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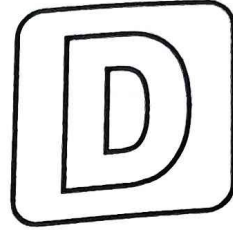
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GENERAL STUDIES AND GENERAL ENGLISH

Series



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1. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) :

The Mauryan Empire had a highly centralized administration.

Reason (R) :

Ashoka appointed royal princes, called Kumaras as the primary heads of the provinces, assisted by a governor (Mahamatra).

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true, R is false
- (D) A is false, R is true

2. With reference to the Salastambha dynasty, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) This dynasty ruled Kamarupa (modern-day Assam) for 340 years from approximately 650 AD-990 AD.
- (ii) This dynasty succeeded the Varman dynasty and shifted the capital from Pragjyotishpur to Haruppeswara.
- (iii) King Jayadeva II of Nepal married Rajyamati, the daughter of Harshadeva of this dynasty.

Codes :

- (A) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (B) (i) and (ii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) (i) and (iii) only

3. The founder of the Ahom Kingdom, Chaolung Sukaphaa ruled Assam from 1228 to 1268. Name the earliest ethnic group subjugated by him.

- (A) Matak
- (B) Sonowal Kachari
- (C) Chutiya
- (D) Moran and Borahi

4. Koch King Naranarayan was a great patron of learning and some of the best-known Assamese writings date from his reign. Select the correct writings composed during Naranarayan's reign from the codes given below :

- (i) Purushottam Vidyabagish wrote the *Prayogaratnamala*, a treatise on Sanskrit grammar.
- (ii) Ram Kumar Thakur wrote *Guru Charita*.
- (iii) Ram Saraswati translated four cantos of the *Mahabharata* into Assamese.
- (iv) Ananta Kandali translated parts of the *Bhagavata Purana* into Assamese.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) and (iv) only
- (C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
- (D) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only

5. Which Ahom King introduced Mughal dress in the royal Ahom Court?

- (A) Pratap Singha
- (B) Rudra Singha
- (C) Siva Singha
- (D) Gadadhar Singha

6. Consider the following statements :
Statement—I :

Kumaril Bhatta was an Assamese scholar from twelfth century.

Statement—II :

Kumaril Bhatta was a scholar of Mīmāṃsā philosophy.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (B) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- (C) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- (D) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect

7. In respect of the Battle of Alaboi, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) The Battle of Alaboi was fought between the Ahom Kingdom and the Mughal Empire around 5 August, 1669.

- (ii) The Battle of Saraighat preceded the Battle of Alaboi.
- (iii) The Assamese army lost ten thousand of their brave men in this Battle.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (iii)
- (B) (ii) and (iii)
- (C) All statements are correct
- (D) None of the statements is correct

8. With reference to Ramani Gabharu, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) She was the daughter of Swargadeo Jayadhwaj Singha.
- (ii) She was sent to Mughal Harem, following the treaty concluded between Mir Jumla and the Ahoms in 1663.
- (iii) She was renamed as Rahmat Banu Begum after her marriage with Aurangzeb's son prince Muhammad Azam Shah.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) and (iii) only
- (C) All statements are correct
- (D) None of the statements is correct

9. Name the Kamata King who shifted the capital to Kamatapur from Kamrupnagara following an unsuccessful invasion by Malik Ikhtiyaruddin Yuzbak, the Mamluk governor of Bengal.

- (A) Vaidyadeva
- (B) King Sindhu Rai
- (C) King Prithu
- (D) King Sandhya

10. Dimapur, the capital of the Kachari Kingdom, was occupied by which Ahom King?

- (A) Rudra Singha
- (B) Gadadhar Singha
- (C) Suhungmung
- (D) Rajeswar Singha

11. Which of the following historical sites contains examples of Gupta architecture?

- (A) Da-Parbatia
- (B) Madan Kamdev
- (C) Suryapahar
- (D) Agnigarh

12. Which river forms the western boundary of the Orang National Park?

- (A) Dhansiri
- (B) Beki
- (C) Gabharu
- (D) Jia Bharali

13. In respect of Umananda Island, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) The Umananda Island is also known as Peacock Island.
- (ii) The Umananda Island is also known as Bhasmachal.
- (iii) The British named the Umananda Island as Peacock Island.
- (iv) According to Hindu mythology, Shiva resided in Umananda Island in the form of Bhayananda.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (iii) and (iv) only
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
- (D) All statements are correct

14. With reference to the Burhi Dihing River, identify the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) It originates in the eastern Himalayas (the Patkai Hills).
- (ii) It has created a number of oxbow lakes in its watershed.
- (iii) Namdapha River is its tributary on its northern bank.
- (iv) Disang River is its tributary on its southern bank.

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (iv) only
- (C) (ii) and (iv) only
- (D) All statements are correct

15. How many UNESCO World Heritage Sites are there in Assam?

- (A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4

16. Which is the largest freshwater lake in North-East India?

- (A) Deepor Beel
(B) Loktak Lake
(C) Chilika Lake
(D) Wular Lake

17. Assam is the part of which bio-diversity hot spot?

- (A) Indo-Nepal
(B) Indo-Bhutan
(C) Indo-Burma
(D) Indo-China

18. Which of the following wildlife species is endemic to Assam?

- (A) Pygmy hog
(B) Snow leopard
(C) Purple-faced langur
(D) Indian pangolin

19. Consider the following :

Statement—I :

La Niña is a phase of El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), characterized by changes in sea temperatures (cooler than average) along the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

Statement—II :

In India, El Niño is associated with increased rainfall and lower temperatures, while La Niña is associated with decreased rainfall and hence higher temperatures.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
(B) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
(C) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
(D) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect

20. With reference to India's cold desert of Ladakh, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) It is surrounded by the Karakoram, Zaskar, Ladakh, and the Great Himalayan ranges.
(ii) It has snow cover throughout the year.
(iii) The main rivers in Ladakh are the Indus, Zaskar and Shyok.
(iv) It receives very little rainfall annually.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (iii) and (iv) only
(C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(D) All statements are correct

21. Match the following and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

River system	Origin/Feature
a. Siang	1. Brahmagiri Hills
b. Godavari	2. Angsi glacier
c. Narmada	3. Maikal range
d. Mahanadi	4. Sihawa range

Codes :

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

22. Which Article of the Constitution of India provides for right to equality before the law and equal protection of laws?

- (A) Article 13
(B) Article 14
(C) Article 15
(D) Article 16

23. What benefit did the 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act of India, 2019 give to the people of India?

- (A) Right to education
(B) OBC reservation
(C) EWS reservation
(D) Right to information

24. The writ of Habeas Corpus may be issued by the Supreme Court or a High Court to

- (A) protect a person from arrest or detention
(B) remand a person from police custody to judicial custody
(C) order an early trial of an accused person
(D) demand a public official or body, like a warden, to produce a detained person before a court to determine if their detention is lawful

25. Regarding the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, identify the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, introduced in August 2024, aims to streamline the management of Waqf properties in India by amending the Waqf Act of 1995.
(ii) The Supreme Court has stayed the entire Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.
(iii) The Supreme Court has not stayed the entire Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, but has put some provisions on hold.

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
(B) (ii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only
(D) (i) and (iii) only

26. Consider the following statements and choose the correct answer using the codes given below :

Statement—I :

Recently, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice recommended to establish regional benches of the Supreme Court (SC).

Statement—II :

The Supreme Court has approved the proposal for decentralize the apex court's functioning to improve access to justice and reduce pendency.

Codes :

- (A) Both I and II are true and II is the correct explanation of I
 - (B) Both I and II are true but II is not the correct explanation of I
 - (C) I is true but II is false
 - (D) I is false but II is true
27. Consider the following statements and choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

Statement—I :

The executive power of a State extends to borrowing within the territory of India upon the security of the Consolidated Fund of the State.

Statement—II :

Over-borrowing from the Central Government leads to a reduction in the next payouts by the Union of India.

Codes :

- (A) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
 - (B) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
 - (C) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
 - (D) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect
28. The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with the
- (A) administration of OBC/MOBC population
 - (B) State reorganization based on language
 - (C) welfare of the SC/ST population
 - (D) provisions for administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram

29. The words 'Socialist' and 'Secular' were added to the Preamble of the Constitution of India by which Amendment?

- (A) 42nd Amendment, 1976
- (B) 44th Amendment, 1978
- (C) 40th Amendment, 1975
- (D) 43rd Amendment, 1977

30. Right to property is now a

- (A) Fundamental Right
- (B) Legal Right
- (C) Directive Principle
- (D) Moral Right

31. Which one of the following statements regarding Bhabendra-nath Saikia is **not correct**?

- (A) He was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in 1976.
- (B) He was awarded Assam Valley Literary Award in 1990.
- (C) He was awarded Saraswati Samman Award in 1995.
- (D) He was awarded Srimanta Sankardev Award in 1998.

32. Match the books in List—I with their authors List—II using the codes given below the Lists :

List—I

List—II

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Mereng | 1. Ambikagiri Raichoudhury |
| b. Yaruvingam | 2. Anuradha Sharma Pujari |
| c. Bedonar Ulka | 3. Homen Borgohain |
| d. Pita, Putra | 4. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya |

Codes :

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

33. The book, *Planter Raj to Swaraj : Freedom Struggle and Electoral Politics in Assam 1826-1947* is written by

- (A) Lakshminath Bezbarua
- (B) Indira Goswami
- (C) Amalendu Guha
- (D) Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya

34. Recently, Ankita Konwar has made history by becoming the first Assamese woman to complete a Full Ironman Triathlon in Calella, Barcelona. The Ironman Triathlon includes

- (A) swimming, cycling and marathon
- (B) swimming, trekking, and marathon
- (C) trekking, cycling and soapbox race
- (D) trekking, marathon and soapbox race

35. For which film did Zubeen Garg win the National Film Award for Best Non-Feature Film Music Direction for the year 2009?

- (A) *Gangster*
- (B) *Fire on Edge*
- (C) *Flowering Man*
- (D) *Echoes of Silence*

36. For which documentary did Kulada Kumar Bhattacharjee win the National Film Award for Best Narration/Voice-Over?

- (A) *Hati Bondhu*
- (B) *Maj Rati Keteki*
- (C) *Village Rockstars*
- (D) *Anunaad : The Resonance*

37. Who was the first person from Assam to receive the Padma Shri Award?

- (A) Smt. Nalini Bala Devi
- (B) Kum. Amalprava Das
- (C) Smt. Indira Miri
- (D) Smt. Chandraprava Saikiani

38. In which year did pugilist Lovlina Borgohain win the Arjuna Award?

- (A) 2019
- (B) 2020
- (C) 2021
- (D) 2022

39. Which of the two dairy products, whether sold loose and pre-packaged, have been completely exempted from GST under the Government GST Norms, 2025?

- (A) Butter and Paneer
- (B) Milk and Ghee
- (C) Paneer and Cheese
- (D) Milk and Paneer

40. What does CTC stand for in the context of tea production?

- (A) Crush, Tear, Curl
- (B) Cut, Taste, Curl
- (C) Chop, Twist, Crumble
- (D) Compress, Tear, Coagulate

41. Identify the schemes included in the Ashtadash Mukutar Unnoyonee Maala announced in the Assam Budget, 2025-2026 and choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

- (i) Provincialization of schools
- (ii) Chief Minister's Jibon Prerona
- (iii) Year of Books
- (iv) Bon Mitra Abhijan

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
- (D) All of the above

42. Consider the following statements and identify the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) China is the largest buyer of iron ore from India.
- (ii) Assam has discovered substantial iron ore deposit in Dima Hasao.
- (iii) Assam has become a leading exporter of iron ore in India in Q2 of FY 2025.

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (iii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) All statements are correct

43. Consider the following statements and identify the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) Assam has the highest cattle population in the North-East region.
- (ii) Assam is self-sufficient in milk production.
- (iii) Purabi is the brand name for milk and dairy products manufactured by West Assam Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd. (WAMUL).

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
- (B) (i) and (iii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) All statements are correct

44. The Economic Survey of India is published by the

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Indian Statistical Institute
- (C) Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- (D) None of the above

45. Match the Institutions in List—I with their objectives in List—II and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

List—I

List—II

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| a. RBI | 1. Rural development and refinance support |
| b. IDBI | 2. Monetary stability and financial supervision |
| c. NABARD | 3. Credit and inclusion for rural poor |
| d. RRB | 4. Promote and finance industries |

Codes :

- (A) a-3, b-4, c-1, d-2
 (B) a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4
 (C) a-2, b-4, c-1, d-3
 (D) a-2, b-4, c-3, d-1
46. In the context of the Indian Union Budget, what does 'Revised Estimate (RE)' refer to?
- (A) The estimate prepared for the next financial year
 (B) The actual expenditure of the current year
 (C) The difference between budget estimate and actual expenditure
 (D) The updated financial forecast for a budget period, created mid-year to account for actual spending and revenue trends, new priorities, or unforeseen circumstances

47. Name the operation launched by the Government of Assam in 2024 to protect the one-horned rhinos from poachers.

- (A) Indian Rhino Vision, 2020
 (B) Operation Falcon
 (C) Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
 (D) Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat

48. Which of the following two forests have been earmarked as biosphere reserve in Assam?

- (A) Kaziranga and Manas
 (B) Manas and Nameri
 (C) Kaziranga and Dibru-Saikhowa
 (D) Manas and Dibru-Saikhowa

49. Which of the following best describes/describe the aim of the National Green India Mission of the Government of India? Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

- (i) To increase India's forest and tree cover and improve the quality of existing forest and tree cover.
 (ii) Incorporating environmental benefits and costs into the Union and State's budget and thereby implementing the green audit.
 (iii) Launching the second Green Revolution to enhance agricultural output so as to ensure food security to one and all in the future.

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
 (B) (i) and (ii) only
 (C) (iii) only
 (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

50. In the recent grassland bird census in Kaziranga, the researchers found the evidence of 'ecological succession' in the national park. The 'ecological succession' in Kaziranga refers to a

- (A) gradual increase in the capacity of grassland birds to become camouflaged
- (B) gradual increase of peculiar habitats for grassland birds
- (C) gradual increase of the number of globally threatened birds
- (D) gradual transition of grassland into woodland

51. Recently, environmentalists have raised concerns with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) over alleged hazardous effluent discharge from Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) into the Dhansiri River. They are concerned about the creation of 'hypoxic zones' in the river. Regarding this, consider the following statements :

Statement—I :

Hypoxic zones are the areas of water with extremely low dissolved oxygen.

Statement—II :

Hypoxia events fail to follow algal bloom that marks the rapid development of algae and phytoplankton.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (B) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- (C) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- (D) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect

52. With reference to the recent report submitted by the Union Environment Ministry to the National Green Tribunal, consider the following statements :

Statement—I :

Assam is the second highest forest area under encroachment among all States and Union Territories.

Statement—II :

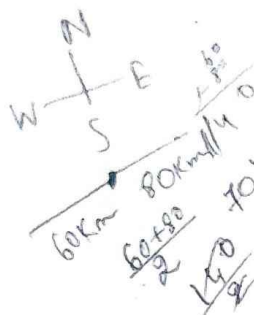
Human-elephant conflict in Assam is a growing issue primarily caused by shrinking elephant habitats.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (B) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
- (C) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct
- (D) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect

53. A man travels 80 km East in 1 hour, halts for 0.5 hour and then travels 60 km West in 2.5 hours. Find the average velocity of the travel.

- (A) 5 km/hr East
(B) 6 km/hr East
(C) 7 km/hr East
(D) 4 km/hr East



56. Look at this series :

31, 29, 24, 22, 17, _____

What number should come next?

- (A) 12
(B) 13
(C) 14
(D) 15



54. Find the missing alphabet :
B, D, H, N, _____

- (A) S
(B) Q
(C) V
(D) T

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57. A tank is being filled with water by two inlet pipes. Pipe A can fill the tank in 12 hours, and Pipe B can fill it in 18 hours. At the same time, an outlet pipe, Pipe C, can empty the tank in 36 hours. If all three pipes are opened simultaneously, how long will it take to fill the tank?

- (A) 10 hours
(B) 18 hours
(C) 9 hours
(D) 6 hours

55. Consider the following matrix and select the number from among the given codes that can replace the question mark (?) in it :

6	9	99
8	12	168
11	15	?

Codes :

- (A) 258
(B) 399
(C) 487
(D) 599

58. The present age of a father is 3 times his son's age. After 10 years, the father will be twice as old as his son. Find the present age of the son.

- (A) 8 years
(B) 10 years
(C) 11 years
(D) 14 years

$$\begin{aligned} 3n &= 2n + 10 \\ 3n - 2n &= 10 \\ n &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

59. Consider the given statement and conclusions therefrom and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Statements :

All schools are buildings. Some buildings are historical monuments.

Conclusions :

- (I) Some schools are historical monuments.
(II) Some historical monuments are schools.

Codes :

- (A) Only Conclusion I follows
(B) Only Conclusion II follows
(C) Both I and II follow
(D) Neither I nor II follows

60. If 7 pencils cost as much as 5 erasers, how many pencils can be bought for the price of 20 erasers?

- (A) 20 (B) 25
(C) 28 (D) 35

61. Consider the following statements about the Bhaona culture of Assam and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

- (i) Bhaonas were written in Sanskrit and Assamese.
(ii) Ankiya Nats are the foundations of Bhaonas and were composed by Srimanta Sankardev and his disciple Madhavdev.
(iii) Bhaona combined acting, singing and dancing to make the teachings of Vaishnavism accessible to common people.

Codes :

- (A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only *

62. In respect of the Assamese magazine, *Assam Bandhu*, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) It was a monthly magazine and covered a wide range of topics including science, arts and literature.
(ii) It was started and edited by Gunabhiram Barua.
(iii) It was edited at Nagaon and printed at Calcutta (now Kolkata).
(iv) Only twelve issues of the magazine were published.

Codes :

- (A) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(B) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only
(C) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
(D) All statements are correct

63. Which one of the following books is the most important literary source for the study of early History of Assam?

- (A) *The Mahabharata*
(B) *Harshacharita*
(C) *Kalika Purana*
(D) *Arthashastra*

64. In regard to 'Wangala Festival', identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) It is also known as 100 drums festival.
- (ii) It honours the Sun God Misi Saljong.
- (iii) It is celebrated by Khasi community in Meghalaya.
- (iv) The Rugala ceremony is the most important ritual within the festival.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
- (C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
- (D) All statements are correct

65. With reference to the festivals of North-East India, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) Mopin festival is an agricultural festival of the Galo tribe of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (ii) Kherai Puja is celebrated by the Bodo community.
- (iii) Saga Dawa is a modern festival celebrated in Nagaland.
- (iv) The Ali Aye Ligang festival is the major Spring festival of the Mishing community.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (iii) only
- (B) (i) and (ii) only
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
- (D) None of the statements is correct

66. 'Domkoich Song' is a form of folk song of the

- (A) Tea Garden Community
- (B) Dimasa
- (C) Deori
- (D) Thengal Kachari

67. Consider the following statements and identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) *Awahan* was first published in 1929 and continued for more than forty years.
- (ii) The first publication of the Assamese State song, "O Mor Apunar Desh", was in *Banhi* in 1909.
- (iii) A new era (Jonaki Yuga) of modern Assamese literature began around the magazine, *Jonaki*.
- (iv) *Orunodoi* was the first Assamese-language monthly magazine, published from Sibsagar, Assam and was launched by American Baptist missionaries, with Dr. Nathan Brown as its first editor.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) and (iii) only
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) All statements are correct

68. Recently, the Prime Minister has inaugurated the Jhumur Biandini 2025 in Guwahati. In this regard, consider the following :

Assertion (A) :

Jhumur is the folk dance of the Sadan ethnolinguistic group.

Reason (R) :

The Sadan ethnolinguistic group traces its origins to the Chota Nagpur region.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true, R is false
- (D) A is false, R is true

69. With reference to the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) It acts as an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction of scientific research in the country as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP).
- (ii) It encourages private sector participation in research and innovation.
- (iii) It aims at fostering strong industry-academia collaboration.
- (iv) The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has been subsumed into ANRF.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (iii) and (iv) only
- (C) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
- (D) All statements are correct

70. Which policy aims at accelerating development of technologies for bio-based products and their commercialization by setting up of Bio-Enablers that include Bio-Artificial Intelligence (Bio-AI) hubs?

- (A) Bio-E3 Policy
- (B) Biotech India 2025
- (C) Atmanirbhar Biotech Mission
- (D) Bharat Biotechnology Policy

71. In respect of 2025 Global Innovation Index (GII), identify the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) India ranked at 38th among 139 countries.
- (ii) It leads as the top performer in the Central and Southern Asia region.
- (iii) Its position is first among lower-middle-income economies.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) only
- (C) (i) and (iii) only
- (D) All statements are correct

72. With reference to the Shraddhanjali Scheme, select the correct statement(s) from the codes given below :

- (i) The Government of Assam launched the scheme in memory of the legendary musician Zubeen Garg.
- (ii) It aims to ensure the dignified repatriation of mortal remains of permanent residents of Assam who die outside the State.
- (iii) It also covers deaths occurring during medical treatments outside the State.
- (iv) It will be managed by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with the Special Branch of Assam Police.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (ii) only
- (B) (ii) only
- (C) (iv) only
- (D) All statements are correct

73. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana aims to

- (A) provide loans to poor farmers for cultivating a particular crop
- (B) provide pensions to the old and destitute persons
- (C) fund voluntary organizations involved in the promotions of skill development and employment generation
- (D) provide financial assistance to the non-corporate, non-farm sector income-generating activities of micro and small entities

74. The Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has recently collaborated with which power company to deploy over 500 fast and ultrafast EV charging points across India?

- (A) Tata Power ✓
- (B) NTPC
- (C) Reliance Industries
- (D) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

75. Which initiative aims to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in technology among students in India?

- (A) Atal Innovation Mission
- (B) BharatNet
- (C) Digital Saksharta Abhiyan
- (D) Startup Vision 2025

76. Which animated film became the first of its genre in India to cross the ₹ 100 crore net mark at the box office, setting a new benchmark altogether?

- (A) *Return of Hanuman*
- (B) *Chhota Bheem*
- (C) *Mahavatar Narsimha*
- (D) *Mahabharata*

77. Recently, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's largest bamboo-based ethanol plant in Golaghat. Two indigenous varieties of bamboos of the North-East are preferred for their high alpha-cellulose content, which is ideal for producing bioethanol. Identify the bamboo varieties referred to here and select the correct answer from the codes given below :
- Bambusa balcooa*
 - Melocanna baccifera*
 - Bambusa nutans*
 - Bambusa tulda*
- Codes :
- (i) and (ii) only
 - (ii) and (iv) only
 - (i) and (iv) only
 - (ii) and (iii) only
78. Find out the odd one from the following.
- Aditya-L1
 - NISAR
 - Block 2 BlueBird
 - MV Homi Bhabha
79. Recently, the Government of Assam renamed a sports complex in honor of Assam's first Arjuna Awardee, the legendary athlete Bhogeswar Baruah. Name the original name of the sports complex.
- Jorhat Sports Complex
 - Sarusajai Sports Complex
 - Nagaon Sports Complex
 - Dibrugarh Sports Complex
80. The Treaty of Allahabad, which marked the beginning of British political control in India, was signed between the British East India Company and the Mughal Emperor in 1765. Name the Mughal Emperor.
- Muhammad Shah
 - Alamgir II
 - Shah Alam II
 - Bahadur Shah II
81. Name the Indian educator, political activist and publisher who is widely remembered for hoisting the Indian National Flag at the Gowalia Tank Maidan, Bombay (now Mumbai) during the Quit India Movement in 1942.
- Nana Patil
 - Aruna Asaf Ali
 - Yusuf Meherally
 - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
82. Sidhu and Kanhu were two brothers and freedom fighters who led an uprising against the British in 1855. The uprising was
- Bhil Uprising
 - Kol Uprising
 - Santhal Uprising
 - Satara Uprising

83. With reference to India's Freedom Movement, identify the correct statements from the codes given below :

- (i) Britain declared India to be at war with the Axis powers in 1939 after consulting with the Congress and Muslim League leaders.
- (ii) The All India Congress Committee passed the 'Quit India' Resolution on 8 August, 1942 in Bombay (now Mumbai).
- (iii) The Simon Commission included Indian members.
- (iv) Stafford Cripps offered Dominion status to India within the British Empire.

Codes :

- (A) (i) and (iv) only
- (B) (ii) and (iii) only
- (C) (ii) and (iv) only
- (D) (iii) and (iv) only

84. Match the following and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Queen	Dynasty
a. Rani Ahilyabai	1. Vakataka dynasty
b. Queen Sugandha	2. Utpala dynasty
c. Prabhavati Devi	3. Holkar dynasty
d. Kota Rani	4. Lohara dynasty

Codes :

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

85. Identify the wrong statement from the following.

- (A) Invading forces of Babur defeated Ibrahim Khan Lodi at the First Battle of Panipat.
- (B) Humayun lost his kingdom due to Sher Shah Suri.
- (C) Akbar introduced the Mansabdari system for military and administrative purposes.
- (D) Muhammad Kam Bakhsh succeeded Aurangzeb as the Mughal Emperor.

86. Consider the following :

Assertion (A) :

The Non-Cooperation Movement of 1920 was called off by Mahatma Gandhi.

Reason (R) :

The Movement had turned violent after the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

Which one of the following is correct in respect to the above statements?

- (A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true, R is false
- (D) A is false, R is true

87. Fill up the blanks with the most appropriate pair of words from the options given below :

"Although in this case there were _____ circumstances, the judge ruled that there has to be strict _____ of the law."

- (A) questionable, respect
 - (B) objectionable, obedience
 - (C) specific, adherence
 - (D) extraordinary, compliance
88. The relationship between the cleavage and the translucence of a diamond is most similar in relationship between the style of a car and its

- (A) colour
- (B) size
- (C) price
- (D) speed

89. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the word 'inequity' from the given alternatives.

- (A) Intelligence
- (B) Lack of fairness
- (C) Oddity
- (D) Complexity

Read the passage carefully and answer Questions Nos. 90-92 :

In the modern economy, knowledge has emerged as the most valuable form of capital. Unlike traditional resources such as land or machinery, knowledge expands rather than diminishes with use. As organizations compete in a rapidly changing world, their ability to create, share, and apply knowledge often determines their long-term success. Yet, managing knowledge is not without challenges. While information can be stored in databases, true knowledge resides in people—in their experiences, insights, and judgments. Companies, therefore, must cultivate cultures that encourage learning and collaboration rather than secrecy and competition. Ironically, as digital technologies multiply the means of communication, they also risk overwhelming individuals with excessive information, making it harder to discern what is truly valuable. In this context, wisdom—the ability to apply knowledge judiciously—becomes more crucial than ever.

90. The main idea of the passage is that

- (A) digital technologies make knowledge management simple
- (B) knowledge is the most important and renewable form of capital
- (C) traditional resources are still more valuable than knowledge
- (D) information and knowledge mean the same thing

91. According to the passage, 'true knowledge' primarily resides in

- (A) databases and digital systems
- (B) books and reports
- (C) people and their experiences
- (D) institutions and policies

92. The author suggests that a major challenge of the digital age is
- (A) lack of access to information
 - (B) overabundance of information
 - (C) decline in technological innovation
 - (D) loss of traditional skills

93. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word :

'She quickly finished her homework.'

- (A) Adjective (B) Preposition
- (C) Verb (D) Adverb

94. Here a pair of words is provided. Select the option that most appropriately describes the meaning of both the words :

'Elucidate and Elaborate'

- (A) Elucidate means explaining, elaborate means detailing
- (B) Elucidate means enlarging, elaborate means clearing up
- (C) Elucidate means clarifying, elaborate means understanding
- (D) Elucidate means detailing, elaborate means to shed light

95. Select the appropriate antonym of the following idiom :

'Throw in the towel'

- (A) Give up (B) Withdraw
- (C) Withstand (D) Renounce

96. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word below :

'Relegate'

- (A) Banish (B) Promote
- (C) Withhold (D) Commend

97. Select the appropriate meaning of the following idiom :

'Ten a penny'

- (A) Invaluable
- (B) Very common
- (C) Fertile
- (D) Scarce

98. Identify the type of the following sentence from the options given below :

'How beautiful the garden looks today!'

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Exclamatory
- (D) Imperative

99. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?

- (A) The teacher praised the student.
- (B) The student was praised by the teacher.
- (C) The teacher has praised the student.
- (D) The student praises the teacher.

100. Fill in the blank from the options given below :

Neither of the two boys _____ present in the class.

- (A) were (B) was
- (C) are (D) have been