

Dear IAS Aspirants - In all our tests we had given extra news links to our students with additional explanations. This tally list is not complete. We have not tallied fully with our Books and class notes. In that Case the delivery will likely cross 72 questions.

We are sure any serious IAS Aspirant who had followed us meticulously would definitely feel a comfort zone to clear this PRELIMS 2018.

## Best Wishes.

## Our General Observations

1. Many of the questions were from very old Current affairs like 2016 news.
2. History questions were more factual and bit depth.
3. Economy was more textual and factual.

1. Consider the following:

1. Areca nut
2. Barley
3. Coffee
4. Finger millet
5. Groundnut
6. Sesamum
7. Turmeric

The Cabinet Committee on Economic

Affairs has announced the Minimum Support Price for which of the above?

- a) 1, 2, 3 and 7 only
- b) 2, 4, 5 and 6 only**
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

[Our Test no.16. qn.no.37]

Consider the following statements about the Minimum Support Price (MSP) offered to farmers by the government:

1. It is offered for food crops only.
2. Its purpose is to control inflation by regulating the prices of agricultural products.
3. The MSP is announced by the Government of India at the end of the sowing season for certain crops on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?.

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

**Note:-**

Minimum support prices are currently announced for 24 commodities including seven cereals (paddy, wheat, barley, jowar,

	<p>bajra, maize and ragi); five pulses (gram, arhar/tur, moong, urad and lentil); eight oilseeds (groundnut, rapeseed/mustard, toria, soyabean, sunflower seed, sesamum, safflower seed and nigerseed); copra, raw cotton, raw jute and virginia flu cured (VFC) tobacco.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>In which one the following States is Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary located?</p> <p><b>a) Arunachal Pradesh</b></p> <p>b) Manipur</p> <p>c) Meghalaya</p> <p>d) Nagaland</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.14. qn.no.47]</b></p> <p><b>Pakke Tiger Reserve is in</b></p> <p>(a) Manipur</p> <p>(b) Odisha</p> <p>(c) Assam</p> <p>(d) Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh has received the India Biodiversity Award 2016. The Hornbill Nest Adoption Programme of the Pakke Tiger Reserve was awarded the prize under the category, “Conservation of Threatened Species”.</p>	<p>whereas GSLVs are designed mainly to launch communication satellites.</p> <p>2. Satellites launched by PSLV appear to remain permanently fixed in the same position in the sky, as viewed from a particular location on Earth.</p> <p>3. GSLV MK III is a four staged launch vehicle with the first and third stages using solid rocket motors; and the second and fourth stages using liquid rocket engines.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 and 3 only</p> <p>c) 1 and 2 only</p> <p>d) 3 only</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.7. qn.no.33, Test 12 Qn.no. 59]</b></p> <p><b>"Isrosene" that was in news is a</b></p> <p>(a) Biodegradable rubber</p> <p>(b) Biodegradable fuel</p> <p>(c) Cryogenic Fuel</p> <p>(d) Nuclear fuel</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/all-you-need-to-know-about-isros-indigenous-cryogenic-engine-used-in-the-gslv-mkiii-d1-mission-3704031.html">http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/all-you-need-to-know-about-isros-indigenous-cryogenic-engine-used-in-the-gslv-mkiii-d1-mission-3704031.html</a></p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>With reference to India's satellite launch vehicles, consider the following statement:</p> <p>1. PSLVs launch the satellites useful for Earth resources monitoring</p>	

<p>59. Which is / are true?.</p> <p>(a) Chandrayaan-1 discovered some “magmatic water” on a Moon crater.</p> <p>(b) Chandrayaan-2 mission is planned to fly on GSLV Mk II from Satish Dhawan Space Centre on Sriharikota Island.</p> <p>(c) Both (a) and (b)</p> <p>(d) Neither (a) nor (b)</p> <p><u>Note</u>  <a href="http://zeenews.india.com/space/chandrayaan-ii-historical-move-for-india-as-isro-prepares-for-first-ever-moon-landing-mission-2062643.html">http://zeenews.india.com/space/chandrayaan-ii-historical-move-for-india-as-isro-prepares-for-first-ever-moon-landing-mission-2062643.html</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.2. qn.no.11]</b></p> <p><b>Merger of public sector banks to make them stronger was recommended by</b></p> <p>(a) Narasimhan Committee          (b) Tarapore Committee          (c) Malegam Committee          (d) Vijay Kelkar Committee</p> <p><b>Note:-</b>  <a href="http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/D2mfHcAdkiZPeOthBjnL3N/The-whys-and-hows-of-bank-consolidation-in-India.html">http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/D2mfHcAdkiZPeOthBjnL3N/The-whys-and-hows-of-bank-consolidation-in-India.html</a></p>
<p>4. With reference to the governance of public sector banking in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital infusion into public sector banks by the Government of India has steadily increased in the last decade.</li> <li>To put the public sector banks in order, the merger of associate banks with the parent State Bank of India has been affected.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only          b) 2 only  <b>c) Both 1 and 2</b>          d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>5. With reference to organic farming in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“The National Programme for Organic Production: (NPOP) is operated under the guidelines and directions of the Union Ministry of Rural Development.</li> <li>“The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority’ (APEDA) functions as the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP.</li> <li>Sikim has become India’s first fully organic State.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only  <b>b) 2 and 3 only</b>          c) 3 only</p>

<p>d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.2. qn.no.12]</b></p> <p><b>APEDA functions under the Ministry of</b></p> <p>(a) Commerce</p> <p>(b) Power</p> <p>(c) Petroleum</p> <p>(d) Agriculture</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEDA is an apex body of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, to promote the export of agricultural commodities and processed food products.</li> <li>• Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has developed a mobile app, “Hortinet” for farmers to facilitate registration, testing and certification of certain fruits and vegetables.</li> </ul>	<p>d) A Money Bill deals with the regulation of borrowing of money or giving of any guarantee by the Government of India.</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.8. qn.no.30, TEST 24 Q.NO.35]</b></p> <p><b>30. Provisions of which of the following matters qualify a Bill to be deemed to be a Money Bill ?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The receipt of money on account of the public account of India.</li> <li>2. The custody of the Contingency Fund of India.</li> <li>3. Alteration of any tax</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below-</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 only</p> <p>(b) 2 and 3 only</p> <p>(c) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>(d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><b>35. 1. The Finance Bill, presented before Parliament at the time of presentation of the Budget, is a Money Bill.</b></p> <p><b>2. The Vote on Account is obtained from Parliament through a Money Bill.</b></p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 are true</p> <p>(b) Only 2 is true</p> <p>(c) 1 and 2 are false</p> <p>(d) Only 1 is true</p> <p><b>Note:-</b></p>
<p>6. Regarding Money Bill, which of the following statement is not correct?</p> <p>a) A bill shall be deemed to be a Money Bill if it contains only provisions relating to imposition, abolition, remission, alternation or regulation of any tax.</p> <p>b) A Money Bill has provisions for the custody of the Consolidated Fund of India or the Contingency Fund of India.</p> <p>c) A Money Bill is concerned with the appropriation of moneys out of the contingency Fund of India.</p>	

<p>➤ At the time of presentation of the Annual Financial Statement before Parliament, a Finance Bill is also presented in fulfillment of the requirement of Article 110(1) (a) of the Constitution, detailing the imposition, abolition, remission, alteration or regulation of taxes proposed in the budget. <b>A Finance Bill is a Money Bill as defined in Article 110 of the Constitution.</b></p> <p>The purpose of the 'Vote on Account' is to keep government functioning, pending voting of final supply. The Vote on Account is obtained from Parliament through an Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill.</p>	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <p>(1) The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a trading bloc comprising 16 Asia-Pacific countries.</p> <p>(2) It is strategically important for India's Act East Policy.</p> <p>(3) India has joined Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>(a) 1 only          (b) 2 only          (c) 1, 2 and 3          (d) 1 and 2 only</p>
<p>7. Consider the following countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Australia</li> <li>2. Canada</li> <li>3. China</li> <li>4. India</li> <li>5. Japan</li> <li>6. USA</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above are among the 'free trade partners' of ASEAN?</p> <p>a) 1, 2, 4 and 5          b) 3, 4, 5 and 6          c) 1, 3, 4 and 5  <b>d) 2, 3, 4 and 6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.1. qn.no.96, TEST 16          Q.NO.44]</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>The RCEP is an ASEAN-centred proposal for a regional free trade area, which would initially include the ten ASEAN member states and those countries which have existing FTAs with ASEAN – Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea and New Zealand. The 16 RCEP participating countries account for almost half of the world's population, almost 30 per cent of global GDP and over a quarter of world exports.</p> <p><b>SEE OUR TEST 1 ANSWERS &amp; EXPLANATIONS DIAGRAM AT THE END.</b></p>
	<p>8. In the Federation established by the</p>

<p>Government of India Act of 1935, residuary powers were given to the</p> <p>a) Federal Legislature  <b>b) Governor General</b>  c) Provincial Legislature  d) Provincial Governors</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.6. qn.no.32]</b></p> <p>Which of the following statements regarding the residuary powers in the Constitution of India are correct?</p> <p>1. Residuary powers have been given to the Union Parliament.  2. In the matter of residuary powers the Constitution of India follows the Constitution of Australia.  3. The final authority to decide whether a particular matter falls under the residuary power or not is Parliament.  4. The Government of India Act 1935 placed residuary powers in the hands of the Governor General.</p> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below:</p> <p>(a) 1, 2 and 3  (b) 2 and 3  (c) 1 and 4  (d) 3 and 4</p>	<p>the news?.</p> <p>a) An Israeli radar system  b) India's indigenous anti-missile Programme  <b>c) An American anti-missile system</b>  d) A defence collaboration between Japan and South Korea</p> <p><b>June 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.81</b></p>
<p>9. What is "Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)", sometimes seen in</p>	<p>10. Which of the following led to the introduction of English Education of India?</p> <p>1. Charter Act of 1813  2. General Committee of Public Instruction, 1823  3. Orientalist and Anglicist Controversy</p> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only  <b>b) 2 only</b>  c) 1 and 3 only  d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.5. qn.no.57]</b></p> <p>Which of the following made English the official and literary language of India.?</p> <p>(a) Macaulay Report  (b) Government Resolution in 1835  (c) Woods Despatch  (d) Bentinck Resolution in 1828</p>

<p>11. With reference to educational institutions during colonial rule in India, Consider the following pairs:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Institution</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Founder</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Sanskrit College at Benaras</td> <td>– William Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Calcutta Madarsa</td> <td>– Warren Hastings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Fort William College</td> <td>– Arthur Wellesley</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Which of the pairs given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2  <b>b) 2 only</b>    c) 1 and 3    d) 3 only</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.25. qn.no.67]</b></p> <p>1. Asiatic Society - William Jones    2. Charles Wood's Despatch - Lord Dalhousie</p> <p>Which of the above is/are correctly paired?</p> <p>(a) 1 only    (b) 2 only    (c) Both 1 and 2    (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>Note:-</b></p> <p>➤ Lord Dalhousie also introduced Doctrine of Good of Governed under which Awadh</p>	Institution	Founder	1. Sanskrit College at Benaras	– William Jones	2. Calcutta Madarsa	– Warren Hastings	3. Fort William College	– Arthur Wellesley	<p>(1856) and Punjab (1849) were annexed.</p> <p>➤ Charles Wood's Dispatch on Indian education was accepted, which is called Magnacarta of British Education.</p> <p>➤ Foundation of Asiatic Society of Bengal was done with William Jones in 1784. It was established due to the risings interest of Englishmen into Indian Culture.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.24. qn.no.19]</b></p> <p>1. Asiatic Society - William Jones    2. Charles Wood's Despatch - Lord Dalhousie</p> <p>Consider the following statements w.r.t. Battle of Buxar.</p> <p>1. The British East Indian Company was led by Hector Munro.    2. Clive was the Governor General of Bengal during Battle of Buxar.</p> <p>(a) 1 and 2 are true    (b) Only 2 is true    (c) 1 and 2 are false    (d) Only 1 is true</p> <p><b>Note:-</b></p> <p>➤ Clive was in England when Battle of Buxar was fought and won by the British. In 1765</p> <p>➤ Clive returned &amp; became Governor General of Bengal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.</p> <p>➤ William Fort at Bengal was founded for governor.</p>
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<p>12. With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IRNSS has three satellites in geostationary and four satellites in geosynchronous orbits.</li> <li>2. IRNSS covers entire India and about 5500 sq. km beyond its borders.</li> <li>3. India will have its own satellite navigation system with full global coverage by the middle of 2019.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only b) 1 and 2 only c) 2 and 3 only d) None</p> <p>[Our Test no.20. qn.no.66]</p> <p>IRNSS Satellites are helpful in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disaster Management</li> <li>2. Marine Navigation</li> <li>3. Aerial Navigation</li> <li>4. Land Navigation</li> </ol> <p>(a) 1 and 3 (b) 1, 2 and 4 (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <a href="http://www.thehindu.com/sci-">http://www.thehindu.com/sci-</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/all-you-need-to-know-about-isros-irNSS-1i-satellite-scheduled-to-be-launched-on-thursday/article23494893.ece">tech/science/all-you-need-to-know-about-isros-irNSS-1i-satellite-scheduled-to-be-launched-on-thursday/article23494893.ece</a></p> <p>13. Consider the following pairs:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Terms</th> <th>Context/Topic</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Belle II experiment</td> <td>– Artificial Intelligence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Block chain technology</td> <td>– Digital/Cryptocurrency</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. CRISPR – Cas9</td> <td>– Particle Physics</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only b) 2 only c) 2 and 3 only d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><b>2017 Current Affairs Class, IAS EXPRESS ISSUES</b> <b>Test 13 q.no.48</b></p> <p>“Cas9” in CRISPR–Cas9 technique refers to</p> <p>(a) a vector. (b) an enzyme (c) a plasmid (d) an hormone</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CRISPR technology lets scientists selectively edit genome parts and substitute them with novel DNA fragments.</li> <li>➤ Cas9 is an enzyme that has the capacity to</li> </ul>	Terms	Context/Topic	1. Belle II experiment	– Artificial Intelligence	2. Block chain technology	– Digital/Cryptocurrency	3. CRISPR – Cas9	– Particle Physics
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14.	<p>Which of the following statements best describes “carbon fertilization”?</p> <p><b>a) Increased plant growth due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere</b></p> <p>b) Increased temperature of Earth due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere</p> <p>c) Increased acidity of oceans as a result of increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere</p> <p>d) Adaptation of all living beings on Earth to the climate change brought about by the increased concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere</p> <p><b>Our Environment Book - GS3 MAINS + Class Notes</b></p>		<p>(b) The most important Indian commodities the Dutch traded in were silk, cotton, indigo, rice and opium.</p> <p>(c) Neither (a) nor (b)</p> <p>(d) Both (a) &amp; (b)</p>
15.	<p>The staple commodities of export by the English East India Company from Bengal in the middle of the 18th century were</p> <p>a) Raw cotton, oil seeds and opium</p> <p>b) Sugar, salt, Zinc and lead</p> <p>c) Copper, Silver, gold, spices and tea</p> <p><b>d) Cotton, Silk, saltpetre and Opium</b></p> <p><b>[Our Test no.24. qn.no.8]</b></p> <p>Which of the following is/are true?.</p> <p>(a) Albuquerque was the forerunner of Lord William Bentinck, who later banned sati</p>	16.	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) is the amount that banks have to maintain in the form of their own funds to offset any loss that banks incur if the account-holders fail to repay dues.</li> <li>CAR is decided by each individual bank.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p>c) Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.7. qn.no.78]</b></p> <p>If a Central Bank increases the Capital Adequacy Ratio significantly</p> <p>(a) It is encouraging banks to take greater risks with their investments.</p> <p>(b) It mandates banks to keep a very low amount of interest rates on their deposits.</p> <p>(c) It means that the banks are required to</p>

keep relatively more capital with them for the investments they make

(d) It signals near zero policy rates to encourage lending by banks.

**Note:**

➤ The capital adequacy ratio (CAR) or capital to risk weighted asset ratio (CRAR) is the capital needed for a bank measured in terms of the assets (mostly loans) disbursed by the banks. Higher the assets, higher should be the capital by the bank.

➤ A notable feature of CRAR is that it measures capital adequacy in terms of the riskiness of the assets or loans given. For example, if the bank has given loans to the government by investing in government securities like government bonds, it need not keep any capital. This is because, the riskiness of loans to government securities is zero and hence, the risk weight for government securities is zero.

➤ But in the case of risky assets like loans to the real estate sector, the risk weight will be higher- for example 300 %. Here, if the CRAR is 9 % (for standard assets with a risk weight of 100%); a bank should keep Rs 27 for giving Rs 100 loans to the real estate sector.

➤ The Basel III norms stipulated a capital to risk weighted assets of 8%. However, as per

RBI norms, Indian scheduled commercial banks are required to maintain a CAR of 9% while Indian public sector banks are emphasized to maintain a CAR of 12%.

➤ Higher the CAR, higher the amount of capital that banks are needed to keep with them. This discourages risky lending and increases the capital with banks per quantum of investment.

➤ <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/will-bank-recapitalisation-fix-npas/article20055941.ece>

17. Regarding Wood's Dispatch, which of the following statements are true?

1. Grants-in-Aid system was introduced.
2. Establishment of Universities was recommended.
3. English as a medium of instruction at all levels of education was recommended.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
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[Our Test no.25. qn.no.67]

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<p>18. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 replaced the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.</li> <li>2. The Food Safety and standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is under the charge of Director General of Health Services in the Union Ministry of Health and Family</li> </ol>	<p>19. With reference to the provisions made under the National Food Security Act, 2013.</p> <p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The families coming under the category of 'below poverty line (BPL)' only are eligible to receive subsidized food grains.</li> <li>2. The eldest women in a household, of age 18 years or above, shall be the head of the household for the purpose of issuance of a ration card.</li> <li>3. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled to a 'take-home ration' of 1600 calories per day during pregnancy and for six months thereafter.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only</p>

<p><b>b) 2 only</b></p> <p>c) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>d) 3 only</p> <p><b>October, November 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.116, 34</b></p>	<p>Agreement, which was part of the agreements concluded at the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations.</p> <p>✓ India, as member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration &amp; Protection) Act, 1999 that came into force from September 15, 2003.</p>
<p>20. India enacted The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 in order to comply with the obligations to</p> <p>a) ILO</p> <p>b) IMF</p> <p>c) UNCTAD</p> <p><b>d) WTO</b></p> <p><b>[Our Test no.5. qn.no.45]</b></p> <p><b>Geographical Indications are covered under</b></p>	<p>21. International Labour Organization's Conventions 138 and 182 are related to</p> <p><b>a) Child Labour</b></p> <p>b) Adaptation of agriculture practices to global climate change</p> <p>c) Regulation of food prices and food security</p> <p>d) Gender parity at the workplace.</p> <p><b>July 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.43</b></p>
<p>(a) Paris Convention</p> <p>(b) Uruguay Round</p> <p>(c) Rome Statute</p> <p>(d) Nairobi Protocol</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>✓ Under Articles 1 (2) and 10 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, geographical indications are covered as an element of IPRs.</p> <p>✓ They are also covered under Articles 22 to 24 of the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)</p>	<p>22. How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NGT has been established by an Act whereas the CPCB has been created by an executive order of the Government.</li> <li>The NGT provides environmental justice and helps reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts whereas the CPCB promotes cleanliness of streams and wells,</li> </ol>

	<p>and aims to improve the quality of air in the country.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only  <b>b) 2 only</b>          c) Both 1 and 2          d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>December 2017- P.NO.168</b>  <b>November 2017- P.NO.186</b></p>	<p>correct?.</p> <p>1. No law that seeks to implement the socialistic directive principles specified in Article 39(b) or (c) shall be void on the ground of contravention of any of the fundamental rights.</p> <p>2. Articles 31 A, 31B and 31C act as exceptions to the fundamental rights.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?.</p> <p>(a) Only 2          (b) Only 1          (c) Both 1 and 2          (d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>Note:</b>          Statement 2 is correct.</p> <p>Article 31A saves five categories of laws from being challenged and invalidated on the ground of contravention of the fundamental rights conferred by Article 14 and Article 19. Article 31B saves the acts and regulations included in the Ninth Schedule from being challenged and invalidated on the ground of contravention of any of the fundamental rights. Article 31C states that no law that seeks to implement the socialistic directive principles specified in Article 39(b) or (c) shall be void on the ground of contravention of the fundamental rights conferred by Article 14 or Article 19. The 42nd Amendment Act, 1976</p>
23.	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Parliament of India can place a particular law in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution of India.</li> <li>2. The Validity of a law placed in the Ninth Schedule cannot be examined by any court and no judgement can be made on it.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b>          b) 2 only          c) Both 1 and 2          d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>[Our Test no.6. qn.no.54], Also Our Daily Question in WHATSAPP group - April 2018</b></p> <p>Which of the following statements are</p>	

	<p>extended the scope of Article 31C by including within its protection any law to implement any of the directive principles specified in Part IV of the Constitution and not merely in Article 39 (b) or (c). However, this extension was declared as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in the Minerva Mills case, 1980.</p>
<p>24. What is/are the consequence / consequences of a country becoming the member of the 'Nuclear Suppliers Group'?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It will have access to the latest and most efficient nuclear technologies.</li> <li>2. It automatically becomes a member of "The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)".</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p>c) Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p> <p><b>June 2017, July IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.82,</b></p> <p><b>63.</b></p> <p><b>January 2018 - P.NO.21</b></p> <p>[Our Test no.7. qn.no.22], Test no.20. qn.no.16</p>	<p>to human activities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aral Sea</li> <li>2. Black Sea</li> <li>3. Lake Baikal</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1 only</p> <p>b) 2 and 3 only</p> <p>c) 2 only</p> <p><b>d) 1 and 3 only</b></p> <p><b>December 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.172</b></p> <p>26. Which one of the following links all the ATMs in India?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Indian Banks' Association</li> <li>b) National Securities Depository Limited</li> <li><b>c) National Payments Corporation of India</b></li> <li>d) Reserve Bank of India</li> </ol> <p><b>September 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.14</b></p>
<p>25. Which of the following has/have shrunk immensely/dried up in the recent past due</p>	<p>27. The term "two-state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) China</li> <li><b>b) Israel</b></li> <li>c) Iraq</li> <li>d) Yemen</li> </ol> <p><b>Current Affairs Class Discussion &amp;</b></p>

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28.	<p>The terms 'WannaCry, Petya and EternalBlue' sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to</p> <p>a) Exoplanets            b) Cryptocurrency  <b>c) Cyber attack</b>            d) Mini satellites</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">July 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.47</p>	30.	<p>When the alarm of your smartphone rings in the morning, you wake up and tap it to stop the alarm which causes your geyser to be switched on automatically. The smart mirror in your bathroom shows the day's weather and also indicates the level of water in your overhead tank. After you take some groceries from your refrigerator for making breakfast, it recognises the shortage of stock in it and places an order for the supply of fresh grocery items. When you step out of your house and lock the door, all lights fans, geysers and AC machines get switched off automatically. On your way to office, your cars warns you about traffic congestion ahead and suggest an alternative route, and if you are late for a meeting, its send a message to your office accordingly.</p> <p>In the context of emerging communication technologies, which one of the following terms best applies to the above scenario?.</p> <p>a) Border Gateway Protocol  <b>b) Internet of things</b>            c) Internet protocol            d) Virtual private network</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">September, October, December Collective + Class Discussion - 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO. 24, 4, 5</p>
29.	<p>With reference to the circumstances in Indian agriculture, the concept of "Conservation Agriculture" assumes significance. Which of the following fall under the Conservation Agriculture?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Avoiding the monoculture practices</li> <li>2. Adopting minimum tillage</li> <li>3. Avoiding the cultivation of plantation crops</li> <li>4. Using crop residues to cover soil surface.</li> <li>5. Adopting spatial and temporal crop sequencing/crop rotations</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below</p> <p>a) 1, 3 and 4 only            b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only  <b>c) 2, 4 and 5 only</b>            d) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Our Environment Book - GS3 MAINS</p>		

		Which of the above is/are the prediction/predictions of Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, often discussed in media?
<p>31. With reference to the Genetically Modified mustard (GM mustard) developed in India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GM mustard has the genes of a soil bacterium that give the plant the property of pest-resistance to a wide variety of pests.</li> <li>2. GM mustard has the genes that allow the plant cross-pollination and hybridization.</li> <li>3. GM mustard has been developed jointly by the IARI and Punjab Agricultural University.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only  <b>b) 2 only</b>          c) 2 and 3 only          d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><b>2017 IAS EXPRESS ISSUE JULY</b>  <b>P.NO.114</b>  <b>NOVEMBER 2017 P.NO. 160</b></p>		<p>a) 1 and 2 only          b) 3 only          c) 1 and 3 only  <b>d) 1, 2 and 3</b></p> <p><b>2017 IAS EXPRESS ISSUE OCTOBER</b>  <b>P.NO.142</b>  <b>JANUARY 2018 P.NO. 170, 171</b></p>
<p>32. Consider the following phenomena:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Light is affected by gravity.</li> <li>2. The Universe is constantly expanding.</li> <li>3. Matter warps its surrounding space-time.</li> </ol>		<p>33. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Most of the world's coral reefs are in tropical waters.</li> <li>2. More than one-third of the world's coral reefs are located in the territories of Australia, Indonesia and Philippines.</li> <li>3. Coral reefs host far more number of animal phyla than those hosted by tropical rainforests.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only          b) 3 only          c) 1 and 3 only  <b>d) 1, 2 and 3</b></p> <p><b>2017 IAS EXPRESS ISSUES</b>  <b>COLLECTIVE</b></p>

<p>34.</p>	<p>“3D printing” has application in which of the following?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preparation of confectionery items</li> <li>2. Manufacture of bionic ears</li> <li>3. Automotive Industry</li> <li>4. Reconstruction surgeries</li> <li>5. Data processing technologies</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1, 3 and 4 only          b) 2, 3 and 5 only          c) 1 and 4 only  <b>d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2017 IAS EXPRESS ISSUES          COLLECTIVE</b></p>	<p>(c) 1,2 &amp; 3          (d) Only 1 &amp; 3</p> <p>86. Who among the following is/are Revolutionary?.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Madame Cama</li> <li>2. Rasbihari Bose</li> <li>3. Shyamji Krishna Varma</li> </ol> <p>(a) Only 1 and 2          (b) Only 2 &amp; 3          (c) Only 2          (d) 1, 2 &amp; 3</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>✓ The Indian revolutionaries felt the necessity of setting up revolutionary centers in foreign countries in order to secure foreign help. One of the earliest Indians to set up revolutionary centres abroad was Shyamji Krishnavarma (1857-1930).</p> <p>✓ He was the professor of Sanskrit in Oxford University. Early in 1905 he organised the ‘Indian Home Rule Society’ in London and brought out a journal called the ‘Indian Sociologist’. The object of the ‘Indian Home Rule society’ was to secure home rule for India, and that of the ‘Indian Sociologist’ to plead the cause of India.</p> <p>✓ Shyamji Krishna Varma also founded “The India House” in London. The ‘India House’ set up by Shyamji was the main centre of revolutionary activities of the Indians in</p>
<p>35.</p>	<p>In 1920, which of the following changed its name to “Swarajya Sabha”?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All India Home Rule League</li> <li>b) Hindu Mahasabha</li> <li>c) South Indian Liberal Federation</li> <li>d) The Servants of Indian Society</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.5. qn.no.53, 86] + Our          History book</b></p> <p>53. The Home Rule Leaguer (s) is/are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) B.P. Wadia</li> <li>(2) George Arundale</li> <li>(3) S. Subramania Aiyar</li> </ol> <p>(a) Only 1 &amp; 2          (b) Only 2</p>	<p>✓ He was the professor of Sanskrit in Oxford University. Early in 1905 he organised the ‘Indian Home Rule Society’ in London and brought out a journal called the ‘Indian Sociologist’. The object of the ‘Indian Home Rule society’ was to secure home rule for India, and that of the ‘Indian Sociologist’ to plead the cause of India.</p> <p>✓ Shyamji Krishna Varma also founded “The India House” in London. The ‘India House’ set up by Shyamji was the main centre of revolutionary activities of the Indians in</p>

<p>London. Among the Indian revolutionaries who were associated with the 'India House' included among others Vinayak Savarkar, Hardayal and Madan Lal Dhingra.</p> <p>✓ Aurobindo Ghosh published a book 'Vartaman Rananiti' in which he proposed military training and skills of warfare. Even Barinder Kumar Ghosh expressed the same views in his daily 'Yugantar'.</p>	<p><b>September 2017 IAS EXPRESS - P.NO.162</b></p>										
<p>36. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.</li> <li>2. It, among other things, will also impart training in soft skills, entrepreneurship, financial and digital literacy.</li> <li>3. It aims to align the competencies of the unregulated workforce of the country to the national Skill Qualification Framework.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only          b) 2 only  <b>c) 2 and 3 only</b>          d) 1, 2 and 3</p>	<p>37. Consider the following pairs:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Towns</th> <th>Country</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Aleppo –</td> <td>Syria</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Kirkuk –</td> <td>Yemen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Mosul –</td> <td>Palestine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Mazar-i-sharif –</td> <td>Afghanistan</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2  <b>b) 1 and 4</b>          c) 2 and 3          d) 3 and 4</p> <p><b>2017 Current Affairs Class, IAS EXPRESS ISSUES</b></p> <p>38. With reference to the 'Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture (GACSA) which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GACSA is an outcome of the Climate Summit held in Paris in 2015.</li> <li>2. Membership of GACSA does not create any binding obligations.</li> <li>3. India was instrumental in the creation of GACSA.</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only</p>	Towns	Country	1. Aleppo –	Syria	2. Kirkuk –	Yemen	3. Mosul –	Palestine	4. Mazar-i-sharif –	Afghanistan
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<p><b>b) 2 only</b></p> <p>c) 2 and 3 only</p> <p>d) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.25. qn.no.33]</b></p> <p><b>Climate smart agriculture was conceptualized by</b></p> <p>(a) IPCC</p> <p>(b) UNFCCC</p> <p>(c) WTO</p> <p>(d) FAO</p> <p><b>Note:-</b></p> <p>➤ The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) defines Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) as an approach that helps to guide actions needed to transform and reorient agricultural systems to effectively support development and ensure food security in a changing climate. Further, according to FAO, such an approach aims to tackle three main objectives: sustainably achieving agricultural productivity and incomes; adapting and building resilience to climate change; and reducing and/or removing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, where possible. Critical to achieving these objectives is a major shift in the way land, water, soil nutrients and genetic resources are managed with related shifts in local/national governance, legislation, policies, financial mechanisms and</p>	<p>improving the farmers' access to markets.</p> <p><a href="https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/sustainable-farming-the-only-way-out/article9823185.ece">https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/sustainable-farming-the-only-way-out/article9823185.ece</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/climate-smart-agriculture-proposed-at-cop-raises-many-concerns-56358">http://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/climate-smart-agriculture-proposed-at-cop-raises-many-concerns-56358</a></p> <p><b>39. Right of Privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of Right to Life and Personal Liberty. Which of the following in the Constitution of India correctly and appropriately imply the above statement?</b></p> <p>a) Article 14 and the provisions under the 42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution</p> <p>b) Article 17 and the Directive Principles of State Policy in part IV</p> <p><b>c) Article 21 and the freedoms guaranteed in Part III</b></p> <p>d) Article 24 and the provisions under the 44<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>[Our Test no.1. qn.no.77]</b></p> <p><b>Which of these is/are true?.</b></p> <p>(a) KS Puttaswamy case is related to Fundamental Rights issue.</p> <p>(b) Fundamental Rights exist not in 'silos', but often as indivisible units.</p> <p>(c) Koushal judgment is related to LGBT Rights.</p> <p>(d) All the above.</p>
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**Note:**

- In the KS Puttaswamy and others vs Union of India and others case, the court seems to be reasoning on this basis. Justices Chandrachud's and Kaul's discussion of Internet company profiling of users is largely in the context of the recommendation of a data protection law, which, in other words, is a recommendation that the State needs to safeguard users' Fundamental Right to Privacy vis-à-vis private companies. It is, therefore, likely not an endorsement that the right can be enforced against private companies. In other words, it is more a suggestion that we have a Fundamental Right to a data protection regime (like we have the Fundamental Right to a law against sexual harassment at the workplace).
- Discussing the interpretation of life and liberty under Article 21, the court reiterated its stance in R.C. Cooper, that fundamental rights exist not in 'silos', but often as indivisible units which are rendered meaningless when divorced from one another. Every law which infringes essential liberties need to be examined through a conjoint reading of Articles 14 (equality), 19 (freedom) and 21 (life and liberty). This understanding implies that where liberty and equality intersect, they must both be

protected from unjust encroachment by the state in equal measure, failing which the encroaching law is invalidated. While the idea is hardly novel, having its roots in Maneka Gandhi, the application of this principle to the current case ensures that the myriad facets of privacy that pervades the different freedoms found in the fundamental rights chapter are equally protected. Offending any one aspect of the right without following due process could now, justifiably, be struck down as unconstitutional.

After the Koushal judgment, Indian lesbian and gay couples filed applications in different parts of the Commonwealth claiming refugee or protected status. These couples argued that requiring them to return to India would raise a well-founded fear of persecution and violate their human rights.

**40. Consider the following events:**

1. The first democratically elected communist party government formed in a State in India.
2. India's then largest bank, 'Imperial Bank of India' was renamed 'State Bank of India'.
3. Air India was nationalized and became the national carrier.
4. Goa became a part of independent

	<p>India.</p> <p>Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?</p> <p>a) 4-1-2-3  <b>b) 3-2-1-4</b>          c) 4-2-1-3          d) 3-1-2-4</p>	<p>officially decides and declares Habitat Rights for Primitive and Vulnerable Tribal Groups in any part of India.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 and 2 only</b>          b) 2 and 3 only          c) 3 only          d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>41.</p>	<p>Consider the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cereal grains hulled</li> <li>2. Chicken eggs cooked</li> <li>3. Fish processed and canned</li> <li>4. Newspapers containing advertising material</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above items is/are exempted under GST (Goods and Services Tax)?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b>          b) 2 and 3 only          c) 1, 2 and 4 only          d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</p>	<p>43.</p> <p>With reference to the election of the President of India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The value of the vote of each MLA varies from State to State.</li> <li>2. The value of the vote of MPs of the Lok Sabha is more than the value of the vote of MPs of the Rajya Sabha.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b>          b) 2 only          c) Both 1 and 2          d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
<p>42.</p>	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The definition of “Critical Wildlife Habitat” is incorporated in the Forest Right Act, 2006.</li> <li>2. For the first time in India, Baigas have been given Habitat Rights.</li> <li>3. Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change</li> </ol>	<p>44.</p> <p>In the Indian context, what is the implication of ratifying the ‘Additional Protocol’ with the ‘International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)’</p>

<p>a) <b>The civilian nuclear reactors come under IAEA safeguards.</b></p> <p>b) The military nuclear installations come under the inspection of IAEA.</p> <p>c) The country will have the privilege to buy uranium from the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)</p> <p>d) The country automatically becomes a member of the NSG.</p>	<p>d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
<p>45. Which of the following is/are the aim/aims of 'Digital India' Plan of the Government of India?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formation of India's own Internet companies like China did.</li> <li>2. Establish a Policy framework to encourage overseas multinational corporations that collect Big Data to build their large data centre within our national geographical boundaries.</li> <li>3. Connect many of our villages to the Internet and bring Wi-Fi to many of our schools, public places and major tourist centres.</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only</p> <p><b>b) 3 only</b></p> <p>c) 2 and 3 only</p>	<p>46. Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Birds</li> <li>2. Dust blowing</li> <li>3. Rain</li> <li>4. Wind blowing</li> </ol> <p>Which of the above spread plant diseases?</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>b) 3 and 4 only</p> <p>c) 1, 2 and 4 only</p> <p><b>d) 1, 2, 3 and 4</b></p>
	<p>47. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Speaker of the legislative Assembly shall vacate his/her office if he/she ceases to be a member of the Assembly.</li> <li>2. Whenever the Legislative Assembly is dissolved, the Speaker shall vacate his/her office immediately.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p>c) Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
	<p>48. Which one of the following reflects the most appropriate relationship between law</p>

<p>and liberty?</p> <p>a) If there are more laws, there is less liberty.</p> <p><b>b) If there are no laws, there is no liberty</b></p> <p>c) If there is liberty, laws have to be made by the people.</p> <p>d) If laws are changed too often, liberty is in danger.</p>	
<p>49. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No criminal proceedings shall be instituted against the Governor of a State in any court during his term of office.</li> <li>The emoluments and allowances of the Governor of a State shall not be diminished during his term of the office.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only</p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p><b>c) Both 1 and 2</b></p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>	<p>51. With reference to cultural history of India, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the Tyangaraja Kirtis are devotional songs in Praise of Lord Krishna.</li> <li>Tyagaraja crated several new ragas.</li> <li>Annamacharay and Tyagaraja are contemporaries.</li> <li>Annamacharaya kirtanas are devotional songs in praise of Lord Venkateshwara.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above are correct?.</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only</p> <p><b>b) 2 and 4 only</b></p> <p>c) 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>d) 2, 3 and 4</p>
<p>50. The well-known painting “Bani Thani” belongs to the</p> <p>a) Bundi School</p> <p>b) Jaipur School</p> <p>c) Kangra School</p> <p><b>d) Kishangarh School</b></p>	<p>52. Which of the following are regarded as the main features of the “Rule of Law”?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limitation of powers</li> <li>Equality before law</li> <li>People’s responsibility to the Government</li> <li>Liberty and civil rights</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>b) 2 and 4 only</p>

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53.	<p>Which one of the following is an artificial lake?</p> <p><b>a) Kodiakanal (Tamil Nadu)</b></p> <p>b) Kolleru (Andhra Pradesh)</p> <p>c) Nainital (Uttarakhand)</p> <p>d) Renuka (Himachal Pradesh)</p>	56.	<p>With reference to agricultural soils, consider the following statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A high content of organic matter in soil drastically reduces its water holding capacity</li> <li>2. Soil does not play any role in the sulphur cycle</li> <li>3. Irrigation over a period of time can contribute to the salinization of some agricultural lands.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 2 only</p> <p><b>b) 3 only</b></p> <p>c) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
54.	<p>Which among the following events happened earliest?</p> <p>a) Swami Dayanand established Arya Samaj</p> <p><b>b) Dinabandhu Mitra wrote Neeldarpan</b></p> <p>c) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote Anand Math</p> <p>d) Satyendranath Tagore became the first Indian to succeed in the Indian Civil Services Examination.</p>		
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	<p>Convention on Climate Change 2015, Paris d) The World sustainable Development Summit 2016, New Delhi</p>	<p>c) 1 and 3 only d) 2 and 4 only</p> <p><b>2017 Current Affairs Class, IAS EXPRESS ISSUES</b></p>										
<p>58.</p>	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Barren Island volcano is an active volcano located in the Indian Territory.</li> <li>2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar</li> <li>3. The last time the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only b) 2 and 3 c) 3 only d) 1 and 3</p>	<p>60. “Momentum for Change: Climate Neutral Now” is an initiative launched by</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</li> <li>b) The UNEP Secretariat</li> <li>c) <b>The UNFCCC Secretariat</b></li> <li>d) The World Meteorological Organization</li> </ol>										
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<p>often mentioned in news?</p> <p>a) Its extract is widely used in cosmetics</p> <p><b>b) It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows.</b></p> <p>c) Its extract is used in the synthesis of pesticides.</p> <p>d) None of the above.</p>	<p>(b) Rajendra Prasad</p> <p>(c) Anugrah Narayan Sinha</p> <p>(d) Brajkishore Prasad</p>
<p>63. Which one of the following is a very significant aspect of the Champaran Satyagraha?</p> <p>a) Active all- India participation of lawyers, students and women in the National Movement.</p> <p>b) Active involvement of Dalit and Tribal Communities of India in the National Movement.</p> <p><b>c) Joining of peasant unrest to India's National Movement.</b></p> <p>d) Drastic decrease in the cultivation of plantation crops and commercial crops only</p>	<p>64. Who among the following were the founders of the "Hind Mazdoor Sabha" established in 1948?</p> <p>a) B Krishna Pillai, E.M.S Namboodiripad and K C George</p> <p>b) Jayaprakash Narayan, Deen Dayal Upadhyay and M.N Roy</p> <p>c) C.P Ramaswamy Iyer, K Kamraj and Veerasalingam Pantulu</p> <p><b>d) Ashok Mehta, T.S Ramanujan and G.G Mehta</b></p>
<p><b>2017 Current Affairs Class, IAS EXPRESS ISSUES, June 1 Whatsapp post in Group - 100 years of Champaran</b></p> <p><b>Our : Test 5. qn. no.61</b></p> <p>Who persuaded Gandhi to come to Champaran to investigate the Tinkathia issue?.</p> <p>(a) Raj Kumar Shukla</p>	<p>65. With reference to the religious practices in India, the "Sthanakvasi" sect belongs to</p> <p>a) Buddhism</p> <p><b>b) Jainism</b></p> <p>c) Vaishnavism</p> <p>d) Shaivism</p> <p>66. With reference to the cultural history of India, consider the following statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White marble was used in making Buland Darwaza and Khankah at Fatehpur Sikri.</li> <li>Red sandstone and marble were used in making Bara Imambara and Rumi Darwaza at Lucknow.</li> </ol>

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67.	<p>Which one of following foreign travellers elaborately discussed about diamonds and diamonds mines of India?</p> <p>a) Francois Bernier</p> <p><b>b) Jean-Baptiste Tavernier</b></p> <p>c) Jean de Thevenot</p> <p>d) Abbe Barthelemy Carre</p>	<p>70. Which one of the following statements correctly describes the meaning of legal tender money?</p> <p>a) The money which is tendered in courts of law to defray the fee legal cases</p> <p><b>b) The money which a creditor is under compulsion to accept in settlement of his claims</b></p> <p>c) The bank money in the form of cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, etc.</p> <p>d) The metallic money in circulation in a country</p>
68.	<p>With reference to India history, who among the following is a future Buddha, yet to come to save the world?</p> <p>a) Avalokiteshvara</p> <p>b) Lokeshvara</p> <p><b>c) Maitreya</b></p> <p>d) Padmapain</p>	<p>71. If a commodity is provided free to the public by the Government, then</p> <p><b>a) the opportunity cost is zero.</b></p> <p>b) the opportunity cost is ignored.</p> <p>c) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the tax-paying public.</p> <p>d) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the Government.</p>
69.	<p>Which one of the following statements does not apply to the system of Subsidiary Alliance introduced by Lord Wellesley?</p> <p>a) To maintain a large standing army at other's expense</p> <p>b) to keep India safe from Napoleonic danger</p> <p><b>c) To secure a fixed income for the</b></p>	<p>72. Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if</p> <p>a) industrial output fails to keep pace with</p>

	agricultural. b) agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output. <b>c) poverty and unemployment increase.</b> d) imports grow faster than exports.		
73.	Consider the following statement: Human capital formation as a concept is better explained in terms of a process which enables <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individuals of a country to accumulate more capital.</li> <li>2. Increasing the knowledge, skill levels and capacities of the people of the country.</li> <li>3. Accumulation of tangible wealth</li> <li>4. Accumulation of intangible wealth.</li> </ol> Which of the statements given above is/are correct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 and 2</li> <li>b) 2 only</li> <li><b>c) 2 and 4</b></li> <li>d) 1, 3 and 4</li> </ol>	75.	After the Santhal Uprising subsided, what was/were the measure/measures taken by the colonial government? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The territories called 'Santhal Paraganas' were created.</li> <li>2. It became illegal for a Santhal to transfer land to a non-Santhal.</li> </ol> Select the correct answer using the code given below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 only</li> <li>b) 2 only</li> <li><b>c) Both 1 and 2</b></li> <li>d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ol>
74.	Despite being a high saving economy, capital formation may not result in significant increase in output due to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) weak administrative machinery</li> <li>b) illiteracy</li> <li>c) high population density</li> <li><b>d) high capital-output ratio</b></li> </ol>	76.	Economically, one of the result of the British rule in Indian the 19th century was the <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) increase in the export of Indian handicrafts</li> <li>b) growth in the number of India owned factories.</li> <li><b>c) commercialization of Indian agriculture</b></li> <li>d) rapid increase in the urban population</li> </ol>
		77.	If the President of India exercises his power as provided under article 356 of the Constitution in respect State, then <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the Assembly of the India state is automatically dissolved.</li> <li><b>b) the powers of the Legislature of that</b></li> </ol>

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<p>79. In which of the following areas can GPS technology be used?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile phone operations</li> <li>Banking operations</li> <li>Controlling</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the given below:</p> <p>a) 1 only b) 2 and 3 only c) 1 and 3 only <b>d) 1, 2 and 3</b></p>	<p>81. The term “Sixth mass extinction/ sixth extinction” is often mentioned in the news in the context of the discussion of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widespread monoculture practices agriculture and large-scale commercial farming with indiscriminate use of chemicals in many parts of the world that may result in the loss of good native ecosystems</li> <li>Fears of a possible collision of a meteorite with the Earth in the near future in the manner it happened 65 million years ago that caused the mass extinction of many species including those of dinosaurs.</li> </ol>								

	<p>c) Large scale cultivation of genetically modified crops in many parts of the world and promoting their cultivation in other parts of the world which may cause the disappearance of good native crop plants and the loss of food biodiversity.</p> <p><b>d) Mankind's over-exploitation /misuse of natural resources, fragmentation/loss of natural habitats, destruction of ecosystems,, Pollution and global climate change.</b></p>	<p>is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only</p> <p><b>b) 2 only</b></p> <p>c) Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>
82.	<p>Very recently, in which of the following countries have lakhs of people either suffered from severe famine/acute malnutrition or died due to starvation caused by war/ethnic conflicts?</p> <p>a) Angola and Zambia</p> <p>b) Morocco and Tunisia</p> <p>c) Venezuela and Colombia</p> <p><b>d) Yemen and South Sudan</b></p>	<p>84. With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation?</p> <p>a) Committee on Government Assurances</p> <p><b>b) Committee on Subordinate Legislations</b></p> <p>c) Rules Committee</p> <p>d) Business Advisory Committee.</p>
83.	<p>The identity platform "Aadhaar" provides open "Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)". What does it imply?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It can be integrated into any electronic device.</li> <li>2. Online authentication using iris is possible.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above</p>	<p>85. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As per the Right to Education (RTE) Act, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in a State, a person would be required to possess the minimum qualification laid down by the concerned State Council of Teacher Education.</li> <li>2. As per the RTE Act, for teaching primary classes, a candidate is</li> </ol>

	<p>required to pass a Teacher Eligibility Test conducted in accordance with the National Council of Teacher Education guidelines.</p> <p>3. In India, more than 90% of teacher education institutions are directly under the State Governments.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 and 2 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p>c) 1 and 3 only</p> <p>d) 3 only</p>	<p>transfer money to anyone with a UPI-enabled bank account.</p> <p>2. While a chip-pin debit card has four factors of authentication, BHIM app has only two factors of authentication.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p><b>a) 1 only</b></p> <p>b) 2 only</p> <p>c) Both 1 and 2</p> <p>d) Neither 1 nor 2</p>								
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	<p>recognized as the Leader of the Opposition.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 and 3 only  <b>b) 2 only</b>          c) 2 and 3 only          d) 1, 2 and 3.</p>		<p>households in the country, a little over 60 percent belong to OBCs</p> <p>3. In Kerala, a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported to have received maximum incomes from sources other than agricultural activities.</p> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are corrects?</p> <p>a) 2 and 3 only          b) 2 only  <b>c) 1 and 3 only</b>          d) 1, 2 and 3.</p>
90.	<p>Which of the following leaf modifications occur(s) in the desert areas to inhibit water loss?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hard and waxy leaves</li> <li>2. Tiny leaves</li> <li>3. Thorns instead of leaves</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below :</p> <p>a) 2 and 3 only          b) 2 only          c) 3 only  <b>d) 1, 2 and 3.</b></p>		
91.	<p>As per the NSSO 70<sup>th</sup> Round “Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households”, consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rajasthan has the highest percentage share of agricultural households among its rural households.</li> <li>2. Out of the total agricultural</li> </ol>	92.	<p>Which one of the following best describes term “Merchant Discount Rate” sometimes seen in news?</p> <p>a) The incentive given by a bank to a merchant for accepting payments through debit cards pertaining to that bank..</p> <p>b) The amount paid back by banks to their customers when they used debit cards for financial transactions for purchasing goods or services.</p> <p><b>c) The charge to a merchant by a bank for accepting payments from his customers through the bank's debit cards.</b></p> <p>d) The incentive given by the Government to merchants for promoting digital payments by their customers through point of Sale (PoS) machines and debit cards.</p>

<p>93.</p>	<p>With reference to India's decision to levy an equalization tax of 6% on online advertisement services offered by non-resident entities, which of the following statements is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is introduced as a part of the Income Tax Act.</li> <li>2. Non-resident entities that offer advertisement services in India can claim a tax credit in their home country under the "Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements".</li> </ol> <p>Select the correct answer using the code given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 only</li> <li>b) 2 only</li> <li>c) Both 1 and 2</li> <li>d) Neither 1 nor 2</li> </ol>	<p>domestic liabilities of 21% of GDP as compared to that of 49% of GDP of the State Governments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. As per the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for a State to take the Central Government's consent for raising any loan if the former owes any outstanding liabilities to the latter.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 only</li> <li>b) 2 and 3 only</li> <li>c) 1 and 3 only</li> <li>d) 1, 2 and 3</li> </ol>
<p>94.</p>	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Review Committee Report has recommended a debt to GDP ratio of 60% for the general(combined) government by 2023, comprising 40% for the Central Government and 20% for the State Governments.</li> <li>2. The Central Government has</li> </ol>	<p>95. Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The quantity of imported edible oils is more than the domestic production of edible oils in the last five years.</li> <li>2. The Government does not impose any customs duty on all the imported edible oils as a special case.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is /are correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 only</li> <li>b) 2 only</li> <li>c) Both 1 and 2</li> </ol>

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96.	<p>He wrote biographies of Mazzini, Garibaldi, Shivaji, Shrikrishna: stayed in America for some time; and was also elected to the Central Assembly. He was</p> <p>a) Aurobindo Ghosh          b) Bipin Chandra Pal  <b>c) Lala Lajpat Rai</b>          d) Motilal Nehru</p>	99.	<p>Consider the following Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Earth's magnetic field has reversed every few hundred thousand years.</li> <li>When the Earth was created more than 4000 million years ago, there was 54% oxygen and no carbon dioxide.</li> <li>When living organisms originated, they modified the early atmosphere of the Earth.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only          b) 2 and 3 only  <b>c) 1 and 3 only</b>          d) 1, 2 and 3</p>
97.	<p>Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aadhaar card can be used as a proof of citizenship of domicile.</li> <li>Once issued, Aadhaar number cannot be deactivated or omitted by the Issuing Authority.</li> </ol> <p>Which of the statements given above is/are correct?</p> <p>a) 1 only          b) 2 only          c) Both 1 and 2  <b>d) Neither 1 nor 2</b></p>	100.	<p>Consider the following statements :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In India, State Governments do not have the power to auction non-coal mines.</li> <li>Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand do not have gold mines.</li> <li>Rajasthan has iron ore mines.</li> </ol> <p>a) 1 and 2          b) 2 only          c) 1 and 3  <b>d) 3 only</b></p>
98.	<p>“Rule of Law Index” is released by which of the following?</p> <p>a) Amnesty International          b) International Court of Justice          c) The Office of UN Commissioner for Human Rights</p>		

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