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50 QUESTIONS CURRENT AFFAIRS 2014-15

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1. Consider the following statements regarding the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

1. The institution of Lokpal is a multimember statutory body made up of one chairperson and maximum 10 members
2. Minimum fifty per cent of the Members will be from SC/ST/OBC/Minorities and women.
3. The term of office for Lokpal Chairman and Members is 6 years or till attaining age of 70 years.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 2 and 3
- d. All of the above

2. In October 2014, China overtook the US to become the world's largest economy in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms. Which of the following statements regarding the concept of Purchasing power parity are correct?

1. Purchasing power parity (PPP) is a component of some economic theories and is a technique used to determine the relative value of different currencies.
2. The concept of purchasing power parity allows one to estimate what the exchange rate between two currencies would have to be in order for the exchange to be at par with the purchasing power of the two countries currencies.
3. The idea was developed in its modern form by Karl Gustav Cassel in 1918.

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2
- b. 1 and 3
- c. 2 and 3
- d. All of the above

3. Which of the following statements correctly describe the term "Antares"?

- a. A new research expedition sent to Antarctica by European Union
- b. A digital currency that has been conceptualized on the lines of Bit Coin

c. An unmanned cargo rocket carrying supplies to the Outer Space

d. A recent initiative by the Indian Government for cleaning of the river plains in India

4. India on 31 October 2014 voted against the provisions of UN draft resolution that called on all those countries including India that have not joined the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to accede to it as non-nuclear weapon states. Which of the following statements regarding NPT are correct?

1. The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, commonly known as the Non-Proliferation Treaty or NPT, is an international treaty that entered into force in 1968.
2. Each nuclear-weapons state (NWS) undertakes not to transfer, to any recipient, nuclear weapons, or other nuclear explosive devices, and not to assist any non-nuclear weapon state to manufacture or acquire such weapons or devices.
3. Each non-NWS party undertakes not to receive, from any source, nuclear weapons, or other nuclear explosive devices; not to manufacture or acquire such weapons or devices; and not to receive any assistance in their manufacture.
4. Each non-NWS party undertakes to conclude an agreement with the IAEA for the application of its safeguards to all nuclear material in all of the state's peaceful nuclear activities and to prevent diversion of such material to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 3 and 4
- c. 1, 3 and 4
- d. 2, 3 and 4

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

1. **Blaise Compaore** : Former President of Burkina Faso
2. **Dr. Guy Scott** : Former Vice-President of Zambia
3. **Galway Kinnell** : Former president of south Sudan

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2 b. 1 and 2
c. 2 and 3 d. 1, 2 and 3
6. Recently Sweden has provided an official recognition to the state of Palestine. In this context consider the following member states of European Union.
1. Portugal 2. Hungary
3. Slovakia 4. Poland
- Which of the above mentioned countries have given an official recognition to the state of Palestine? Select the correct answer from the codes given below
- a. 1 and 2 b. 1, 2 and 3
c. 1, 3 and 4 d. 1, 2, 3 and 4
7. HRD Ministry has recently decided to introduce Tithi Bhojan in schools under the Mid-day meal scheme. Consider the following statements with this reference
1. Tithi Bhojan was first successfully implemented in Gujarat, and will now be replicated across the country
2. It seeks to involve the members of the community in the effort to provide nutritious and healthy food to the children
3. The members of the community may contribute/sponsor either utensils or food on special occasions/festivals.
4. Greater participation and involvement of religious and charitable institutions is also being promoted

Which of the statements given above are correct? Select answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 b. 3 and 4
c. 1, 3 and 4 d. 1, 2, 3 and 4
8. The maiden meeting between India and China for the bilateral border talks under the umbrella of BAWMCC was recently held in New Delhi. What does BAWMCC stand for?
- a. Border Affairs Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination
b. Bilateral Agreement on Chalking out Workable Coordination
c. Border Areas working system for Cooperation and Community
d. Bilateral Affairs wanting systems for Consultation and Coordination
9. Which among the following is/are correct statements with respect to the Air Quality Index launched recently by the Government of India?
1. It is an initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission to counter the impacts of air pollution
2. The index will cover the entire country to measure the overall air quality based on real time monitoring and the health risks will be easily identified
3. It will consider six pollutants through six levels for which National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prescribed

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2 b. 1 and 2
c. 1 and 3 d. 1, 2 and 3
10. Which of the following pair(s) is/are correctly matched
1. Mohinder Singh Pujji : Winner of 2014 Macau Open Gold Badminton Title
2. PV Sindhu : Former Indian Pilot Honoured by U.K.
3. Roberto Gomez Bolanos : The iconic Mexican comedian

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2 b. only 3
c. 1 and 3 d. 1, 2 and 3
11. Consider the following statements
1. Mark Schwarzer, who passed away, recently was a British biochemist, who twice won the Nobel Prize in chemistry
2. "Frederick Sanger" famous Italian football goal keeper, announced his retirement from international football
3. Armies of India and China came together to hold their 3rd joint military exercise in China. The 10 day anti-terror military exercise code named as "Bridging Barriers".

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 1 b. only 2
c. only 3 d. None of the above
12. China has recently tested its first stealth drone, joining the elite group of four nations in the world to develop the Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle. Which are the other countries to have developed this capability.
1. United States 2. United Kingdom
3. Israel 4. France

Select correct answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 b. 1, 2 and 3
c. 1, 2 and 4 d. 1, 2, 3 and 4
13. Consider the following statements
1. Author James McBird's "Tenth of December", has won the prestigious 2013 US National Book Award in fiction.
2. India and United States conducted their first-ever joint air combat exercise in the Peter the Great Bay-the largest gulf of the Sea of Japan.
3. Eighteenth Summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 26 to 27 November 2014. The 18th SAARC summit was the 30th Year of the SAARC.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 only b. only 2
c. only 3 d. All of the above
14. Union Government recently passed Central University Amendment Bill 2014 in the Lok Sabha. The bill provides for the establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Central University in which of the following place.
- a. Motihari (Bihar) b. Sabarmati (Gujarat)
c. Wardha (Maharashtra) d. Porbandar (Gujarat)
15. Consider the following statements
1. Sequoia-2, a supercomputer built by the Chinese government has retained its place at the top of the world's most powerful systems.
2. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the "Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2013".
3. Recently-retired batting legend Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed as the UNICEF's first brand ambassador for South Asia
4. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has recently given approval to set up Tiger Reserve in Nagzira, which is located in the state of Maharashtra

Which of the statements given above are correct. Select answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 b. 1, 2 and 3
c. 2, 3 and 4 d. 1, 2, 3 and 4



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16. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

1. **Madhu Kaithapram** : Eminent Malayalam Author
2. **Boobli George Verghese** : Eminent journalist
3. **Luise Rainer** : Hollywood actress
4. **Geoff Pullar** : Former England Cricketer

Select answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 2, 3 and 4

17. The NJAC Bill, 2014 also called Constitution (121st Amendment) Bill 2014 that seeks to replace the present collegium system with National Judicial Appointments Commission to appoint the judges of higher judiciary, was recently ratified by 16 states. In this context, consider the following statements regarding the provisions of the bill

1. The NJAC shall recommend the senior most judge of the Supreme Court for appointment as Chief Justice of India, provided he is considered fit to hold the office.
2. The NJAC is to recommend a Judge of a High Court to be the Chief Justice of a High Court on the basis of seniority across High Court judges. The ability, merit and other criteria of suitability as specified in the regulations would also be considered.
3. When a vacancy arises in the SC or HCs, the central government will make a reference to the NJAC. Existing vacancies will be notified to the NJAC six months in advance. For vacancies due to death or resignation, a reference must be made to the NJAC within thirty days of its occurrence.
4. The President may require the NJAC to reconsider the recommendations made by it. If the NJAC makes a unanimous recommendation after such reconsideration, the President shall make the appointment accordingly.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1, 2 and 4
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. only 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

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

1. According to the report of International Labour Organisation, released recently out of 131 countries Norway has highest work participation rates for women. India has ranked 11th from the bottom in female labour force participation.
2. The world's largest Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project based on CLFR technology is coming up in the state of Gujarat
3. Supreme Court has recently constituted a 10-member committee headed by Ms. Ranjana Narayan, learned amicus curiae, to deal with complaints of sexual harassment within its precincts.
4. The 22nd Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which concluded in Sri Lanka recently, has adopted which of the following three independent declarations related to Youth, International Trade and Sustainable Development

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. 1 and 4
- c. Only 3
- d. 3 and 4

19. Read the following statements

1. The "Sankirtana" a famous tradition of ritual singing, drumming and dancing which is set to be declared intangible cultural heritage of humanity is practiced mainly in the state of Punjab
2. Washoku, which is being considered for designation as part of the world's priceless cultural heritage by the United Nations, is the traditional cuisine of Thailand

3. The government has recently allotted Rs.25 crore for setting up the World's first mangrove zoo in the state of Kerala
4. In India, the Eastern swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii ranjitsinhi*), is currently found only in Kaziranga National Park

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1, 2 and 4
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. only 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

20. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

1. **David John Ryall** : Veteran British actor
2. **Buddy DeFranco** : American jazz clarinetist
3. **Angara-A5** : Russia Rocket
4. **Joseph Sargent** : Emmy-winning Director

Select answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 1 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

21. In the recently held meeting of CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organization) in Moscow, Russia and some other ex-Soviet nations finalised the creation of Eurasian Economic Union (EEU). Which of the following nations are the parts of this union?

1. Belarus
2. Kazakhstan
3. Armenia
4. Kyrgyzstan

Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. 1 and 3
- c. 2 and 4
- d. All of the above

22. Mission Indradhanush launched in December 2014 by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is to achieve which of the following objectives of the Government of India?

- a. Full immunization coverage for all children by 2020
- b. Hundred percent enrollment for children in Primary education by 2020
- c. To improve the nutritional deficiencies among the children below 05 years of age
- d. All of the above

23. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently received the approval to build a missile launch testing facility in which of the following states of India?

1. West Bengal
2. Tamil Nadu
3. Andhra Pradesh
4. Orissa

24. With reference to The Global Investment Trends Monitor Report 2014-15, released recently, consider the following statements

1. The report published by World Bank provides the worldwide investments trend in 2014 and prospects of world investments in 2015.
2. According to the report, among the top 5 FDI recipients in the world, four are developing economies, the rankings is: China - Hong Kong - The U.S.A. - Singapore and Brazil
3. Regarding India the report mention that in 2014 FDI flow in India raised by twenty six % to an approx thirty five billion U.S. dollar with maximum growth in the services sector
4. According to the report, FDI flows in 2015 will be negatively influenced, because of subdued international economic outlook, volatility in currency and goods markets and elevated geopolitical risks.

Which of the statements given above are correct. Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 2, 3 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4



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25. With reference to the report titled "Scaling the Heights: Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh", released by World Bank on 28 January 2015, consider the following statements

1. Himachal Pradesh is the first state in the country to have banned the use of plastic bags. The state is also a trail-blazer in sanitation and is the first among its north Indian neighbours to come close to becoming open defecation free
2. Educational attainment is among the highest in the country, particularly among excluded groups. More members of SC and ST groups have completed secondary or higher levels of schooling, both in rural and urban areas compared to other states, including southern states like Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
3. Urban areas in Himachal Pradesh lag behind rural areas in human development outcomes. Therefore, as urbanization levels increase, the state will have to ensure that urban growth is well-planned, enabling its residents to access key services and partake in the new economic opportunities that cities and towns have to offer.
4. The big success story is in female labour force participation which stands second in the country after Sikkim. More than 60 percent women in rural areas were in the labor force in 2011-12, significantly higher than the all-India average of 27 percent

Which of the statements given above are correct. Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 2, 3 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

26. With reference to The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Second Amendment) Bill, 2014, recently passed by Lok Sabha, consider the following statements

1. The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to introduce the goods and services tax (GST). Consequently, the GST subsumes various central indirect taxes including the Central Excise Duty, Countervailing Duty, Service Tax, etc. It also subsumes state value added tax, octroi and entry tax, luxury tax, etc.
2. The Bill inserts a new Article in the Constitution to give the central and state governments the concurrent power to make laws on the taxation of goods and services.
3. The President must constitute a Goods and Services Tax Council within Thirty days of this Act coming into force. The GST Council aim to develop a harmonized national market of goods and services.
4. The GST Council is to consist of the following Four members: (i) the Union Finance Minister (as Chairman), (ii) the Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue or Finance, (iii) an eminent Jurist and (iv) the Minister in charge of Finance or Taxation or any other, nominated by each state government.

Which of the statements given above are correct. Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2
- b. 1, 2 and 3
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

27. Consider the following statements

1. China has recently launched successfully a new meteorological satellite called Fengyun-II 08
2. Recently the remnants of late Harappan period house have been discovered from the Chandyan village, located in the state of Uttar Pradesh

3. Vasant Gowrikar, who passed away recently, was a famous personality in the field of Classical Music
4. The Dongaria Kondh, one of India's vulnerable tribal groups is found in the state of Odisha

Which of the statements given above are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 1, 2 and 4
- c. 2, 3 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

28. Consider the following statements with reference to the new simplified procedure for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) Policy, released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 23 January 2015

1. Under the simplified procedure, the RBI has delegated powers to the banks to make changes/modifications in the draw-down and repayment schedules of the ECB raised both under the automatic and approval routes. FCCBs will, however, not be covered within these provisions.
2. Banks may also allow the cases requiring transfer of the ECB from one company to another on account of re-organisation at the borrower's level in the form of merger/demerger/amalgamation/acquisition after satisfying themselves that the company acquiring the ECB is an eligible borrower and ECB continues to be in compliance with applicable guidelines.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

29. Kerala Culture Minister K C Joseph in January 2015 announced setting up of the International Institute of Music in Kerala. It will be the first international institute in India that is dedicated to music. Who among the following distinguished maestro has been appointed to head the trust that has been entrusted with the responsibility to set up the Institute.

- a. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
- b. Ustad Zakir Hussain
- c. M. Balamurali Krishna
- d. Dr. L. Subramaniam

30. With reference to "Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill", 2014, recently passed by Lok Sabha, consider the following statements

1. The Bill permits juveniles between the ages of 16-18 years to be tried as adults for heinous offences. Also, any 16-18 year old, who commits a lesser, i.e., serious offence may be tried as an adult only if he is apprehended after the age of 21 years.
2. Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB) and Child Welfare Committees (CWC) will be constituted in each district. The JJB will conduct a preliminary inquiry to determine whether a juvenile offender is to be sent for rehabilitation or be tried as an adult. The CWC will determine institutional care for children in need of care and protection.
3. Eligibility of adoptive parents and the procedure for adoption have been included in the Bill.
4. Penalties for cruelty against a child, offering a narcotic substance to a child, and abduction or selling a child have been prescribed.

Which of the statements given above are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 1, 3 and 4
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4



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31. Consider the following statements regarding TROPEX-2015

1. TROPEX-2015 was a month long exercise aimed at validating the Indian Navy's Concept of Operations and the area of operations spanned across the Arabian Sea and Northern Indian Ocean.
2. It saw participation of both INS Viraat and INS Vikramaditya with their integral flights in an operational scenario. Recently commissioned guided missile destroyer Kolkata and Anti-Submarine Warfare corvette Kamorta also took part in it.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

32. Consider the following statements

1. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in its recently held summit has decided to launch a multi-faceted "inclusive economies" initiative to combat inequality and open the gates to a new era of regional and global growth.
2. Nicol David, a Malaysia's female professional squash player has set a new record by topping the world squash rankings for 106th month and became the first Asian to achieve this milestone.
3. Britain became the first country in the world to allow the creation of so-called "three-parent" babies as MPs voted overwhelmingly in favour of the controversial technique of mitochondrial donation.
4. Gujarat has been awarded 10th National Award for Excellence work in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The award was given to Gujarat for convergence of MGNREGA and other schemes for construction of permanent assets and for excellent work in providing opportunities for earning permanent income.

Which of the statements given above are correct. Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 2 and 3
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

33. With reference to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), consider the following statements

1. IRENA is an intergovernmental organization to promote adoption and sustainable use of renewable energy, founded on 26 January 2009
2. The agency is headquartered in Abu Dhabi. The Director-General of IRENA is Adnan Amin, a national of Kenya.
3. India was designated on 10 April 2015 to chair the ninth meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) council to be held for two days starting from 10 June 2015.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. only 2
- c. only 3
- d. All of the above

34. The US State Department, the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on 24 February 2015 announced a reward of 3 million US dollars for information on Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev. Bogachev, who is currently one of the FBI's most wanted criminal, is associated with which of the following area of activity?

- a. Cyber Crime
- b. Terrorism Funding
- c. Drug Trafficking
- d. All of the above

35. With reference to "Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Bill", 2015, recently passed by Lok Sabha, consider the following

statements

1. The Bill amends the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (LARR Act, 2013).
2. The Bill creates five special categories of land use: (i) defence, (ii) rural infrastructure, (iii) affordable housing, (iv) industrial corridors, and (v) Nuclear Power projects
3. The LARR Act, 2013 requires that the consent of 80% of land owners is obtained for private projects and that the consent of 70% of land owners be obtained for PPP projects. The Bill exempts the five categories mentioned above from this provision of the Act.
4. The LARR Act, 2013 required land acquired under it which remained unutilised for five years, to be returned to the original owners or the land bank. The Bill states that the period after which unutilised land will need to be returned will be: (i) five years, or (ii) any period specified at the time of setting up the project, whichever is later.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. 1 and 4
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

36. The Union Government recently approved amendments to the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) guidelines. Decision in this regard was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. With regard to the approved amendment consider the following statements

1. Amendments approved Change in the definition of a Private Sector Company in the guidelines for financial support to PPP in Infrastructure under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme. The definition of a Private Sector Company means a company which is not a Government Company.
2. In this case Government company is defined as any company in which more than 10 per cent of the paid-up share capital is held by the Union Government or State(s) Government or partly by Union Government and partly by State Government (s).

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

37. To protect the exclusive special local crops and pave way for better branding and marketing of products both in domestic and international Market, the Government recently accorded geographical indication (GI) registration tag to Nine organic and exotic agricultural products from Northeast India. Which of the following series correctly mentions these products?

- a. Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger, Assam Tezpur Litchi, Meghalaya Khasi Mandarin and Sikkim Large Cardamom.
- b. Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger, Manipur Bird Eye Chilly, Tripura Queen Pineapple and Nagaland Tree Tomato
- c. Arunachal Orange, Sikkim Large Cardamom, Mizoram Khasi Mandarin and Tripura Queen Pineapple
- d. Nagaland Kachai Lemon, Tripura Queen Pineapple, Nagaland Tree Tomato and Arunachal Orange

38. According to recently released United Nations (UN) annual hunger report titled "The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2015", which of the following countries is home to the highest number of hungry people in the world with around 194 million people.



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- a. Pakistan b. China
c. India d. Ethiopia
39. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in February 2015 adopted a unanimous resolution to resolve the political and security crisis in Yemen. In this context consider the following statements regarding the crisis in Yemen
1. The main fight is between forces loyal to the beleaguered President, Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi, and those allied to Zaidi Shia rebels known as Houthis, who forced Mr Hadi to flee the capital Sanaa.
 2. Yemen's security forces have split loyalties, with some units backing Mr Hadi, and others the Houthis and Mr Hadi's predecessor Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has remained politically influential.
 3. Ali Abdullah Saleh enjoy the strong support of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), which has staged numerous deadly attacks from its strongholds in the south and south-east.
- Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below**
- a. only 1 b. 1 and 2
c. 1 and 3 d. All of the above
40. To create awareness and awakening on the issues of environment every year March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day (WMD). In this regard consider the following statements
1. On this day in 1952 the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Convention came into force that aimed at creating WMO. Later in 1954, WMO became United Nations specialized agency for meteorology, geophysical sciences and operational hydrology.
 2. Theme for this year is Climate Knowledge for Climate Action. This year's theme assumes special significance to disseminate Climate Change related knowledge in order to take appropriate mitigation and adaptation actions related to it.
- Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below**
- a. Only 1 b. Only 2
c. Both 1 and 2 d. Neither 1 nor 2
41. Consider the following statements with reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
1. Recently three nations from European Union (EU) France, Germany and Italy have agreed to join the China-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
 2. Denmark was the first Western country to join the bank and also first nation to disregard the reservations expressed by the United States (US) which had raised concerns over banks transparency.
 3. The bank is expected to be operational by the end 2015 and its headquarters will be located at Beijing.
 4. India along with other 20 member nations were founding member of AIIB and had signed agreement in this regard in October 2014.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below**
- a. Only 1 b. 1, 2 and 3 and 4
c. 1, 3 and 4 d. 1, 2, 3 and 4
42. With reference to "Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation" (AMRUT), approved by the Union Cabinet on 29 April 2015, consider the following statements
1. The purpose of the mission is to develop civic infrastructure in 500 cities and towns having population of ten lakh and above. The

mission also includes some cities situated on stems of main rivers, a few capital cities, important cities located in hilly areas, islands and tourist areas.

2. 50000 crore rupees will be spent under the mission over next five years. Central assistance will be to the extent of 50 percent of project cost for cities and towns with a population of up to 15 lakh and one-third of the project cost for those with a population of above 15 lakh.
3. Under this Mission, States get the flexibility of designing schemes based on the needs of identified cities and in their execution and monitoring.
4. Central assistance will be extended under AMRUT to the projects sanctioned under JNNURM but not completed.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. 1 and 2 only b. 3 and 4 only
c. 1, 3 and 4 d. None of the above
43. India and Japan on 30 April 2015 signed an action agenda for India-Japan investment and trade promotion and Asia-Pacific economic integration. The action agenda contains five items, which can help in furthering the trade relations between India and Japan. In this regard consider the following
1. Development of Smart Cities in India as Japanese industrial townships.
 2. Promotion of investment and infrastructure development.
 3. Further development and cooperation in information technology.
 4. Enhancing cooperation in strategic sectors.
 5. Asia-Pacific economic integration.
- Which of the action plans mentioned above are included in the five point agenda signed between the two countries? Select the correct answer from the codes given below**
- a. 1, 2, 3, and 5 b. 2, 3, 4 and 5
c. 1, 3, 4 and 5 d. All of the above
44. With reference to "Smart Cities Mission", approved by the Union Cabinet on 29 April 2015, consider the following statements
1. The purpose of the mission is to build smart cities across the country by promoting smart solutions for efficient use of available assets, resources and infrastructure with the objective of enhancing the quality of urban life and providing a clean and sustainable environment.
 2. Smart City aspirants will be selected through a City Challenge Competition intended to test the ability of the cities to achieve the mission objectives. Each state will shortlist a certain number of smart city aspirants as per the norms to be indicated by the Union Government and they will prepare smart city proposals for further evaluation for extending Central support.
 3. While, each selected city would get central assistance of 1000 crore rupees per year for five years a cumulative amount of 48000 crore rupees allocated for the mission
- Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below**
- a. only 1 b. 1 and 2
c. 1 and 3 d. All of the above
45. With reference to "Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill", 2014 passed by Rajya Sabha in April 2015, consider the following statements



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1. It removes the five year limit cap that was put on the sponsor banks to assist the upcoming RRBs under the RRB Act, 1976. As per the Act, sponsor banks were liable to train personnel and provide managerial and financial assistance for the first five years.
2. It raises the amount of authorized capital to 200 crore rupees and it is not to be reduced below 50 crore rupees. In the 1976 Act the authorized capital of each RRB was 50 crore rupees which was not permitted to be reduced below 5 crore rupees.
3. The bill allows RRBs to raise their capital from sources other than

the central and state governments, and sponsor banks as was mandated under the RRB Act. As per the Act, 50% of capital issued was held by Union government, 15% by concerned state government and 35% by the sponsor banks.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 2
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 1 and 3
- d. None of the above



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8th June	Open Interaction	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	3rd July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.
9th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	3rd July	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
10th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	4th July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.
11th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	4th July	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
12th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	5th July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.
13th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	5th July	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
14th June	World Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	6th July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.
15th June	Polity And Governance	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	6th July	Ecology And Environment	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
16th June	Polity And Governance	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	7th July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.
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18th June	Polity And Governance	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	8th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
19th June	Polity And Governance	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	8th July	Ecology And Environment	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
20th June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	9th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
21st June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	9th July	Ecology And Environment	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
22nd June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	10th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
23rd June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	10th July	Ecology And Environment	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
24th June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	11th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
25th June	Indian Geography	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM	11th July	Ecology And Environment	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
26th June	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	12th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
26th June	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	12th July	Current Affairs	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
27th June	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	13th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
27th June	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	13th July	Current Affairs	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
28th June	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	14th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
28th June	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	14th July	Current Affairs	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
29th June	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	15th July	Economic Survey And Budget	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM
29th June	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	15th July	Current Affairs	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
30th June	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	16th July	Current Affairs	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM
30th June	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	17th July	Current Affairs	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM
1st July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	18th July	Current Affairs	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM
1st July	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM	19th July	Current Affairs	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM
2nd July	India Year Book	4.30 PM - 6.30 PM.	20th July	Current Affairs	4.30 PM - 8.30 PM
2nd July	Modern Indian History	6.30 PM - 8.30 PM			

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46. The Parliament of Sri Lanka on 28 April 2015 adopted the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment was adopted by two-third majority with 212 members in the 225-seat Parliament voting in favour of the amendment and one opposing it. In this regard consider the following statements

1. The amendment reduced the Executive power of the President and created a Constitutional Council for making key government appoints.
2. As per the amendment President can't dissolve the parliament by using his power. It also brought a two-term limit for a president and reduces the term from 6 to 5 years
3. It put into place several independent commissions, which will function outside the influence of the Executive and handle key areas of governance like elections, public service, police, judiciary and others

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 1
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

47. With reference to United Nation's Dag Hammarskjold Medal, consider the following statements

1. Established in December 2000, the medal is awarded posthumously to members of peacekeeping operations who lost their lives during service with a peacekeeping operation under the operational control and authority of the United Nations.
2. The award is named after fourth UN Secretary General and Swedish diplomat Dag Hammarskjold.
3. In May 2015 two Indian peacekeepers have been chosen posthumously for United Nation's Dag Hammarskjold Medal. They are Lance Naik Nand Ram and Raju Joseph.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. only 1
- b. 1 and 2
- c. 1 and 3
- d. All of the above

48. After conducting a countrywide referendum which of the following countries became first country in the world to constitutionally legalise same-sex marriage

- a. Denmark
- b. Finland
- c. Germany
- d. Ireland

49. United Nation Security Council (UNSC) on 23 May 2015 adopted a resolution calling for stronger cooperation among member nations in stemming the illicit transfer and misuse of small arms and light weapons. Consider the following statements in this context

1. The resolution was passed with nine votes in favour of it and none against it, while six were abstentions.
2. The asks member nations to effectively control the production of small arms within their jurisdiction and their export, import, transit or retransfer by laws, rules and administrative procedures.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

50. With reference to "Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill", 2015 passed recently by both the houses of Parliament, consider the following statements

1. The Bill replaces the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Ordinance, 2015 promulgated on January 12, 2015.
2. The Bill adds a new Fourth Schedule to the Act. It includes Zinc, bauxite, iron ore, Tin, limestone and manganese ore and are defined as notified minerals.

Which of the above mentioned statement(s) is/are correct? Select the answer from the codes given below

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

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