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## GEN. STUDIES TEST SERIES - IAS PRELIMS 2018

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### (ADVANCE LEVEL)

1. Consider the following statements with reference to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY):
- The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
  - The scheme seeks to modernize food processing industries.
  - Mega Food Park scheme is an integral component of PMKSY.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
2. 'NIKSHAY' an initiative taken by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is web based application for monitoring and tracking -
- Malnutrition in children
  - Patients of AIDS
  - Dengue-affected areas
  - TB patients
3. Which of the following are core missions under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)?
- National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency.
  - National Mission on Sustainable Habitat.
  - National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem.
  - National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change.
4. Consider the following statements regarding Small Farmer's Agriculture-Business Consortium (SFAC):
- SFAC is an autonomous society promoted by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
  - It is registered as Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFC) by Reserve Bank of India.
  - SFAC is tasked with the implementation of e-NAM.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only II
  - Only III
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
5. With reference to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, which of the following statement is not correct?
- It aims to achieve complete rural connectivity through all-weather roads by 2019.
  - 50% of the Cess on High Speed Diesel (HSD) is earmarked for this programme.
  - Its works are executed by the state agencies.
  - It comes under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Choose the right answer from the codes given below:
- Only II and III
  - Only II and IV
  - Only I, II and III
  - All of the above

6. Consider the following statements with reference to the Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN):

- I. It seeks to increase the footfalls of reputed international faculty in the Indian academic institutions.
- II. The initiative facilitates student exchange programme across reputed international universities.
- III. The initiative incentivizes highly qualified academicians from reputed international universities to mentor PhD students.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

7. Read the following statements about Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL):

- I. TKDL is an initiative to provide the information on traditional knowledge existing in the country.
- II. TKDL is a collaborative project of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Department of AYUSH.
- III. It ensures safeguarding of traditional knowledge against bio piracy and unethical patents.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

8. 'Mera Gaon - Mera Gaurav' initiative is launched with an objective of which of the following?

- (a) Improving ground level interaction of agriculture scientists with farmers to enable better adaptation of technology.
- (b) Making villages Open Defecation free through information, education and communication as part of Swacch Bharat Campaign.
- (c) Encouraging High Net Worth individuals and NRI's to adopt their ancestral villages.
- (d) Enabling skill development and creating sustainable livelihood options in villages to mitigate distressed migration.

9. Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched "Mahila e-Haat", an online marketing platform. In this regard, consider the following statements:

- I. Its goal is to support 'Make in India' through online marketing platform.
- II. Through this portal, women entrepreneurs can directly sell their products to government agencies only.
- III. It is funded through Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

10. Consider the following statements about Vittiya Saksharata Abhiyan (VISAKA):

- I. It is an initiative launched by Ministry of Finance to promote awareness about the digital economy.
- II. It encourages the faculty of higher institutions to make their respective campus cashless.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

11. Which of the following benefits is/ are provided for bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?

- I. Health insurance cover of Rs. 1 lac.
- II. No requirement of minimum balance.
- III. Overdraft facility of upto Rs. 5000/- for one account per household.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

12. Consider the following statements with reference to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA):

- I. It is a regulatory body formed under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- II. It is responsible for updating National List of Essential Medicines.
- III. It regulates the prices of drugs which are in National List of Essential Medicine.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

13. With reference to Mission Indradhanush, consider the following statements:

- I. It was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- II. Its objective is to immunize all children under the age of two years and pregnant women.
- III. The mission mode has been adopted to achieve the target of full coverage by 2020.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

14. Which of the following statements is/are true about the health indicators?

- I. High IMR and MMR are attributed to both the non-institutional deliveries and poor hygiene.
- II. India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) has been launched to reduce neonatal mortality and stillbirths to single digit by 2030.
- III. Strict implementation of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan will reduce both IMR and MMR in rural India.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) All of the above

15. With reference to the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), consider the following statements:

- I. Its objective is to provide financial assistance to persons belonging to scheduled castes living below double the poverty line.
- II. It gives priority to women while disbursing loans and also has separate loan schemes for women belonging to Scheduled Caste.
- III. It works under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

16. National Health Mission covers which of the following areas?

- I. Maternal Health.
- II. Family Planning.
- III. Child Health.
- IV. Universal Immunization.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

17. Which of the following are sub-programmes under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)?

- I. Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.
- II. Mid-day Meal Scheme.
- III. Padhe Bharat, Badhe Bharat.
- IV. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and IV
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

18. Read the following statements carefully with reference to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. The scheme mandates farmers to pay a uniform premium for all crops.
- II. Farmers to whom credit is sanctioned for notified crop must compulsory subscribe to this scheme.
- III. Farmers who fail to sow crops due to adverse weather condition can also avail benefits under PMFBY.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

19. Which of the following conventions have been ratified by India?

- I. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- II. The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- III. UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

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20. Consider the following statements with reference to “SWADHAR Scheme”:

- I. It was launched under the Ministry of Social Justice.
- II. It provides support to deserted men, women and old people.
- III. Swadhar homes maintained by NGO’s offer social and economic rehabilitation.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) Only II and III

21. Which of the following reports are correctly matched?

- I. Global Education Monitoring Report - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
- II. World Happiness Report – Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- III. World Employment and Social Outlook Report - International Labour Organization (ILO).
- IV. Global Hunger Index Report - International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II and III
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, II and IV
- (d) All of the above

22. Consider the following statements about Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY):

- I. It incentivizes states on increasing their investment in Agriculture and allied sectors.
- II. A central plan prepared by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is to be replicated across the states.
- III. Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) is a sub scheme under RKVY.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All the above

23. Which of the following statement is true about the CHAMAN Project?

- (a) Remote sensing satellite generated crop forecasts of important crops like rice and wheat.
- (b) Remote sensing satellite generated near real-time information on prevalence, severity level and persistence of agricultural drought.
- (c) Usage of drones and satellites for estimation of crop damage under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojana.
- (d) Usage of satellite remote sensing data for area and production estimation of horticultural crops.

24. Which of the following statement is true about TAMRA Portal?

- (a) It is web portal to streamline the process of various statutory clearances required for mining operations.
- (b) It is a GPS enabled portal that aids in the tracking of freight trains.
- (c) The portal tracks the status of water levels in all the major dams.
- (d) The portal indicates the status of FCRA licenses under Ministry of Home.

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25. Consider the following statements with reference to Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva:

- I. It is an Indian Meteorological Department lead initiative in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities.
- II. It issues crop and location specific weather based agro advisories for the benefit of farming community.
- III. It uses multimedia channels and SMS to help farmers plan farm operations.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

26. Which of the following are the sub-schemes under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)?

- I. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).
- II. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS).
- III. Atal Pension Yojana.
- IV. National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and IV
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, II and IV
- (d) All of the above

27. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true about Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme?

- I. The scheme is a part of Start-up India initiative.
- II. The scheme exclusively caters to the women and SC's/ST's.

III. It facilitates the exposure to loans under the MUDRA Yojana.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

28. Consider the following statements about MUDRA (Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency):

- I. MUDRA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Small Industries Development bank of India (SIDBI).
- II. It will regulate and refinance all MFIs who lend to MSME.
- III. It is mandated with the accreditation and rating of MFIs.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

29. Which of the following is the nodal ministry for Namami Gange Programme?

- (a) Ministry for Water Resources
- (b) Ministry of Environment
- (c) Ministry of Rural Development
- (d) Ministry of Shipping

30. Consider the following statements with reference to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):

- I. It is a statutory organization under the Ministry of Agriculture.

- II. It is responsible for co-ordinating and managing research in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences.
- III. The Union Minister of Agriculture acts as the President of ICAR.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

31. Which of the following statement is true about the 'Cyber Swachhta Kendra'?

- (a) It is a tele-education initiative of Ministry of Women and Children in promoting menstrual hygiene.
- (b) It aims to safeguard cyberspace from botnet and malware infections.
- (c) It is a Central Pollution Control Board initiative displaying data about the particulate matter in cities across India.
- (d) It is an online portal that displays the achievements under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

32. Read the following statements carefully with reference to the 'Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI)' and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. It is a statutory body under Ministry of Commerce.
- II. It organizes trade fairs and training camps and carries out promotional activities for the Dalit MSMEs.
- III. Minister of Commerce acts as an ex officio chairman.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

33. Which of the following would be the expected outcomes on successful implementation of "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan"?

- I. Entire rural population will be digitally literate.
- II. Improved financial inclusion.
- III. Increased social awareness about government initiatives.
- IV. Increased digital transaction via mobile phones.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

34. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Stand-Up India' Scheme:

- I. It aims to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs.
- II. It is a component of Start-Up India scheme.
- III. Loans under this scheme are available for only green field projects.
- IV. Refinance will be through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).



Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and IV
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

35. With reference to the 'Annual Status of Education Report (ASER)', consider the following statements:

- I. It is released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- II. It is a household survey.
- III. It provides estimates of children's schooling status and their ability to read simple text and do basic arithmetic.

Which of the statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

36. Which of the following scheme(s) are being implemented under Nirbhaya Fund?

- I. Sakhi Centres.
- II. Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs).
- III. CHIRALI: Friends Forever.
- IV. Sukanya Samridhi Account.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and IV
- (d) Only I, II and III

37. Consider the following statements with reference to Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana:

- I. It aims to make quality medicines available at affordable prices for all through exclusive outlets "Jan Aushadhi Medical Store".
- III. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India under the Ministry of Health is the implementing agency of this scheme.
- III. Price differential of branded drugs purchased from Aushadi stores will be directly credited to the consumer's bank account.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

38. Which of the following statement is true about GARV App?

- (a) It offers real time data on rural electrification scheme.
- (b) It is an integrated service provider for tracking progress of loans under MUDRA Yojana.
- (c) It is a weather tracking app for fishermen venturing into high seas.
- (d) It aids in defence personnel in tracking the progress of pensions.

39. Consider the following statements with respect to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):

- I. Skill training would be done based on the National Skill Qualification Framework.
- II. A monetary reward will be given to trainees on assessment and certification by third party assessment bodies.
- III. It will be implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation.

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Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

40. Consider the following statements with reference to 'Senior Citizen Welfare fund (SCWF)':

- I. SCWF will be funded by unclaimed deposits of PPF and EPF.
- II. It is administered by Ministry of Social Justice.
- III. The contributions made to SCWF are exempted from all taxes.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

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

**LIST-I**

**(Minority Scheme)**

- I. Hamari Darohar
- II. Padho Pardesh
- III. Hunar Haat
- IV. Jiyo Parsi

**LIST-II**

**(Objectives)**

- A. Providing interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies
- B. Preserving rich heritage of minority communities.
- C. Exhibition of handi-crafts made by minority community
- D. Reversing the trend of declining Parsi population

**Code:**

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|     | A   | B   | C   | D  |
| (a) | I   | III | II  | IV |
| (b) | III | I   | II  | IV |
| (c) | II  | I   | III | IV |
| (d) | III | II  | I   | IV |

42. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'USTAAD' initiative:

- I. It was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development.
- II. It involves skilling of minority youth in traditional handicrafts.
- III. The scheme provides assistance to traditional artisans to sell their products in competitive markets.

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

43. Which of the following statements is/are true about Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)?

- I. It is maintained by the National Bank of Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD).
- II. It is constituted out of a portion of the shortfall in the priority sector lending of the banks.
- III. State governments have the freedom to borrow out of the RIDF corpus and launch infrastructural improvement projects.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) Only II and III

44. Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) is one of the major initiatives under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Consider the following statements regarding ASHA:

- I. ASHA must primarily be a woman resident of the village – married/ widowed/ divorced.
- II. ASHA can only provide information to the community on nutrition, sanitation and various health initiatives and cannot provide medical care.

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

45. A 45 year old man having saving bank account in SBI is eligible for availing which of the following schemes?

- I. PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojana.
- II. PM Suraksha Bima Yojana.
- III. Atal Pension Yojana.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

46. What could be the possible benefit(s) of UJALA Scheme?

- I. Reduction of consumer bills.
- II. Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
- III. Energy and cost savings in the medium term.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

47. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Cyber Gram' initiative:

- I. It was launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- II. It aims to train minority students in basic information and communication technology.
- III. The initiative provides tablets and laptops to minority youth at subsidized prices.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

48. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Both the 'PRASAD' and 'Swadesh Darshan' schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Tourism.
- II. Both the schemes focus on the development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

49. Which of the following are objectives of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan?

- I. Create and strengthen local self-government in areas where Panchayats do not exist.
- II. Enhance capacities and effectiveness of Panchayats and the Gram Sabhas.
- III. Implementation of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) or PESA Act.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

50. Consider the following statements about the Swavalamban Scheme:

- I. It encourages people from unorganized sector to join New Pension System.
- II. It is a voluntary defined contribution scheme.
- III. The scheme invests a portion of the contributions in the equity (stock) market.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

51. Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) was established by the government for creating capital assets in higher educational institutions. In this context, which of the following are correct regarding HEFA?

- I. The HEFA would be jointly promoted by the identified Promoter and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) with an authorised capital of Rs.2,000 crore.

II. The HEFA would be formed as a SPV within a PSU Bank/ Government-owned- NBFC (Promoter).

III. All the Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions would be eligible for joining as members of the HEFA.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

52. Consider the following statements with reference to the HRIDAY (Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana) Scheme:

- I. Its main objective is to preserve the heritage cities and facilitate inclusive heritage linked urban development.
- II. Ministry of Urban Development is its nodal implementing agency.
- III. HRIDAY has been subsumed recently under PRASAD Scheme.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above

53. Which of the following is/are the differences between Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes?

- I. Central Sector Schemes are completely funded by the Union Government while the funding of Centrally Sponsored Schemes is shared between the Centre and States.

II. Both the categories of schemes are necessarily to be implemented by the state governments.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

54. Which of the following is/are the components of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)?

- I. Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network.
- II. Metering at all levels of input and distribution.
- III. Feeder separation of agriculture consumers from non-agriculture consumers.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

55. Consider the following statements regarding Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY):

- I. It is a safe motherhood intervention.
- II. It is under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).
- III. The objective of JSY is to reduce maternal mortality.
- IV. It has endeavored to attain its objective by, inter alia, promoting institutional delivery among poor women.

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I, II and III
- (b) Only I, II and IV
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

56. Which of the following schemes have Sunset Clauses?

- I. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- II. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.
- III. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).
- IV. MGNREGA.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only I, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

57. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'PAHAL' initiative:

- I. It was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- II. It involves direct benefit transfer of LPG subsidy into beneficiaries account.
- III. AADHAR linkage with bank account is mandatory for availing benefits of the scheme.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

58. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Solar City' Scheme:

- I. It is an initiative of Ministry of Urban Development.
- II. The scheme aims to reduce the demand of conventional energy.
- III. Solar Cities developed under this scheme will be exclusively powered by solar power.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) Only II and III

59. Which of the following statements is/are true about Pradhan Mantri Matritva Surakshit Abhiyan?

- I. It aims to increase the sex ratio of all the districts in India.
- II. Private practitioners are hired on the regular payment basis.
- III. It has the provision for identification and follow up of high risk pregnancies.
- IV. It is being implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

60. Consider the following statements with reference to the Rail Safety Fund:

- I. It is a non-lapsable fund which will be utilised for safety measures.

II. It will be partially financed from the proceeds of Central Road Fund (CRF).

Which of the statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

61. Which of the following initiative(s) of Ministry of Health and Family welfare have been correctly matched?

- I. ANMOL - for improving the skills of healthcare providers in RMNCH+A services.
- II. E-Raktkosh initiative - for appraising public health facilities in cleanliness, hygiene parameters related to blood bank infrastructure.
- III. Kilkari - to initiate awareness among pregnant women about Anti Natal Care.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

62. Consider the following statements about Soil Health Card Scheme:

- I. It is field-specific detailed report of soil fertility status.
- II. The card provides recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to improve soil health and fertility.
- III. It is implemented by the state governments.

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

63. Which of the following information is provided by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)?

- I. Infant and Child Mortality.
- II. Maternal and Child Health.
- III. Family Planning Services.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

64. Consider the following statements about Total Fertility Rate (TFR):

- I. It is the average number of children expected to be born per woman during her reproductive period.
- II. The decline in TFR indicates the population stability.
- III. No state in India has achieved the ideal TFR of 2.1.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

65. Which of the following statement is true about the Disha portal?

- (a) It provides information to the elected representatives to track the performance of all the major flagship schemes in their respective districts and constituencies.
- (b) It is a GIS based road monitoring initiative of Ministry of Road Transport.
- (c) It is a complaint register to report online sexual harassment of women.
- (d) It is an initiative under e-NAM for tracking the best price across the mandis.

66. Which of the following are the key priority areas under the National Action Plan for Children (NPAC)?

- I. Survival.
- II. Health and Nutrition.
- III. Education and Development.
- IV. Participation and Protection.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

67. Consider the following statements with reference to "Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana":

- I. It is a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- II. It provides free public transport for migrant workers.
- III. It facilitates SHG's to operate public transport services in rural areas.

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

68. Which of the following initiatives is/are part of Deendayal Upadhyay Shramev Jayate Karyakram?

- I. Shram Suvidha Portal.
- II. Random Labour Inspection Scheme.
- III. Apprenticeship Protsahan Yojana.
- IV. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

69. Which of the following information is/are the core components of Digital India?

- I. Creation of Digital Infrastructure.
- II. Delivery of services digitally.
- III. Digital Literacy.
- IV. Improving electronics manufacturing in India.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

70. Which of the following statement is true about the KIRAN initiative?

- (a) It is a National Housing Bank promoted saving scheme for women.
- (b) It is an awareness programme for women farmers involved in horticulture activities.
- (c) It seeks to increase the number of women researchers by encouraging with research grants.
- (d) It is a TRIFED initiative aiding in better price realisation of tribal women handicrafts.

71. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

- I. Project Mausam – Ministry of External Affairs.
- II. Surya Mitra – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- III. Operation Swarn – Ministry of Railways.
- IV. Operation Muskaan – Ministry of Women and Child Welfare.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and IV
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) Only I, II and IV

72. Consider the following statements carefully with reference to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. KVIC is a statutory body under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- II. KVIC seeks to establish and develop khadi and village industries in the rural areas by assisting, planning and promoting them.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II



73. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:

- I. Green Corridor Project aims at synchronising electricity produced from renewable sources with conventional power stations in the grid.
- II. Green Highway Project strives to make highways green by planting trees.
- III. Both the projects are being implemented under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) All of the above
- (d) None of the above

74. Which of the following targets are set under 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan'?

- I. Making all railway stations and international airports fully accessible to the disabled.
- II. Seeks to convert at least 10% of government owned public transport carriers in the country fully accessible.
- III. Ensuring free distribution of implants and prosthetics.

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

75. Consider the following statements with reference to the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY):

- I. The scheme is administered by LIC.

II. It provides social security to elderly persons aged 60 and above.

III. The scheme guarantees assured return irrespective of the interest's rates.

IV. The interests earned are exempted from all forms of taxation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I, II and III
- (c) Only II, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

76. Who among the following is placed under the category of Labour Force?

I. A person who is working or being engaged in economic activity that is work.

II. A person who is being not engaged in economic activity (work) and either making tangible efforts to seek work or being available for work if the work is available.

III. A person who being not engaged in any economic activity (work) and also not available for work.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

77. Consider the following statements about Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission:

I. It has the provisioning of enhancing both skills and local entrepreneurship along with infrastructural facilities.

II. It is being jointly run by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Urban Development.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

78. Which of the following statement is true about the SAATHI initiative?

- (a) The initiative is a pension cover for destitute and marginalized old people.
- (b) It is Ministry of Health sponsored alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation programme.
- (c) It is a performance-based incentive initiative for ASHAs in promoting institutional delivery.
- (d) It aims to provide energy efficient power looms with no upfront costs to the Small and Medium Power loom units.

79. Consider the following statements with reference to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA):

- I. It is an initiative of Ministry of Rural Development.
- II. It is a social security measure that guarantees the Right to Work.
- III. All rural citizens who are willing to do unskilled work are eligible.
- IV. Failure to provide work will lead to paying of unemployment allowance.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I, II and III
- (b) Only I, II and IV
- (c) Only I, III and IV
- (d) All of the above

80. Which of the following scheme(s) are launched for the promotion of MSMEs?

- I. Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation.
- II. Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme.
- III. ASPIRE Initiative.
- IV. Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I, II and III
- (d) All of the above

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81. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'International Solar Alliance (ISA)':

- I. The Alliance consists only of those countries lying completely between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
- II. India is the founding member of this alliance which have a secretariat in India.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

82. Consider the following statements about Pritzker Prize:

- I. It is awarded annually to honor a living architect or architects.
- II. No Indian has won this prize till now.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

**83.** Read the following statements carefully about 'Vanishing Companies':

- I. It is failed to file returns with Registrar of Companies (ROC) or with Stock Exchange for a period of two years.
- II. No director of the company is traceable.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

**84.** Consider the following statements about Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act of 2006:

- I. It seeks to recognise the forest rights of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes (FDSTs) who have been occupying the land.
- II. The land may be allocated in all forests except the core areas of National Parks and Sanctuaries.
- III. The Gram Panchayat is empowered to initiate the process of determining the extent of forest rights that may be given to each eligible individual or family.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) Only II and III

**85.** Consider the following statements about 'European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)':

- I. It is an international financial institution owned by European Union member states.
- II. India is a recipient of funding from EBRD.
- III. The EBRD mainly invests in private enterprises.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) Only II and III

**86.** India by the Nile festival is organised in which of the countries?

- (a) Mexico
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Israel
- (d) Saudi Arabia

**87.** Consider the following statements about Tiangong-1/ Heavenly Palace 1:

- I. It is a prototype space station.
- II. It was launched by China.
- III. It is placed in Low Earth Orbit.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above

**88.** Consider the following statements about H-1B Visa:

- I. The visa allows US employers to employ foreign workers for an indefinite period of time.
- II. It applies to those workers and trainees that have speciality occupations.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I  
(b) Only II  
(c) Both I and II  
(d) Neither I nor II

89. Which of the above states do not share border with Myanmar?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh  
(b) Meghalaya  
(c) Manipur  
(d) Nagaland

90. Consider the following statements about Safeguards Duty:

- I. Safeguards give domestic producers a period of grace to become more competitive vis-à-vis imports.
- II. Safeguards usually take the form of increased duties to higher than bound rate or standard rates or quantitative restrictions on imports.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only I  
(b) Only II  
(c) Both I and II  
(d) Neither I nor II

91. Which of the following correctly describes about MILAN exercise?

- (a) It is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Maldives.

- (b) It is an annual exercise conducted among the four major naval powers – India, United States, Australia and Japan.

- (c) It is a congregation of littoral navies conducted biennially by the Navy under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.

- (d) It is a biennial exercise conducted between India and Vietnam.

92. Consider the following statements about Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS):

- I. An ETS is a market-based mechanism.
- II. Under this mechanism a cap is set on the amount of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases that can be emitted by covered entities.
- III. The emitters can only buy additional allowances from other entities to compensate for their deficiency.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only I and II  
(b) Only I and III  
(c) Only II and III  
(d) All of the above

93. Consider the following statements about Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB):

- I. It has only Asian countries as its member states.
- II. It provides financial support for infrastructure development as well as education and healthcare.
- III. All the countries have equal voting share.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Only II  
(b) Only I and II  
(c) Only I and III  
(d) None of the above

94. With reference to Udyam Sakhi Portal, consider the following statements:
- It is a portal for women entrepreneurs of India.
  - It has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Both I and II
  - Neither I nor II
95. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:
- Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is a nuclear-arms-control accord reached by the United States and the Soviet Union.
  - Those two nations agreed to eliminate their stocks of intermediate-range and shorter-range or medium-range missiles.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Both I and II
  - Neither I nor II
96. Which of the following statements are true about Macrophytes?
- These are aquatic plants that are growing in or near water.
  - They produce oxygen and provide food for some fish and wildlife.
  - They are the indicators of the health of waterbody.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I and II
  - Only I and III
  - Only II and III
  - All of the above
97. 'IMPRINT India Programme' has been launched primarily for -
- Promoting women's Self-Help Groups in backward areas.
  - Addressing challenges in engineering and technology through research.
  - Promoting financial inclusion in the country.
  - Providing better education facilities in backward districts.
98. Consider the following sectors:
- Agriculture.
  - Export Credit.
  - Mining of minerals.
  - Social Infrastructure.
  - Renewable Energy.
- Which of the above sectors are listed under Priority Sector Lending (PSL) in India?
- Only I, III and V
  - Only II, III and IV
  - Only I, II, IV and V
  - All of the above
99. Which among the following has become first Union territory to run completely on solar power?
- Lakshadweep
  - Andaman and Nicobar Islands
  - Diu
  - Chandigarh
100. Read the following statements carefully and choose the right answer from the codes given below:
- Dragonfly Project of NASA will explore the satellite of Jupiter.
  - Titan is the only satellite of Saturn.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only I
  - Only II
  - Both I and II
  - Neither I nor II

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