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ECONOMIC SURVEY, BUDGET AND INDIAN YEAR BOOK

(ADVANCE LEVEL)

1. Which of the following institutions implements Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme?
- Public Sector Banks.
 - Private Sector Banks.
 - Regional Rural Banks.
 - Small Finance Banks.
 - Cooperatives.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I and V
 - Only I, II and III
 - Only I, II and V
 - All of the above
2. Which of the following is correct about Engel's Law?
- It states that as income rises, the proportion of income spent on food falls even if absolute expenditure on food rises.
 - It refers to the situation when the income elasticity of demand of food is less than one.
 - It refers to an unusual phenomenon in economics in which the demand of good increases as the price of good increases.
 - Both (a) and (b)
3. Consider the following statements with respect to the DIKSHA Portal:
- It serves as National Digital Infrastructure for teachers.
 - NGOs and Private institutes can also participate in this portal.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?
- Only I
 - Only II
 - Both I and II
 - Neither I nor II
4. Which of the following steps have been taken by the government to improve the female labour force participation in an economy?
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
 - Mahila E-Haat.
 - Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017.
 - Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK).
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I
 - Only I and II
 - Only I, II and III
 - All of the above
5. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'National Health Protection Scheme' announced in the Budget 2018-19:
- The scheme subsumes the existing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY).
 - The scheme is only meant for unorganized workers.
 - Only the public hospitals are eligible to participate in this scheme.
 - State governments are given the flexibility to expand the scheme in its state.

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

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

6. Which of the following institutional structures are created under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of India?

- I. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- II. Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPAs).
- III. Information Utilities (IUs).
- IV. National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- V. Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT).

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

7. Consider the following statements about 'Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS)':

- I. It is a monetary policy intervention by the RBI to withdraw excess liquidity by selling government securities in an economy.
- II. The money obtained from MSS cannot be transferred to the government.
- III. The bonds issued under MSS are zero-coupon bonds.

Choose 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

8. Arrange the following tools of RBI in the decreasing order of preference for absorbing the surplus liquidity from the market:

- I. Reverse Repo Rate.
- II. Open Market Operations (OMOs).
- III. Market Stabilization Scheme (MSS).
- IV. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) IV – I – II – III
- (b) IV – II – I – III
- (c) III – II – IV – I
- (d) III – IV – I – II

9. Consider the following statements about 'Gender Parity Index (GPI)':

- I. Gender Parity Index (GPI) in education reflects the discrimination against girls in access to educational opportunities at all levels.
- II. It is released by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MoHRD).
- III. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao has improved the GPI at the primary and secondary levels of enrolment.

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

10. Which of the following are the sub-schemes under the Umbrella Scheme 'Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)'?

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- I. Anganwadi Services.
- II. Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SABLA).
- III. Child Protection Services.
- IV. National Creche Scheme.
- V. National Nutrition Mission.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

11. With reference to the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), consider the following statements:

- I. These are corporate entities registered under the Companies Act.
- II. Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC) mandated by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation supports the formation of FPOs.
- III. Operation Green launched in Budget 2018-19 will promote the formation of FPOs.

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

12. Arrange the following receipts in the decreasing order of their share as per Budget 2018-19:

- I. Gross Tax Revenue.
- II. Non-Debt Capital Receipts.

III. Borrowing & Other Liabilities.

IV. Non-Tax Revenue.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) I – III – IV – II
- (b) I – III – II – IV
- (c) I – II – III – IV
- (d) III – I – IV – II

13. Consider the following statements about Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs):

- I. These markets will provide farmers with a facility to make direct sales to consumers and bulk purchasers.
- II. These markets will be electronically linked to E-NAM.
- III. These markets are exempted from the regulation of APMCs.

Choose 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

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

- I. National logistics portal will be developed as a single window online market place to link all stakeholders.
- II. Government E-Marketplace is envisaged as National Procurement Portal of India to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Government Ministries/ Departments, PSUs, autonomous bodies etc.

III. Both the portals are operated under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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

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

15. Which of the following is correct about 'Insurance Penetration'?

- (a) It is defined as the ratio of premium underwritten in a given year to the gross domestic product (GDP).
- (b) It is defined as the ratio of premium underwritten in a given year to the total population.
- (c) It is defined as the ratio of premium underwritten in a given year to the total risk.
- (d) None of the above

16. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Interest Subvention Scheme':

- I. It aims to provide agricultural credit for both short term and long term crop loans at a concessional rate.
- II. The scheme also provides for post-harvest loans to check the distress sale.
- III. The interest subvention scheme is implemented by NABARD and RBI.

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

17. Which of the following best describes the term 'grandfathering' used in the Budget 2018-19?

- (a) It is a special provision by which any entity can be exempted from a new law, rule or regulation.
- (b) It aims for the increased social sector expenditure by the government.
- (c) It is an informal term used for National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS).
- (d) It is a special provision by which senior citizens will get tax benefits if they invest in equities.

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

- I. Higher inflation in a particular year may lead to higher differences between the real and nominal GDP.
- II. An increase in the share of net indirect taxes may lead to the increase in differences between GVA and GDP.

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

19. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true about Voluntary National Review (VNR)?

- I. It serves as a basis for the international review of progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- II. The report is submitted to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) which meets under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

III. India's report is prepared by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

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

20. Consider the following statements about Producer Price Index (PPI):

- I. The PPI measures the average change in the prices of goods and services at the producer level.
- II. The PPI captures the true inflation as it does not include indirect taxes, transportation costs or profit margin.
- III. B N Goldar Committee has been set up to suggest a methodology for introducing PPI in India.

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

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

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

LIST-I (Index)	LIST-II (Publishing Agency)
I. CPI (Combined)	A. Central Statistics Office
II. CPI (AL)	B. Department of Agriculture
III. CPI (IW)	C. Labour Bureau
IV. CPI (RL)	D. Department of Rural Development

Choose 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

22. Consider the following statements about 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)':

- I. It is a centrally sponsored scheme that aims to provide maternity benefits to all the pregnant women & lactating mothers.
- II. The scheme envisages providing cash incentive in DBT mode during pregnancy and lactation.

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

23. The RTE Act, 2009 lays down the guidelines for maintaining the norms and standards related to which of the following?

- I. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR).
- II. Buildings and Infrastructure.
- III. School Classroom Ratio (SCR).
- IV. School Working Days.

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

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24. Consider the following statements about 'Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)':

- I. The fund is operated under the aegis of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW).
- II. It is a central sector scheme to support market interventions for price control of perishable agri-horticultural commodities.
- III. The scheme is for commodities like onion and potato only.

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

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

25. Which of the following ministries are jointly implementing 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign?

- I. Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- II. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- III. Ministry of Human Resource Development.

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

26. Consider the following statements about the latest revision of WPI Series:

- I. The new definition of wholesale price index excludes indirect taxes.
- II. The new series present a separate 'WPI Food Index'.

III. The new series changes the base year of WPI to 2011-12.

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

27. Which of the following could be the risks borne by the private sector under Toll Operate Transfer Model?

- I. Construction Risk.
- II. Operation Risk.
- III. Maintenance Risk.
- IV. Financial Risk.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

28. Which of the following fall(s) under the Social Services Expenditure as per the Budget documents?

- I. Expenditure on Health and Education.
- II. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare.
- III. Expenditure on Nutrition.
- IV. Expenditure on Art & Culture.

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

- I. Consumption expenditure constitutes more than fifty percent to the total GDP growth.
- II. Private Final Consumption Expenditure is less than Government Final Consumption Expenditure.
- III. The share of net exports of goods and services in total GDP is lower than the fixed investment.

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

30. Which among the following statement(s) is/are true about 'Ujjwala Plus' Yojana?

- I. It is an upgraded version of Ujjwala Yojana to provide 8 crore LPG connections by 2020 to BPL households.
- II. The scheme allows individuals and institutions to donate cooking gas connections to poor households.
- III. Donors would be entitled to certain tax benefits under the scheme.

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

31. Which of the following initiatives of the Budget 2018-19 is/are correctly matched?

LIST -I (Initiatives) **LIST-II (Description)**

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|------------------|---|
| I. RISE | A. To revitalize the infrastructure of schools. |
| II. GOBAR-DHAN | B. To convert cattle dung and solid waste into compost or fertilizer. |
| III. NABH Nirman | C. To expand the digital infrastructure. |

Choose 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

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

- I. Savings rate is more than investment rate in Indian economy in the last few years.
- II. Household sector contributes more than fifty percent to the total savings in an economy.
- III. There has been a substitution from physical to financial savings within the household savings.

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

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

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33. Eklavya Model Residential Schools under Budget 2018-19 will be built to provide best quality education to:

- (a) Dalit Children
- (b) Tribal Children
- (c) Poor Children
- (d) Minority Children

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

- I. The LPC (Learning Poverty Count) simply measures the number of children who do not meet the basic learning benchmark.
- II. The LPG (Learning Poverty Gap) measures the gap between the basic learning benchmark and the average scores of those students who did not meet the benchmark.

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

35. Which of the following measures have been taken by the government to contain inflation?

- I. Strict action against hoarding & black marketing.
- II. Implementation of scheme titled Price Stabilisation Fund.
- III. Increasing the MSP of crops.
- IV. Restrictions imposed on the exports of certain crops.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

36. Which of the following objective(s) is/are to be achieved through 'Climate Smart Agriculture'?

- I. To sustainably increase agricultural productivity and income.
- II. To adapt and build resilience to climate change.
- III. To reduce the greenhouse gas emissions.
- IV. To enhance the adoption of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

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

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

37. India has positive trade balance with which of the following countries?

- I. UK.
- II. USA.
- III. UAE.
- IV. Saudi Arabia.

Choose 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

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

- I. The government's capital expenditure was more than its revenue expenditure in 2017-18.
- II. UDAY bonds had an impact on the fiscal deficits of states in 2016-17.

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

39. Which of the following could be the possible reason(s) for the spread of Anti-Microbial Resistance?

- I. Low Quality Medicines.
- II. Wrong Prescriptions.
- III. Poor Infection prevention and control.
- IV. Overuse of Antibiotics.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

40. Arrange the following items in the decreasing order of their share in imports as per the Economic Survey 2017 – 18:

- I. Petroleum Oil and Lubricants.
- II. Capital Goods.
- III. Gems and Jewellery.
- IV. Electronic Goods.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) I – II – III – IV
- (b) I – II – IV – III
- (c) II – I – III – IV
- (d) II – I – IV – III

41. Which of the following group benefit from lower interest rates in an economy?

- I. Government.
- II. Domestically Oriented Firms.
- III. Households.

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

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

- I. Fiscal Deficit and Current Account Deficit are referred to as the twin deficits of the country.
- II. Macroeconomic Vulnerability Index adds together the rate of inflation, current account deficit and fiscal deficit of a country.

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

43. Which of the following would best describe UDAY scheme?
- It provides for the financial turnaround and revival of Public Sector Banks.
 - It aims for the privatization of coal sector.
 - It provides for the financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs).
 - None of the above
44. Which of the following form(s) part of the External Debt?
- Multilateral Debt.
 - Bilateral Debt.
 - NRI Deposits.
 - Commercial Borrowings.
- Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I
 - Only I and II
 - Only I, II and IV
 - All of the above
45. Which of the following Small Savings Scheme(s) is/are being provided by the post office savings bank?
- Public Provident Fund (PPF).
 - National Saving Certificates (NSCs).
 - Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP).
 - Sukanya Samridhi Account.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I
 - Only I and II
 - Only I, II and III
 - All of the above
46. Operation Green launched in Budget 2018-19 will address the price fluctuations of which of the following crops?
- Onion.
 - Pulses.
 - Potatoes.
 - Sugarcane.
 - Tomatoes.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Only I, II and III
 - Only I, III and V
 - Only I, II, III and IV
 - Only I, II, III and V
47. Economic Survey 2017-18 observed that Indian economy is temporarily “decoupled”. What do you understand from this observation?
- Indian economy decelerated when the global economy started recovering.
 - India’s tight monetary policies which is not in sync with the rest of the world.
 - Reduction in fiscal deficit when the international oil prices started recovering.
 - Increase in Foreign Portfolio Investment irrespective of the rise in interest rates by the US Fed.
48. Consider the following statements about Peer to Peer Lending (P2P) platforms:
- P2P platforms are regulated as NBFCs by the Reserve Bank of India.
 - These platforms can mobilize the deposits upto a certain limit.

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III. These platforms need to follow prudential requirements of SLR and CRR like banks.

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

49. Which of the following institution releases Logistics Performance Index (LPI)?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) World Trade Organisation
- (d) World Economic Forum

50. Consider the following statements with reference to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC):

- I. It seeks to create a time bound process for the resolution of the insolvency of companies, individuals and partnership firms.
- II. The Code gives statutory backing for the establishment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- III. The insolvency resolution for companies will be adjudicated by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

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

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

LIST-I (Period)

I. 1980 – 1997

II. 1998 – 2007

III. 2008 – 2017

LIST-II (Description)

A. An early period of convergence.

B. Late period of convergence.

C. Era of divergence in which low-income countries fell further behind.

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

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

- I. Increase in direct taxes reduces the citizen's disposable income.
- II. Advanced countries collect a substantially higher proportion of their taxes as direct taxes than do emerging markets.
- III. India's revenue from direct taxes will be higher than indirect taxes as per the estimates of Budget 2018-19.

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

53. Which of the following could be the possible reason(s) for the slowdown in the process of 'Economic Convergence' for India?

- I. Backlash against globalization.
- II. Incomplete structural transformation.
- III. Human Capital Regression.
- IV. Climate Change Induced Agricultural Stress.

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

54. Which of the following falls under the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)?

- I. Purchase of Land.
- II. Acquisition of Plant, Machinery and Equipments.
- III. Construction of Infrastructure.
- IV. Purchase of Gold.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

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

- I. States are mandated to constitute a quinquennial State Finance Commission (SFC) to determine the share of their financial resources going to the local tiers,
- II. Local Bodies are mandated to prepare and implement plan(s) for economic development and social justice.

- III. Urban Local bodies generate more than 50% of their total revenue from own sources.

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

56. Consider the following statements about VAJRA Scheme:

- I. It facilitates the participation of high quality international academicians for delivering short-term courses and programs in Indian institutions.
- II. The project is implemented by Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD).

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

57. Which of the following organisation releases Global Gender Gap Report?

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) United Nations Development Programme
- (c) United Nations Economic and Social Council
- (d) International Labour Organisation

58. Consider the following statements about Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

- I. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

II. It provides the world with a clear scientific view by conducting research on climate change or monitoring climate related data.

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

59. Which of the following fall(s) under the revenue powers of local bodies?

- I. Property Tax.
- II. Taxes on Agricultural Land.
- III. Profession Tax.
- IV. Entertainment Tax.

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

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

- I. Middle Income Trap connotes that middle income countries would grow more slowly than what would be expected, impeding the transition from middle income to high income status.
- II. Divergence Big Time connotes that many poor countries fall in low-income trap for a long time and were growing more slowly than richer countries.
- III. India is currently a lower middle income country.

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

61. Which of the following initiative(s) have been taken by the Government to address climate change?

- I. Green Debt Securities.
- II. Bharat Quick Response (QR) Code.
- III. Zero Effect, Zero Defect.
- IV. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee 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

62. Which of the following come(s) under the category of 'Dark Matter'?

- I. Protons.
- II. Electrons.
- III. Neutrons.
- IV. Neutrinos.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

63. Consider the following statements about Demographic and Health Survey (DHS):

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- I. It is responsible for collecting and disseminating accurate, nationally representative data on health and population in developing countries.
- II. The project is implemented by ICF International and is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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

64. Which of the following correctly describes the 'Low Equilibrium Trap' observed by Economic Survey 2017-18?

- (a) An equilibrium achieved with the higher tiers using their devolution powers to control and influence lower levels; and the latter unable and unwilling to tax their proximate citizens.
- (b) An equilibrium achieved with the higher tiers giving more devolution powers to the lower levels and the latter willing to tax more for higher expenditure.
- (c) An equilibrium achieved between the Centre and States in the sharing of resources from the proceeds of Goods and Service Tax.
- (d) None of the above

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

- I. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) is one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations.
- II. WIPO is headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland.

III. WIPO is the implementing agency of Agreement on Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs).

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

66. Which of the following are the sources of PM_{2.5}?

- I. Solid Waste Burning.
- II. Coal and Fly Ash.
- III. Biomass Burning.
- IV. Vehicles.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

67. Consider the following statements with reference to the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG):

- I. It is a part of the on-going e-Courts Integrated Mission Mode Project.
- II. It works as a monitoring tool to identify, manage and reduce pendency of cases.
- III. The NJDG will cover all categories of cases, including those relating to juvenile justice system.

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

68. Consider the following statements with reference to the RESIDEX:

- I. It is the first official housing price index launched by the National Housing Bank (NHB).
- II. It measures the movement of residential properties capturing both the rural and urban areas.

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

69. Which of the following institution releases Global Climate Index?

- (a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- (d) None of the above

70. Consider the following statements about Science and Engineering Research Board:

- I. It is an autonomous statutory body.
- II. It is chaired by the Union Minister of Science and Technology.
- III. It provides financial assistance to scientists, academic institutions, R&D laboratories, industrial concerns and other agencies for basic research in science and engineering.

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

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

71. Consider the following pairs:

List I (Passes) **List II (Valley)**

- | | | |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| I. Nathu La | - | Chumbi Valley |
| II. Shipki La | - | Satluj Valley |
| III. Jelep La | - | Spiti Valley |

Which of the following pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

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

72. Consider the following statements about Municipal Bonds:

- I. These are bonds issued by both rural and urban local bodies to raise money for financing specific projects.
- II. Municipal bonds where the funds raised are kept for one project are termed revenue bonds.
- III. The SEBI regulations allowed municipal bonds to be issued either through private placement or public issue.

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

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

73. With reference to Financial Stability Board (FSB), consider the following statements:

- I. It was established under the aegis of G20.

II. It has been established to develop and implement policies in the interest of financial stability.

III. India is one of the members of FSB.

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

74. The term 'Sowa Rigpa' refers to

- (a) A traditional medicine system in Tibet.
- (b) A traditional system of agriculture in Manipur.
- (c) An architectural style in Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh.
- (d) An ancient form of dance drama in Sikkim.

75. In the context of government accounts, consider the following statements:

- I. No amount can be withdrawn from the Consolidated Fund of India without prior authorisation from Parliament.
- II. Any amount withdrawn from the Public Account of India requires a subsequent authorisation from the Parliament.
- III. No parliamentary authorisation for payments from the Contingency Fund is required, either prior or subsequent to incurring such expenditure.

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

76. Which of the following comes under the Internal Debt of Government?

- I. Dated Securities.
- II. Treasury Bills.
- III. Securities issued under Market Stabilisation Scheme.
- IV. Deposits under Small Savings Schemes.

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

77. Consider the following statements about National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change:

- I. It is a central sector scheme.
- II. The objective of the fund is to assist State and Union Territories that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting the cost of adaptation.
- III. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the National Implementing Entity (NIE).

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

78. The objective of 'SAMVAY' is -

- (a) To promote communication between state and union governments.

- (b) To provide platform for industry to interact with Union government.
- (c) To provide mobility between vocational and academic education.
- (d) To enable digital transactions at panchayat levels.

79. Which among the following is the only riverine major port in India?

- (a) Kolkata Port
- (b) Paradip port
- (c) Cochin port
- (d) Mangalore port

80. Consider the following statements with reference to the Energy Efficient Buildings Programme:

- I. It is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
- II. It would cover only government buildings.

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

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81. Which of the following pair is incorrectly matched?

- (a) Inspire - Ministry of Science & Technology
- (b) Project Swarna Forest - Ministry of Environment & Forest
- (c) Swayam - Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (d) Pahal - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

82. Consider the following statements with reference to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund:

- I. It is a statutory fund.
- II. It consists of budgetary support as well public contribution.
- III. Disbursements are made with the approval of the Prime Minister.

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

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

83. Consider the following statements regarding Biodigester:

- I. It degrades and converts the human waste into usable water and gasses in an eco-friendly manner.
- II. It was developed by Department of Science and Technology.

Which of the given 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 Akash Missile:

- I. It is high range surface to air missile.
- II. It is nuclear capable supersonic missile.
- III. It has been indigenously developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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

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

85. Consider the following statements regarding Voyager 1:

- I. It is a space probe launched by NASA.
- II. It was launched to study the Earth and its satellite.

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

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

86. Consider the following statements regarding International Maritime Organization (IMO):

- I. It a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- II. It is the global standard-setting authority for the safety and security of international shipping.
- III. India is not a member of International Maritime Council.

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

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

87. Consider the following pairs:

List I

(Committee Name)

I. Shekatkar Committee

II. Surinder Nath Committee

III. Justice Malimath Committee

IV. Baswan Committee

List II

(Purpose)

- Army Reforms

- Lateral Entry

- Criminal Justice System

- Civil Services Reform

Which of the following pair(s) is/are correctly matched?

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

88. Consider the following statements regarding SUVIDHA:

- I. It is an environment friendly biodegradable sanitary napkin.
- II. It was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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

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

89. With reference to Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), consider the following statements:

- I. It aims to foster socio-economic development of tribal people in the country.

II. It works under the aegis of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

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

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

90. The term Saposhi, sometimes seen in the news is related to -

- (a) Genetic Technology
- (b) Malware
- (c) Space technology
- (d) Biotechnology

91. Consider the following statements regarding SATH-E project:

- I. It was launched by NITI Aayog in partnership with Government of India.
- II. Its aim is to make the entire governmental school education system responsive.

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

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

92. Consider the following statements regarding KUSUM Scheme:

- I. It is a central sector scheme.
- II. It will promote decentralised solar power production.
- III. It will be implemented by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

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

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

93. Consider the following statements about Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):

- I. It is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2013 to provide strategic funding to all state higher educational institutions.
- II. It is a voluntary scheme.

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

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

94. Which of the following is/are Refractory ceramics?

- I. Tantalum carbide.
- II. Silver Copper Telluride (AgCuTe).
- III. Sodium Nitrite.
- IV. Hafnium carbide (HfC).

Choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

95. Consider the following statements about 'Office of Profit':

- I. It is defined in the constitution.
- II. The President has to consult the Council of Ministers in the case of disqualification of members of Parliament holding office of profit.

III. The president has the final powers in terms of disqualification and the court cannot look into the decision.

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

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

96. Soyuz MS-08 spacecraft is a manned spacecraft launched by which of the following countries?

- (a) Russia
- (b) China
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

97. Consider the following statements about Seeker Technology in Brahmos:

- I. Seeker determines the accuracy of a missile.
- II. Supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was successfully flight-tested for the first time with an indigenous seeker.

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

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

98. Consider the following statements about Sariska Tiger Reserve:

- I. It is a national park and a tiger reserve.
- II. It is a part of the Aravalli Range.

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

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

99. Consider the following statements about Smart India Hackathon:

- I. It is the world's largest nation-building digital initiative of the HRD ministry.
- II. It aims to find digital solutions to problems in the areas of power, education, health, water, finance etc.

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

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

100. Consider the following statements regarding Lokayukta:

- I. It is an ombudsman that investigates allegation of corruption against public servants.
- II. He is appointed and removed by the Governor on the aid and advice of Council of Ministers.
- III. The jurisdiction of the Lokayukta also extends to all Ministers and members of the State Legislature.

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

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

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