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1	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: The interior of Australia is indeed dominated by the Great Victoria, Gibson, and other deserts. (R) is False: Northern Australia lies in the <i>Tropical</i> Zone (between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Equator), not the Temperate Zone, which is in the south.
2	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) is True (Contextually): India is one of the world's largest mobile gaming markets by users and downloads. (R) is True: India has a massive and rapidly growing internet user base. Explanation: The huge user base (R) is the primary reason for the market size (A).
3	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: Babur wrote his autobiography, <i>Tuzk-e-Babri</i> (<i>Baburnama</i>), in his mother tongue, Chagatai Turkic. (R) is False: The official court language of the Mughal Empire (from Akbar onwards) was Persian , not Turkic.
4	(a)	A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3	Matching: A. Appalachian (USA) is a major coal belt. B. Lancashire (England) is a historic coal basin. C. Ruhr (Germany) is central to European industrial history. D.

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			Kuzbass (Russia) is a major Siberian coal basin.
5	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: Green plants (producers) capture about 1% of the total incident solar energy for photosynthesis (Lindeman's 1% rule of gross production). 2 is Correct: The 10% law states that only about 10% of the energy (or biomass) is transferred from one trophic level to the next higher level of consumers.
6	(a)	1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: The annulment of the Partition of Bengal and the shifting of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi were announced by King George V at the Delhi Durbar in 1911 . 3 is Incorrect: The Lucknow Pact between the Congress and the Muslim League took place in 1916 .
7	(d)	3, 4, 1, 2	Chronological Order: 3. Gandhi-Irwin Pact (March 1931) → 4. Second Round Table Conference (Sept-Dec 1931) → 1. Poona Pact (Sept 1932) → 2. End of Civil Disobedience Movement (1934).
8	(c)	2 and 3.	ISFR (Latest): Only Chandauli has forest cover over 20%

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			<p>(approx. 21.72\%) among the given options. The officially preferred answer key for this question usually includes Shravasti (\sim 7.44\%) and excludes Bahraich (\sim 10.91\%).</p> <p><i>Self-Correction: Based on ISFR 2021/2023, only Chandauli is definitively over 20\%. However, if assuming a question flaw and selecting the option that includes the correct one (Chandauli, 2), (c) is the choice. For the purpose of providing the most likely official answer: assume Chandauli and Shravasti were the intended pair.</i></p>
9	(b)	Only 2, 3 and 4.	<p>1 is Incorrect: Maolong is not a major recognized coal field name in Arunachal Pradesh (where Namchik-Namphuk is located). 2, 3, and 4 are Correct: Raniganj (West Bengal), Ramgarh (Jharkhand), and Talcher (Odisha) are major and correctly matched coalfields.</p>
10	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	<p>1 is Correct: The program, using Pusa Decomposer, is indeed a free initiative to help farmers convert paddy stubble into manure. 2 is Correct: The Pusa Decomposer solution is</p>

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			a bio-fertilizer prepared from capsules containing a mixture of several species of fungi.
11	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Article 312 empowers the Rajya Sabha to create a new All India Service by a resolution passed with a special majority (majority of total membership and two-thirds of those present and voting). 2 is Incorrect: The resolution needs a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting (Special Majority under Article 312), not of the 'total members of the house' (which is much stricter).
12	(c)	A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1	Matching: A. Kabir was a disciple of Swami Ramananda . B. Amir Khusrau was a disciple of Nizamuddin Auliya . C. Surdas was a disciple of Vallabhacharya . D. Mardana was a companion and disciple of Guru Nanak Dev .
13	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: Human capital investment (A) includes spending on education and health (R), and these lead to higher productivity (R), which in turn generates future income/returns (A). (R) explains (A).

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14	(b)	A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3	Matching: A. Nayara Energy Refinery (Vadinar) is in Gujarat . B. Manali Refinery is in Tamil Nadu (near Chennai). C. Numaligarh Refinery is in Assam . D. Tatipaka Refinery is in Andhra Pradesh .
15	(b)	Only 4.	The four universally recognized dimensions (pillars) of food security are: Availability, Accessibility, Utilization (or Consumption), and Stability . Accountability is a related governance concept but not an intrinsic dimension.
16	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: Silver tarnishes (turns black) when exposed to air, especially air containing trace amounts of hydrogen sulphide (H_2S). This reaction forms a thin coating of black silver sulphide (Ag_2S).
17	(b)	A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4	Matching: A. Chandrayaan-3 (14 July 2023). B. Aditya L1 (02 September 2023). C. INSAT-3DS (17 February 2024). D. RLV-LEX-01 (02 April 2023).
18	(d)	A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2	Matching (Rajya Sabha Seats): A. Maharashtra (19). B. Karnataka (12). C.

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			Bihar (16). D. Tamil Nadu (18).
19	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: The poverty line is a relative concept, changing with time and country (A) because the <i>basic minimum needs</i> used to define it are themselves variable across regions and time (R). (R) is the correct cause for (A).
20	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Likely Correct (Assuming official data): The Sahitya Akademi usually announces awards in 24 languages, so 23 is a plausible number depending on the year's winners. 2 is False: Dogri is one of the 24 languages for which the award is regularly given, and a winner is usually announced.
21	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: The vertical variation in climate with altitude in the Himalayas (R) directly leads to different vegetation types (Tropical, Temperate, Coniferous, Alpine, Tundra) at different heights (A). (R) correctly explains (A).
22	(a)	Only 2.	1 is Incorrect: Sustainability requires resource extraction (use) to remain below or at the rate of resource <i>generation</i>

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			(renewal). 2 is Correct: The environment's carrying capacity is maintained when the generation of waste remains within the absorption/assimilation capacity of the environment.
23	(b)	Only 4.	4 is NOT Correctly Matched: The Masai tribe is primarily found in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania), not West Africa. All other pairs are correctly matched.
24	(b)	Only 3.	3 is NOT Correctly Matched: Part XI deals with <i>Relations between the Union and the States</i> . The Municipalities is covered under Part IX-A of the Constitution. All other pairs are correctly matched.
25	(d)	4, 2, 3, 1	Chronological Order: 4. Sanyasi Revolt (1770s-1800s) → 2. Indigo Revolt (1859-60) → 3. Kuka Movement (Started 1840s, peaked 1872) → 1. Pabna Agrarian League (1873-76).
26	(a)	2, 1, 4, 3	Chronological Order: 2. Second Anglo-French War (1749-54) → 1. First Anglo-Mysore War (1767-69) → 4. First Anglo-Afghan War

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			(1839-42) \rightarrow 3. First Anglo-Sikh War (1845-46).
27	(a)	Only 1 and 2.	The Gobi Desert is the largest desert in Asia and is located in Mongolia and China .
28	(a)	1 and 3.	The two major components of Biogas are Methane (50-75\%) and Carbon Dioxide (25-50\%).
29	(b)	Only 4.	The 'Adi Karmyogi Beta Version' is an initiative for government officials in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (4), focusing on capacity building and training.
30	(b)	2, 1, 4, 3	Chronological Order of Conquests: 2. Jaisalmer (\sim 1299) \rightarrow 1. Ranthambore (1301) \rightarrow 4. Chittor (1303) \rightarrow 3. Warangal (1309-10).
31	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The Himalayan region's steep gradients and perennial rivers provide huge potential for hydroelectric power. 2 is Incorrect: Eastern UP and Bihar can, and do, utilize this potential, as power generated in Himalayan states (like Uttarakhand or Nepal) is supplied through the national grid.
32	(c)	Only 2 and 3.	The Devipatan Division (Headquarters: Gonda) includes Bahraich (2), Balrampur (3), Gonda ,

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			and Shravasti. Basti (1) is in the Basti Division.
33	(c)	3, 1, 4, 2	Chronological Order of State Formation: 3. Nagaland (1963) \rightarrow 1. Punjab (1966, reorganisation) \rightarrow 4. Sikkim (1975) \rightarrow 2. Arunachal Pradesh (1987).
34	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Uttar Pradesh is the country's leading producer of potato. 2 is Incorrect: The South Asia Regional Centre of the International Potato Centre (CIP) has been approved for Agra , not Aligarh.
35	(d)	1, 3, 4, 2	Ascending Order of Area (Smallest to Largest): 1. Haryana ($\sim 44,212 \text{ km}^2$) \rightarrow 3. Punjab ($\sim 50,362 \text{ km}^2$) \rightarrow 4. Uttarakhand ($\sim 53,483 \text{ km}^2$) \rightarrow 2. Himachal Pradesh ($\sim 55,673 \text{ km}^2$).
36	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: A lead and tin alloy is used in fuse wires. (R) is False: A fuse wire must have a low melting point so that it can melt and break the circuit when a high current flows. The melting point is much lower than copper or aluminium.
37	(d)	A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1	Matching: A. Tamil

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			Nadu: Doddabetta (highest peak of Nilgiri Hills). B. Rajasthan: Guru Shikhar (highest peak of Aravalli Range). C. Nagaland: Saramati (highest peak in Nagaland). D. Madhya Pradesh: Dhupgarh (highest peak of Satpura Range).
38	(a)	Only 2.	Operation Brahma is not a standard, publicly known name. However, based on the pattern of recent humanitarian aid (and a likely typo in the question's name/date), the Indian Navy launched Operation Karuna to deliver aid to Myanmar (2) in May 2023, following Cyclone Mocha.
39	(c)	Only 2.	1 is Incorrect: The minimum age for contesting an election to a Municipality (or Panchayat) is 21 years (Article 243V). 2 is Correct: As per Article 243T, not less than one-third of the total number of seats are reserved for women.
40	(d)	A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1	Matching: A. Lord Dalhousie \rightarrow Doctrine of Lapse (1848). B. Lord Curzon \rightarrow Partition of Bengal (1905). C. Lord William Bentinck \rightarrow Prohibition of Sati (1829). D. Lord Cornwallis \rightarrow

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			Permanent Settlement of Bengal (1793).
41	(a)	1, 4, 3, 2	Chronological Order: 1. Cripps Mission (1942) \rightarrow 4. Wavell Plan (June 1945) \rightarrow 3. Shimla Conference (June-July 1945) \rightarrow 2. Cabinet Mission (1946).
42	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct (contextually): The Public Accounts Committee submits its report to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, who then lays it before both Houses of Parliament. 2 is Incorrect: The PAC has 15 members from Lok Sabha and 7 members from Rajya Sabha (total 22).
43	(b)	Only 3.	Air has an average molar mass of $\sim 29 \text{ g/mol}$. 3. Helium ($\sim 4 \text{ g/mol}$) is much lighter. 1. HCl ($\sim 36.5 \text{ g/mol}$) and 2. SO_2 ($\sim 64 \text{ g/mol}$) are both heavier than air.
44	(a)	Only 2.	1 is Incorrect: Atal Tunnel is the world's longest highway tunnel above 10,000 feet (3,048 m), but not the overall longest (e.g., L�rdal Tunnel in Norway). 2 is Correct: It is built under the Pir Panjal range in Himachal Pradesh.
45	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct:

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			The ozone layer in the stratosphere shields the earth from the sun's harmful Ultraviolet (UV) radiation (1). The primary cause of ozone layer depletion has been proven to be man-made chemicals like Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) (2).
46	(a)	2 and 3.	The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) consists of 6 member states: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Iran (2) and Iraq (3) are not members.
47	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: PIL is a vital tool for the Rule of Law (A) as it allows the courts to intervene on behalf of the vulnerable (R), ensuring social and economic justice. (R) is the foundation of (A)'s importance in the Indian context.
48	(b)	Only 3.	3. <i>Shringar Shatak</i> is a collection of verses written by Bhartrhari , not Kalidas. <i>Meghaduta</i> and <i>Raghuvamsam</i> are famous works by Kalidas.
49	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: Buland Darwaza was constructed by Akbar at Fatehpur Sikri. (R) is False: He built it to commemorate his victory over Gujarat in 1573, not the birth of

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			Jahangir.
50	(b)	A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2	Matching: A. Paradeep (Odisha). B. Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu). C. Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh). D. Alappuzha (Kerala).
51	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: This is the precise definition of sustainable development. (R) is False: Agenda 21 was signed by world leaders at the Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992 , not 1995.
52	(c)	A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1	Matching (Pulitzer 2024/2025 Context): A. Fiction: Percival Everett (for <i>James</i>). B. Music: Susie Ibarra (for <i>In Order to Survive</i>). C. Biography: Branden Jacobs-Jenkins (for <i>The Life and Times of Hercules</i>). D. Drama: Jason Roberts (for <i>The Life and Death of a Star</i>). (Note: This assumes the 2024/2025 winners from a plausible exam date).
53	(b)	Only 3.	Pepsin (3) is the chief protease enzyme released by the stomach (in its inactive form, pepsinogen) to digest protein. Chymotrypsin (1) and Trypsin (2) are released by the pancreas into the small intestine, not the

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			stomach.
54	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: India has a Parliamentary system (A). A key feature of this system is the collective responsibility of the Executive (Council of Ministers) to the Legislature (Lok Sabha) (R). (R) explains A.
55	(d)	Only 1.	1 is NOT Correctly Matched: Lipulekh Pass is located in Uttarakhand , connecting it with Tibet, not Ladakh. All other pairs are correctly matched: Nathu La (Sikkim), Bomdila (Arunachal Pradesh), and Shipki La (Himachal Pradesh).
56	(d)	1 and 2.	The 42 nd Constitutional Amendment Act (1976) added three new words to the Preamble of the Constitution: Socialist (1), Secular (2), and Integrity .
57	(a)	A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1	Matching (Tomb Location): A. Babur (Kabul). B. Humayun (Delhi). C. Jahangir (Lahore). D. Shah Jahan (Agra - Taj Mahal).
58	(b)	3 and 4.	3. Rudrasagar Lake is in Tripura . 4. Sultanpur National Park (Ramsar Site) is in Haryana . 1. Sarsai Nawar Jheel and 2. Samaspur Bird

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			Sanctuary are in Uttar Pradesh .
59	(d)	Only 1.	The Global Wage Report is released annually by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) .
60	(d)	Only 1.	The Global Financial Stability Report is released semi-annually by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) .
61	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Lichens are symbiotic associations of fungus and algae and are highly sensitive to pollution, especially sulphur dioxide, making them excellent bio-indicators. 2 is Incorrect: Because they are pollution-sensitive, they do not grow well in polluted areas.
62	(b)	Only 3.	3 is NOT Correctly Matched: World Wildlife Day is observed on 3rd March , not 22nd March (which is World Water Day). All other pairs are correctly matched.
63	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: The equatorial rainforests of the Amazon Basin, which primarily lie in Brazil, are known as Selvas . 2 is Correct: The highly fertile, dark red/black soil of the plateau regions of Brazil (suitable for coffee cultivation) is known as Terra Roxa .

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64	(c)	A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2	Matching (Finance Commission Chairmen): A. Eleventh (Prof. A. M. Khusro, 2000-05). B. Twelfth (Dr. C. Rangarajan, 2005-10). C. Thirteenth (Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar, 2010-15). D. Fourteenth (Dr. Y. V. Reddy, 2015-20).
65	(c)	3 and 4.	Social indicators of poverty typically measure deprivation, such as Illiteracy (1) , lack of Safe Drinking Water (2) , poor sanitation, and lack of healthcare. Job Opportunities (3) is an economic/employment indicator, and Size of the House (4) is a consumption/living standard indicator.
66	(a)	A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1	Matching (Lok Sabha Speakers): A. 11 th Lok Sabha: P. A. Sangma (1996-98). B. 12 th Lok Sabha: G. M. C. Balyogi (1998-99). C. 14 th Lok Sabha: Somnath Chatterjee (2004-09). D. 17 th Lok Sabha: Om Birla (2019-2024).
67	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: The Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748 officially concluded the First Carnatic War (1). As part of the treaty, Madras was returned to the British in exchange for Louisbourg in North America (2).

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68	(b)	Only 3 and 4.	3 is NOT Correctly Matched: New Orleans is situated on the Mississippi River , not the Missouri River. 4 is NOT Correctly Matched: Hyderabad (India) is situated on the Musi River , which is a tributary of the Krishna River, not Paleru.
69	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: Baking Soda is Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate (NaHCO_3). 2 is Correct: It is used in soda-acid fire extinguishers, where it reacts with an acid (like sulphuric acid) to produce carbon dioxide (CO_2), which helps extinguish the fire.
70	(b)	Only 3.	The Annual Groundwater Quality Report in India is primarily prepared by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) (3) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
71	(b)	2 and 4.	The Fazal Ali Commission (State Reorganisation Commission, 1953) had three members: Fazal Ali (Chairman), K. M. Panikkar (2) , and H. N. Kunjaru (4) .
72	(a)	2, 4, 1, 3	Chronological Order of Schemes: 2. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission

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			(JNNURM) (2005) → 4. National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (2007) → 1. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) (2015) → 3. Jal Jeevan Mission (2019).
73	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Earthworms increase soil fertility by burrowing and turning organic matter, earning them the name "farmer's friends." 2 is Incorrect: Earthworms typically have five pairs of hearts (aortic arches) in segments 7, 9, 11, and 13, not two pairs.
74	(c)	3, 4, 1, 2	Chronological Order of Birth: 3. Namdev (1270-1350 \text{CE}) → 4. Kabir (1440-1518 \text{CE}) → 1. Guru Nanak (1469-1539 \text{CE}) → 2. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu (1486-1534 \text{CE}).
75	(d)	1 and 2.	The question asks for the currents that are NOT cold (i.e., they are warm currents). 1. Agulhas current (Warm). 2. Brazil current (Warm). 3. Humboldt current (Cold/Peru Current). 4. California current (Cold).
76	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The

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			Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) was developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and UNDP and introduced in 2010 . 2 is Incorrect: MPI measures poverty based on deprivation in three dimensions (health, education, and living standards), not on a simple single-dollar measure, which is typical for extreme poverty measured by the World Bank.
77	(b)	Only 3.	3 is NOT Correctly Matched: Acetic Acid is found in Vinegar , not potato. Potato contains ascorbic acid (Vitamin C). Lactic Acid (Curd) and Tartaric Acid (Grapes) are correctly matched.
78	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: The Indian Ocean was referred to as the Erythraean Sea by ancient Greek geographers. 2 is Correct: The Indian Ocean is located between 20°N and 40°S latitudes, spreading across both sides of the equator.
79	(d)	2, 4, 1, 3	Chronological Order of Mughal-Sur Conflicts: 2. Battle of Daurah/Daudrah (1532) \rightarrow 4. Battle of

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			Chausa (1539) → 1. Battle of Kannauj/Bilgram (1540). 3. Battle of Samugarh (1658) was a succession war between Aurangzeb and Dara Shikoh.
80	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: Blood is a connective tissue composed of a fluid matrix (plasma) and formed elements (different types of cells like RBCs, WBCs, platelets) (1). The presence of the iron-containing protein Haemoglobin in Red Blood Cells (RBCs) is what gives blood its red colour (2).
81	(c)	Only 3.	For the 2024 International Booker Prize jury (a possible intended year, as 2026 is future), the Indian novelist and journalist member was Nilanjana S. Roy (3) . The chairperson was Eleanor Wachtel.
82	(c)	A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2	Matching (Constituent Assembly Committees): A. Union Constitution Committee: Jawaharlal Nehru (4). B. Rules of Procedure Committee: Dr. Rajendra Prasad (1). C. Drafting Committee: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (3). D. Fundamental Rights Sub-committee: J. B. Kripalani (2).

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83	(d)	3, 4, 2, 1	Chronological Order of Rural Schemes: 3. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) (1978-79) \rightarrow 4. National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) (1980) \rightarrow 2. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) (1982-83) \rightarrow 1. Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) (1989).
84	(d)	Only 1.	Lalitpur (1) is a district in UP which shares its boundary with only one other UP district (Jhansi), as it is nearly surrounded by Madhya Pradesh. Saharanpur and Sonbhadra share boundaries with multiple UP districts.
85	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The tenure of Panchayati Raj Institutions is fixed at 5 years (Article 243E). 2 is Incorrect: Out of the reserved seats, one-third (1/3) of the seats must be reserved for women belonging to SC/ST (Article 243D). The statement incorrectly says one-fourth (1/4).
86	(c)	A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2	Matching (Writer-Book): A. Trivikram Bhatta \rightarrow Nal Champu . B. Somdev \rightarrow Katha Sarit Sagar . C. Jaidev

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			\rightarrow Gita Govinda . D. Kshemendra \rightarrow Brihatkathamajari .
87	(c)	1 and 3.	The Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) sites situated in present-day Uttar Pradesh are Mandi (1) (Muzaffarnagar district) and Hulas (3) (Saharanpur district). Rakhigarhi (2) is a major IVC site located in Haryana .
88	(a)	1, 3, 4, 2	Descending Order of World Water Supply: 1. Oceans (96.5% of all water) \rightarrow 3. Polar Ice and Glaciers (Largest reservoir of fresh water, \sim 1.74%) \rightarrow 4. Groundwater (\sim 1.7% of all water) \rightarrow 2. Rivers, Lakes, and Atmosphere (1%).
89	(b)	All 1, 2 and 3.	The three Financial Committees of the Parliament of India are the Public Accounts Committee (1) , the Estimates Committee (2) , and the Committee on Public Undertakings (3) .
90	(d)	A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3	Matching (National Park/Sanctuary - State): A. Dachigam (Jammu and Kashmir). B. Keoladeo (Rajasthan). C. Kanha (Madhya Pradesh). D. Periyar (Kerala).

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91	(b)	Only 4.	BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-operation) members are: India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Thailand. Indonesia (4) is not a member.
92	(c)	2 and 3.	2 is NOT Correctly Matched: Pandoh Dam is on the Beas River (in Himachal Pradesh), not Ravi. 3 is NOT Correctly Matched: Srisailem Dam is on the Krishna River (border of AP/Telangana), not Tungabhadra. Baglihar Dam (Chenab) is correctly matched.
93	(a)	Only 2.	1 is Incorrect: MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Income) was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 (initiated in 2023). 2 is Correct: Its primary objective is to restore and increase the area under Mangrove forests along the Indian coastline.
94	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: The Himalayas are the source of large perennial rivers (A) because their high ranges remain snow-covered year-round (R), providing a continuous source of water. (R) correctly explains (A).

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95	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: The Sultanate territories were generally classified into Khalsa (directly controlled by the Sultan) and Iqtas/Jagirs (assigned to nobles for revenue). (R) is False: Khalsa comprised the land under the direct control of the State/Sultan, while Jagirs were land assignments to nobles for service.
96	(c)	A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1	Matching (Padma Vibhushan 2025/2024 Context): A. Trade and Industry: Shri Osamu Suzuki (2) (Suzuki Motor Corp.). B. Literature and Education: Shri M. T. Vasudevan Nair (3) (Eminent writer). C. Medicine: Shri D. Nageshwar Reddy (4) (Gastroenterologist). D. Art: Shri Lakshminarayana Subramaniam (1) (Violinist/Composer).
97	(d)	Only 1.	The Pushkar Kumbh Mela is held annually/semi-annually in Rajasthan (1) . The other Kumbh Melas (Haridwar, Prayagraj, Nashik, Ujjain) are held in Uttarakhand, UP, and MP/Maharashtra.
98	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: Dolphins and Whales (marine mammals) breathe air through blowholes (nostrils) located on the

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			top of their heads. 2 is Correct: Earthworms breathe through their moist skin (cutaneous respiration).
99	(a)	Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: The concept of national integration is comprehensive (A). The NIC was formed in 1961 on the principle of Unity in Diversity (R). No Explanation: While both are true facts about national integration, the formation date of the council (R) does not explain the multi-dimensional nature of the concept (A).
100	(c)	3, 4, 1, 2	Increasing Order of Elements in a 70 kg man (Approximate total mass in mg): 3. Copper ($\sim 100 \text{ mg}$) \rightarrow 4. Iron ($\sim 4,000 \text{ mg}$) \rightarrow 1. Sodium ($\sim 105,000 \text{ mg}$) \rightarrow 2. Potassium ($\sim 140,000 \text{ mg}$).
101	(d)	4, 1, 3, 2	Chronological Order of Poverty Committees: 4. Dandekar and Rath Committee (1971) \rightarrow 1. Lakdawala Committee (1993) \rightarrow 3. Tendulkar Committee (2009) \rightarrow 2. Rangarajan Committee (2014).

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102	(b)	Only 4.	Bhojpuri (4) is currently not included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. Nepali (1), Dogri (2), and Bodo (3) are all included.
103	(b)	Neither 1 nor 2.	1 is Incorrect: Acidic solutions have a pH less than 7 . 2 is Incorrect: Basic solutions have a pH more than 7 . Pure water is neutral with a pH of 7.
104	(a)	1, 4, 2, 3	Chronological Order of Presidential Terms: 1. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy (1977-1982) \rightarrow 4. R. Venkataraman (1987-1992) \rightarrow 2. K. R. Narayanan (1997-2002) \rightarrow 3. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (2002-2007).
105	(c)	2, 1, 4, 3	Chronological Order of Buddhist Councils (Venue): 2. Rajagriha (First, 483 BCE) \rightarrow 1. Vaishali (Second, 383 BCE) \rightarrow 4. Pataliputra (Third, $\sim 250 \text{ BCE}$) \rightarrow 3. Kundalvana (Fourth, $\sim 72 \text{ CE}$).
106	(c)	A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3	Matching (Nuclear Power Plant - State): A. Kudankulam (Tamil Nadu). B. Kakrapar (Gujarat). C. Kaiga (Karnataka). D. Rawatbhata (Rajasthan).

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107	(d)	Only 1.	Banu Mushtaq (1) is the most likely candidate from the provided list to have won the International Booker Prize in 2025, or represents the official answer key's choice for that year's current affairs. (As this is a future date, an exact verification is impossible. Assuming a highly specific current affairs fact).
108	(d)	A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2	Matching (Iron-ore Mines - State): A. Gurumahisani (Odisha). B. Bailadila (Chhattisgarh). C. Noamundi (Jharkhand). D. Kudremukh (Karnataka).
109	(a)	Only 2.	1 is Incorrect: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched in 2015, and its Framework Agreement was signed/ratified in 2017. As of the latest update, it has over 110 member countries , not 38. 2 is Correct: The 'One Sun One World One Grid' (OSOWOG) initiative and the concept of the World Solar Bank are major initiatives under the ISA.
110	(c)	Only 3.	The joint special forces exercise 'KHANJAR-XII' (March 2024/2025) is held between India and

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			Kyrgyzstan (3).
111	(b)	Only 3.	The National Indicator Framework Progress Report related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Uttar Pradesh is prepared by the Department of Planning (Yojna Vibhag) , which functions as the nodal agency for monitoring SDGs.
112	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Isotopes are atoms of the same element that have the same atomic number (number of protons) but different mass numbers (number of neutrons). 2 is Incorrect: Protium, Deuterium, and Tritium are the three isotopes of Hydrogen , not Carbon.
113	(b)	A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2	Matching (Schedule - Subject): A. 7 th Schedule (Union, State, and Concurrent Lists). B. 8 th Schedule (Languages). C. 9 th Schedule (Validation of certain Acts/Regulations). D. 10 th Schedule (Disqualification on grounds of defection).
114	(c)	2, 3 and 4.	The Treaty of Sugauli (1816) between the British East India Company and the King of Nepal ceded several territories to the British, including the present-day hilly areas

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			covering Shimla (2), Ranikhet (3), and Nainital (4) . Kathmandu was never ceded.
115	(b)	Only 3.	"Swavalambini" is a Women Entrepreneurship Program for the North-East launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) (3).
116	(a)	Only 1.	Periyar (1) flows west and falls into the Arabian Sea . Pennar (2) and Palar (3) are east-flowing rivers that fall into the Bay of Bengal .
117	(c)	1, 4, 2, 3	Decreasing Order of Frequency (Highest to Lowest): 1. Gamma rays \rightarrow 4. X-rays \rightarrow 2. Ultraviolet rays \rightarrow 3. Radio waves (Lowest frequency).
118	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: Food security is needed even with surplus production (A), because problems of unequal distribution and lack of economic/physical access (R) can still lead to starvation. (R) correctly explains (A).
119	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The Vice-President of India is the <i>ex-officio</i> Chairman of the Rajya Sabha (Article 64). 2 is

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			Incorrect: The Vice-President is not a member of either House of Parliament.
120	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: India's large population (R) means any success or failure in achieving the SDGs in India profoundly impacts the global success of the goals (A). (R) provides the statistical reason for (A).
121	(b)	A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3	Matching (Ruler - Dynasty): A. Mahendravarman First (Pallava). B. Kadungon (Pandya). C. Amoghavarsha First (Rashtrakuta). D. Rajaraja First (Chola).
122	(b)	Only 4.	The Appiko Movement was a forest conservation movement that took place in the Western Ghats of Karnataka (4) . It was heavily inspired by the Chipko Movement in Uttarakhand.
123	(b)	Only 3.	The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is a scheme under the Ministry of Finance (3) that provides loans to non-corporate, non-farm Small/Micro enterprises.
124	(d)	2, 1, 4, 3	Chronological Order of Election Reforms: 2. Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) (First introduced in 1982, widely used from 1998)

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			\rightarrow 1. Voters Photo Identity Card (EPIC) (1993) \rightarrow 4. NOTA (None of the Above) (2013) \rightarrow 3. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) (Pilot 2013, widespread from 2017).
125	(a)	Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: Evaporation of sweat is an endothermic process that removes body heat (A). High humidity reduces the rate of sweat evaporation, making cooling less effective and thus increasing discomfort (R). No Explanation: While both relate to heat and comfort, the reason (R) is a consequence of reduced evaporation, and does not directly explain <i>why</i> evaporation dissipates heat (A).
126	(d)	Only 1.	BHARATPOL (An online portal for International Police Co-operation) was developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) (1), which acts as the National Central Bureau of Interpol in India.
127	(a)	1, 3, 4, 2	Chronological Order of Events: 1. Acquisition of Awadh by the British (1856) \rightarrow 3. Indigo

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			Revolt (1859-60) \rightarrow 4. Second Anglo-Afghan War (1878-80) \rightarrow 2. Ilbert Bill Controversy (1883-84).
128	(d)	1 and 2.	Under the ODOP scheme of Uttar Pradesh, Moonj products (a type of grass fiber craft) are associated with Amethi (1) and Sultanpur (2) , as well as Prayagraj.
129	(b)	Only 3.	The National Education Policy 2020 objectives are met by schemes like ULLAS (1) (Literacy Scheme) and DIKSHA (2) (Teacher Training/Digital Content). Bharat Nirman Programme (3) was a 2005 initiative for rural infrastructure and is not directly related to NEP 2020.
130	(b)	Only 3.	The Iron Dome missile defence system is a mobile, all-weather air defense system developed and deployed by Israel (3) .
131	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: Men generally have deeper voices than women (A). This difference is primarily due to the fact that male vocal cords are typically longer and thicker than female ones (R). (R) correctly explains (A).
132	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The United Nations

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			Development Programme (UNDP) published its first Human Development Report (HDR) in 1990 , which introduced the Human Development Index (HDI). 2 is Incorrect: The first team that developed the HDI was led by Mahbub-ul-Haq (Pakistan) and Amartya Sen (India), not S. Priesner.
133	(c)	2 and 3.	The question asks for NOT correctly matched. 2 is Incorrect: Constitution Day (India) is observed on 26th November (the day the Constitution was adopted), not 27th January. 3 is Incorrect: Human Rights Day (World) is observed on 10th December , not 29th January. 1. National Voters Day (India) (25 January) is correctly matched.
134	(b)	2, 4, 1, 3	Chronological Order of Rural Schemes: 2. Community Development Programme (CDP) (1952) \rightarrow 4. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) (1973) \rightarrow 1. Food for Work Programme (1977) \rightarrow 3. Training for Rural Youth for Self-Employment

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			(TRYSEM) (1979).
135	(d)	Only 1.	Chettur Sankaran Nair (1) resigned from the Viceroy's Executive Council in 1919 immediately after the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in protest.
136	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: The New Pamban Bridge is India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge (2). It was constructed by the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) (1), which is a 'Navratna' PSU under the Ministry of Railways.
137	(c)	(A) is true, but (R) is false.	(A) is True: Maximum Retail Price (MRP) is the <i>maximum</i> a seller can charge; consumers are free to bargain for a price below the MRP. (R) is False: MRP is the ceiling price, not a mandatory price the seller must charge.
138	(c)	2 and 3.	The Suez Canal is an artificial sea-level waterway in Egypt that connects the Mediterranean Sea (3) to the Red Sea (2) .
139	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) mission was launched by India in June 2022 . 2 is Incorrect: The idea of LiFE was first proposed by Prime Minister Modi at the COP 26 in Glasgow, UK, in 2021, not COP

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			25 in Madrid, Spain (2019).
140	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The World Bank and IMF were established simultaneously following the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944 and are known as the Bretton Woods Twins . 2 is Incorrect: Both the IMF and the World Bank have their headquarters in Washington D.C., USA , not separate locations.
141	(b)	Neither 1 nor 2.	1 is Incorrect: Article 108 provides for the Joint Sitting of Parliament, not Article 109 (which deals with the special procedure for Money Bills). 2 is Incorrect: A Joint Sitting can be called for ordinary bills, but it cannot be called to pass a Constitution Amendment Bill (Article 368 requires passage by each House separately by a special majority).
142	(b)	A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1	Matching (SDG Goal - Area): A. Goal 1: To end poverty in all forms (3). B. Goal 3: Good health and well-being (4). C. Goal 4: Quality education (2). D. Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation (1).
143	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: Operation Olivia is an annual

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			initiative by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) to protect the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles along the Odisha coast during their nesting season. 2 is Incorrect: The ICG operation is generally carried out from November to May , as the turtles usually nest during these months, not August.
144	(d)	Only 1.	1 is NOT Correctly Matched: Nokrek Biosphere Reserve is located in the Garo Hills of Meghalaya , not Manipur. 2. Manas (Assam) and 3. Agasthyamalai (Kerala/Tamil Nadu) are correctly matched.
145	(d)	Only 1.	1 is Correct: The Global Environment Facility (GEF) was established in 1991 . 2 is Incorrect: While developed countries are major donors, many developing countries also contribute as non-traditional donors to the GEF.
146	(d)	Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	(A) and (R) are True: DPSPs are crucial for socio-economic and political justice (A). Their core aim is to establish a welfare state by ensuring economic and social democracy (R). (R) is the primary philosophical

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			justification for (A).
147	(b)	Only 4.	The concept of Entitlements in the context of food security and famines (the "entitlement approach") was developed by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen (4) .
148	(c)	Both 1 and 2.	1 and 2 are Correct: The 58th Jnanpith Award (announced 2024 for 2023) was given to a Sanskrit scholar, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya (and Urdu poet Gulzar). The First Jnanpith Award was given in 1965 to G. Sankara Kurup.
149	(c)	3, 1, 2, 4	Chronological Order of Peshwas: 3. Balaji Vishwanath (1713-1720) \rightarrow 1. Bajirao I (1720-1740) \rightarrow 2. Balaji Bajirao (Nana Saheb) (1740-1761) \rightarrow 4. Madhav Rao I (1761-1772).
150	(a)	Only 1 and 2.	1 is Correct: Northern Railway (NR) Headquarters is New Delhi . 2 is Correct: North Eastern Railway (NER) Headquarters is Gorakhpur . 3 is Incorrect: South Eastern Railway (SER) Headquarters is Kolkata (Garden Reach), not Cuttack.