Awas Yojana.
- (c) The beneficiaries for this scheme will be selected through a completely transparent process using the Socio Economic Census 2011 data and validating it through the Gram Sabha.
- (d) All a, b and c

Q8. Consider the following statements.

1. The world's first Genetic Garden of Halophytes (naturally occurring salt-tolerant plants) was inaugurated at the coastal town of Vedaranyam in Tamil Nadu.
2. The first of its kind garden in the world was inaugurated by Mauritius President Ameenah Gurib Fakim through video-conferencing.

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

Q9. The COP22 to the UNFCCC, 12th session of COP of Parties to Kyoto Protocol (CMP 12), and first session of COP of Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1) were held in Marrakech, Morocco. Which of the following were the key features of proclamation?

1. Countries affirm their commitment to full implementation of the Paris Agreement which also reflects respective capabilities



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in light of different national circumstances of countries.

2. The nations demanded solidarity with those countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
3. The countries called for an increase in the volume, flow and access to finance for climate projects, alongside improved capacity and technology.
4. Developed Country Parties, reaffirm our \$100 billion mobilisation goal.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q10. The Union government has appointed Jagdish Singh Khehar, a judge of the Supreme Court, as the new Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). Consider the following statements about NALSA.

1. It provides for free legal aid to every sections of the society.
2. It has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
3. Its aim is to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reasons of economic or other disabilities.
4. It also organises Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q11. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) signed three Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with the Competent Authority of United Kingdom (UK) to reduce tax litigation. Which of the following statements about Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) are correct?

1. The APA Programme was introduced by Finance Act, 2012 with a view to provide a predictable and non-adversarial tax regime and to reduce litigation in Indian transfer

pricing arena.

2. An APA is usually signed between taxpayer and central tax authority on an appropriating transfer pricing methodology for determining the value of assets and taxes on intra-group overseas transactions.
3. An APA can be entered into for a maximum of 20 years at a time.
4. It provides certainty to taxpayers regarding transfer pricing that aim to avoid disputes between taxpayer and tax regulator.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q12. The Indian Navy has formally inducted four types of indigenously developed sonars that will boost its underwater surveillance capability. Which of the following are the types of sonars?

1. Abhay 2. Humsa UG
3. AIDSS 4. NACS

Select the correct code

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

Q13. Consider the following statements.

1. India was not inclined to automatically grant the coveted 'Market Economy Status' (MES) to China under World Trade Organization (WTO) norms in December 2016.
2. The main reason India is reluctant to grant MES to China is that it will severely curb India's ability to impose anti-dumping duties on "unfairly priced" Chinese imports.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q14. Consider the following statements.

1. The world's first cloned goat bearing superfine Cashmere wool was born in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.



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2. Cloning is a scientific process of creating genetically identical copies of biological matter.
3. It may include genetically identical copies of genes, cells, tissues or entire organisms.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q15. The Union Government has appointed senior IPS officer Anil Dhasmana as new chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). Consider the following statements about RAW.

1. RAW is the primary foreign intelligence agency of India.
2. It was established in 1968 following the intelligence failures of the Sino-Indian and Indo-Pakistani wars.
3. It is under the direct command of the President of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) All 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3

Q16. The sixth edition of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) held in New Delhi has adopted New Delhi declaration to adopt Urban Plus approach. Which of the following statements regarding this are correct?

1. This was the first such meeting held to discuss ways of realizing the New Urban Agenda that was finalized during the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (also known as "Habitat III" conference) held in Quito, Ecuador in 2016.
2. Its theme of conference was 'Emerging Urban Forms-Policy Reforms and Governance Structures in the Context of New Urban Agenda'.
3. It adopted Implementation Plan and New Delhi Declaration.
4. The next biennial APMCHUD Conference will be hosted by Saudi Arabia in 2018.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q17. Identify the correct statement(s) from the following.

- (a) The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMKAY) notified along with other provisions of Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 2016 came into effect from 17 December 2016.
- (b) Declaration under it can be made by any person in respect of undisclosed income in the form of cash or deposits in an account with bank or post office or specified entity.
- (c) Declarant of undisclosed income needs to pay 30% tax, 10% penalty and 33% Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Cess on the tax, all of which add up to around 50%.
- (d) All a, b and c

Q18. Consider the following statements.

1. Indian Navy's eight landing craft utility (LCU) L-58 was launched by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata, West Bengal.
2. It is the last vessel in a series of eight ships of LCU MK-IV project designed and built by GRSE for the Indian Navy.

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

Q19. The Union Cabinet has approved MoU between Ministry of Rural Development and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to improve effectiveness of rural development programmes in country. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. The Inter-Governmental MoU on Joint Technical and South-South Cooperation will provide for collaboration on activities of common interest to support an integrated approach to rural poverty reduction through activities.
2. These activities will aim to promote economic empowerment of rural women, access of rural poor to natural resources.



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3. It will facilitate South-South cooperation mechanisms around Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)'s experience.

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 1, 2 and 3

Q20. The Union Cabinet approved India's approach to Climate Change Negotiations at the 22 Conference of Parties (COP) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Marrakesh, Morocco in November 2016. What is India's approach for this?

1. Growth and development of a country are linked with Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.
2. The development space for India and developing countries needs to be preserved while combating the ill-effects of climate change.
3. It seeks to address the adaptation needs of the country to combat the ill-effects of climate change and also enables the achievement of developmental goal.
4. The approach incorporates the interest of only selected strata of society in the country.

Select the correct code

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

Q21. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Cabinet has approved MoU signed between ISRO and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for Cooperation in the exchange and use of US Land Remote Sensing Satellite Data.
2. This MoU will enable ISRO to receive USGS's Landsat-7 and 8 in India.
3. It will also allow USGS to receive ISRO's Cartosat data of US region.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q22. Rajya Sabha has passed the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016. Identify the correct statement(s) related to it.

- (a) The bill repeals Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act of 1995.
- (b) The bill comprehensively covers a whole spectrum of problems from physical disabilities to mental illness and multiple disabilities under it.
- (c) It complies with the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to which India became a signatory in 2007.
- (d) All a, b and c

Q23. Software giant Microsoft India has launched its first full-scale Cyber security Engagement Centre (CSEC) in New Delhi. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. It is Microsoft's third Cyber security Centre in the world.
2. It will function as a satellite to its Redmond Digital Crimes Unit (DCU).
3. The first-of-its-kind centre in India will bring together Microsoft capabilities to foster deeper cyber security collaborations with public and private sector organizations.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3

Q24. Consider the following statements.

1. Union Railway Ministry has unveiled 'Mission 41K' to save Rs. 41,000 crore on the Indian Railways' expenditure on energy consumption over the next 10 years.
2. This target of 'Mission 41K will be achieved by taking a slew of measures which include moving 90% of traffic to electric traction over diesel from present 50% of the total rail traffic.
3. In the 2016-17 Budget, Indian Railways already had set a target of generating 1000 MW of solar power and 200 MW of wind energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?



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- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3
- Q25. 'RM 50-03 'was in the news in the recent past. What is this?
- (a) U.S.A. has successfully drilled in the Arctic Ocean for the search of methane gas.
(b) Japan has launched its Remote Sensing Satellite recently.
(c) Scientists have developed the world's lightest high-performance mechanical watch RM 50-03 made using the 'wonders material' graphene.
(d) Neither a nor b nor c
- Q26. Consider the following statements.
1. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified the Graded Response Action Plan to combat air pollution in NCR Delhi region.
 2. Graded Response Action Plan defines the measures to be taken based on air quality on the basis of PM 2.5 and PM 10 in the atmosphere.
 3. Based on the air quality the grades have been classified as More Severe, Severe, Very Poor and poor.
 4. It will be enforced by Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA).
- Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 3 only
(d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3 nor 4
- Q27. Identify the correct statement(s).
- (a) India was ranked 92nd among 118 countries in the 2017 Global index of talent competitiveness (GTI) list.
(b) The index measures ability of countries to compete for talent i.e. how countries grow, attract and retain talent.
(c) The index is produced by global business school INSEAD in partnership with Adecco Group and Human Capital Leadership Institute (HCLI) of Singapore.
(d) All a, b and c

- Q28. Consider the following statements.
1. INS Khanderi, the second Scorpene class submarine was launched at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
 2. It is the second of the six submarines being built at MDL in collaboration with France's DCNS as part of Project 75 of Indian Navy.
 3. It has been named Khanderi, after the Island fort of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji which played had vital role in ensuring their supremacy at sea in late 17th century.
 4. Khanderi is also name for Lion Shark.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) All 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Q29. The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test-fired the Pinaka Rocket converted to a Guided Pinaka from Launch Complex-III, ITR, Chandipur (Odisha). Identify the true statement(s) from the following.
- (a) It is equipped with a navigation, guidance and control kit.
(b) Pinaka is an unguided rocket weapon area system (WAS) with a range of 40 km.
(c) It meant to neutralize large areas with rapid salvos.
(d) All a, b and c
- Q30. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first international exchange India INX at the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) of GIFT (Gujarat International Financial Tech) City Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Which of the following statements about India INX is/are true?
- (a) India INX is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
(b) It will enable Indian firms to compete on equal footing with offshore firms.
(c) It will work for 22 hours in a day working from sunrise to sunset i.e. starting when China's exchanges begin and close when US markets end.
(d) Only a and b

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Q31. The Union Ministry of Power unveiled world's largest street light replacement programme in South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) area. It is implemented under LED based Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP). Consider the following statements about LED based Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP).

1. The programme aims to install LED bulbs street-lighting across different cities in the country.
2. The LED lights will replace inefficient lamps.
3. It will result in energy savings and increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

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 1, 2 and 3

Q32. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Nobel Prize Series Exhibition in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. It is the first-of-its-kind conclave of Nobel laureates to be held in India.
2. It has been organized by Nobel Media and coordinated by the Department of Biotechnology.
3. It is being set up by the Nobel Foundation with exhibits from Nobel Museum at Stockholm, Sweden.

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 1, 2 and 3

Q33. Consider the following statements.

1. The National Science Day (NSD) i.e. Rashtriya Vigyan Diwas is celebrated every year on February 28 in India.
2. The 2017 theme is "Science and Technology for Every Section of Society".
3. This day marks the epoch-making discovery of Raman Effect by Indian physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (CV Raman).
4. This discovery was awarded with the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q34. Identify the correct statement(s).

- (a) India's first integrated heliport was inaugurated today at Rohini in North Delhi.
- (b) This heliport has been developed by Pawan Hans Limited.
- (c) It will play an important role in providing various helicopter services ranging from offshore transport, connecting remote & inaccessible Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep besides promoting heli-tourism in India.
- (d) All a, b and c

Q35. Senior tribal leader from Chhattisgarh and ex-parliamentarian Nand Kumar Sai (71) took charge as Chairperson of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) in Delhi. Consider the following statements about National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST).

1. NCST is constitutional body set up under Article 238A added through Constitution (89th Amendment) Act, 2003.
2. It was bifurcated from erstwhile National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
3. Investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the STs under the Constitution or under any other law or under any order of the Government and evaluate the working of such safeguards.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q36. Consider the following statements.

1. India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed \$375 million pact for loans and grants to develop 800 km Vishakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor.
2. It is India's first coastal economic corridor along eastern coast.
3. It will connect long eastern coastline and strategically located ports with the multiple international gateways to connect India with global value chains (GVCs) in East and Southeast Asia.



Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q37. Consider the following statements.

1. India and Bangladesh have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the sustainable development of Sylhet, a metropolitan city in north eastern Bangladesh with financial aid from India.
2. India also sanctioned an amount of Taka (currency of Bangladesh) 120 million for the sustainable development of Khulna city.

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

Q38. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Urban Development Ministry has formulated 'National Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy' to address the challenges of urbanization.
2. The policy framework aims to promote living close to mass urban transit corridors like the Metros, monorail and bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors.
3. Under the new Metro policy, TOD has been made voluntary and also an essential reform under the green urban mobility scheme but given less priority for receiving central assistance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q39. Which of the following countries has been suspended from voting in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in the 2016-17 sessions for not paying dues to the world body?

1. Venezuela 2. Libya
3. Papua New Guinea 4. Sudan

Select the correct code

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

Q40. Consider the following statements.

1. The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in Goods of World Trade Organization (WTO)

came into effect with its ratification by two-thirds members of WTO including India.

2. The TFA in Goods was adopted by the WTO Members in 2016.
3. The TFA in Goods is the WTO's first-ever multilateral accord that aims to simplify customs regulations for the cross-border movement of goods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q41. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of the Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects.
2. The enhanced capacity will ensure setting up of at least 50 solar parks each with a capacity of 500 MW and above in various parts of the country.
3. Only selected States/UTs are eligible for benefits under the scheme.

Select the correct code

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3

Q42. CCEA has approved \$854.4 million investment for 900-MW Arun 3 hydropower project in which of the following countries?

- (a) Bhutan (b) Nepal
(c) Bangladesh (d) Sri Lanka

Q43. Vice President is the first Indian leader to officially visit Rwanda. He launched India-Rwanda innovation growth programme. The important agreements signed between the two countries are-

1. Bilateral air service agreement between two countries.
2. Agreement for exemption of visa requirements for diplomatic and service passports.
3. Agreement for establishment of an Entrepreneurship Development Centre in Delhi duly financed by Rwanda.

Select the correct code

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

Q44. Barren Island was in the news in the recent past. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. According to scientists from Goa based National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), India's only live volcano at Barren Island in the Andaman and Nicobar has become active again.
2. It is claimed that volcanoes is erupting the rising magma formed deep in the mantle due to the melting of the subducted Indian Ocean crust.

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

Q45. Consider the following statements.

1. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully ground tested India's largest indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage engine for GSLV Mark III.
2. It was tested at ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.
3. It uses Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Hydrogen propellant combination stored at minus 253 degrees centigrade.
4. So far, the cryogenic engine consisting very complex technology has been developed only by Russia, US, France, China, Japan and India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q46. A parliamentary panel has asked the Home Ministry to re-publicize the vacant NATGRID posts and offer remuneration commensurate with that of the private sector to attract the most qualified professionals. Consider the following statements about NATGRID posts?

1. NATGRID is an ambitious counter terrorism programme, which will utilize technologies like Big Data and analytics to study and analyze the huge amounts of data from various intelligence and enforcement agencies to help track suspected terrorists and prevent terrorist attacks.
2. NATGRID is a post Mumbai 26/11 attack

measure.

3. It aims to mitigate a vital deficiency — lack of real time information, which was considered to be one of the major hurdles in detecting US terror suspect David Headley's movement across the country during his multiple visits between 2006 and 2009.

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 1, 2 and 3

Q47. The National Health Policy, 2017, was recently approved by the Union Cabinet, two years after a draft copy of the bill was circulated among stakeholders. Consider the following statements related to it.

1. The government aims in shifting focus from "sick-care" to "wellness", by promoting prevention and well-being.
2. It intends on gradually increasing public health expenditure to 5% of the GDP.
3. It proposes free drugs, free diagnostics and free emergency and essential healthcare services in public hospitals.
4. It highlights AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) as a tool for effective prevention and therapy that is safe and cost-effective.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q48. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union government has established banana research centre at Goraul in Vaishali district of Bihar
2. It is second such in the country after the National Research Centre for Banana at Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu.
3. Uttar Pradesh is the largest banana producing state in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q49. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Petro auditions Limited (OPal) in the industrial town of Dahej in Gujarat. Which of the following statements related to it is/are incorrect?

1. The plant, is claimed to be the largest petrochemicals plant in the World.
2. It is the single largest petrochemical plant in India.
3. OPaL is a joint venture company promoted by ONGC, GAIL and GSPC.

Select the correct code

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3

Q50. Consider the following statements.

1. The International Women's Day (IWD) is observed every year on March 8 to commemorate the struggle for women's rights and to highlight the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.
2. Its campaign theme is "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030".
3. The 2017 theme of IWD is "#Be Bold For Change".

Which of the statements given above are incorrect?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) Neither 1 nor 2 nor 3

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