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SEAL

1. The parts of the skeleton that are not as hard as bones and which can be bent are called as
- (A) vertebrae  
 (B) carpals  
 (C) cartilage  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
2. In lichen, a chlorophyll-containing partner, \_\_\_\_\_ live together.
- (A) alga and a fungus  
 (B) fungus and a bacterium  
 (C) alga and a virus  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
3. Female Anopheles can be distinguished from female Culcx because it sits
- (A) at right angle to the surface of substratum  
 (B) at an angle with substratum  
 (C) parallel to the surface of substratum  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
4. The most important cell type associated with the immunity of the body is
- (A) RBCs  
 (B) platelets  
 (C) lymphocytes  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
5. Which one of the following statements is incorrect about muscles in human body?
- (A) Muscles can only push the bone.  
 (B) Muscles work in pairs.  
 (C) Muscles become shorter, stiffer and thicker when contracted.  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
6. Large number of thin strips of black paint are made on the surface of a convex lens of focal length 20 cm to catch the image of a white horse. The image will be
- (A) a horse of less brightness  
 (B) a zebra of black stripes  
 (C) a horse of black stripes  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
7. Shrillness of sound is determined by
- (A) velocity of sound  
 (B) amplitude of sound  
 (C) wavelength of sound  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
8. Which of the following photoelectric devices is most suitable for digital applications?
- (A) Photodiode  
 (B) Photovoltaic cell  
 (C) Photoemitter  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
9. Ball bearings are used to convert static friction into
- (A) rolling friction  
 (B) drag  
 (C) sliding friction  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

10. A goalkeeper in a game of football pulls his hands backwards after holding the ball shot at the goal. This enables the goalkeeper to

- (A) decrease the rate of change of momentum
- (B) exert large force on the ball
- (C) increase the force exerted by the ball on hands
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

11. Which among the following is a positively charged particle emitted by a radioactive element?

- (A) Cathode ray
- (B) Beta ray
- (C) Alpha ray
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

12. Centripetal force is responsible to

- (A) independent motion of the object in space ✓
- (B) keep the body moving along the circular path ✓
- (C) fly the object along a straight line
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

13. Which of the following energy change involves frictional force?

- (A) Kinetic energy to heat energy
- (B) Potential energy to sound energy
- (C) Chemical energy to heat energy
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

14. A bus is moving along a straight path and takes a sharp turn to the right side suddenly. The passengers sitting in the bus will

- (A) bent towards right side
- (B) fall in the forward direction
- (C) bent towards left side
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

15. Before playing the orchestra in a musical concert, a sitarist tries to adjust the tension and pluck the string suitably. By doing so, he/she is adjusting

- (A) frequency of the sitar string with the frequency of other musical instruments
- (B) amplitude of sound
- (C) intensity of sound
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

16. A form of matter has no fixed shape but it has a fixed volume. An example of this form of matter is
- (A) carbon steel  
 (B) krypton  
 (C) kerosene  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
17. Some metal oxides react with acid as well as base to produce salt and water. They are known as amphoteric oxides. The examples of amphoteric oxides are
- (A) CuO and ZnO  
 (B) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and ZnO  
 (C) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CuO  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
18. Which gas contributes to global warming through its greenhouse effect?
- (A) Carbon dioxide  
 (B) Nitrous oxide  
 (C) Methane  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
19. Acids react with metal carbonates to liberate \_\_\_\_\_ gas.
- (A) H<sub>2</sub>  
 (B) CO<sub>2</sub>  
 (C) CO  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
20. Which acid is described as HOOC-COOH?
- (A) Carbonic acid  
 (B) Oxalic acid CH<sub>3</sub>COOH  
 (C) Acetic acid COOH - COOH  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
21. You have been provided with three test tubes. One of them contains distilled water and the other two contain an acidic solution and a basic solution, respectively. Which of them will turn red litmus to blue?
- (A) Distilled water  
 (B) Acid  
 (C) Base  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
22. The odour of acetic acid resembles that of
- (A) vinegar  
 (B) tomato  
 (C) kerosene  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

23. Why does dry HCl gas *not* change the colour of dry litmus paper?

- (A) HCl gas acts as a dehydrating agent.
- (B) Blue litmus becomes dry in the presence of dry HCl gas.
- (C) No  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions are present. Litmus changes colour only in the presence of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions.
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

24. Detect the odd one.

- (A) Ripening of fruit
- (B) Setting of cement
- (C) Burning of coal
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

25. Which of the following statements about diamond and graphite is true?

- (A) They have same electrical conductivity.
- (B) They have same crystal structure.



(C) They have same degree of hardness.

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

26. The stomata open or close due to change in the

- (A) position of nucleus in cells
- (B) protein composition of cells
- (C) amount of water in cells
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

27. Chlorophyll absorbs \_\_\_\_\_ wavelengths of the sunlight.

- (A) red and blue
- (B) green and blue
- (C) green and red
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

28. Which of the following is *not* a correct match?

- (A) Petiole : Attaches leaf to stem
- (B) Thick, hard stem with branching near base : Tree
- (C) Weak stem which cannot stand upright : Creeper
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

29. Water reaches great heights in trees because of suction pull caused by

- (A) evaporation
- (B) absorption
- (C) transpiration
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

30. Which among the following is a characteristic of chloroplast which makes them qualified for self-replication?

- (A) Presence of both DNA and RNA
- (B) Presence of DNA only
- (C) Absence of RNA
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

31. How many words, no matter if they are meaningless, can be formed by the letters of the word 'DIARY'?

- (A) 24  
 (B) 5  
 (C) 10  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

32. Select the missing number from the given alternatives :

44	49	37
52	?	41
58	35	53

- (A) 66  
 (B) 56  
 (C) 77  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

33. Find the missing number in the given series following the same pattern :

15, 20, 32, 62, 118, 248, ?

- (A) 428  
 (B) 322  
 (C) 368  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

34. In a code language, if FASTER is written as 2229212319 and MONK is written as 15161412, then how will GUIDE be written in the same language?

- (A) 192019423  
 (B) 212219523  
 (C) 222119522  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

35. A rectangle has an area  $30 \text{ cm}^2$  and perimeter 26 cm. Its sides (in cm) are

- (A) 10, 3  
 (B) 5, 6  
 (C) 2, 15  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

36. A shopkeeper offers 10% discount on an item with marked price ₹ 400. If he charges 10% GST, then the final price of the item is

- (A) ₹ 380  
 (B) ₹ 400  
 (C) ₹ 396  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

37. Arrange the following words in logical and meaningful order :

1. Vice President ✓
2. President ✓
3. Speaker
4. Prime Minister ✓
5. Members of the Parliament

- (A) 5, 1, 2, 3, 4  
(B) 4, 2, 1, 3, 5  
 (C) 2, 1, 4, 3, 5  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above

38. Reshma donates one-fourth of her property to a charity organization and divides the remaining property equally among her three children. The part of property each child gets is

- (A) half  
 (B) one-fourth  
(C) two-thirds  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above

Handwritten calculation:  
100 =  
RS - 25 = 75  
75 / 3 = 25

39. Which of the following statements is false

- (A) Every square is a rhombus.  
 (B) Every square is a rectangle.  
 (C) Every rhombus is a parallelogram.

- (D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above

40. In a family of some persons,  $B$  says that  $R$  is the daughter of my sister  $A$ , who is the only daughter of  $T$ .  $X$  is the child of  $T$  and  $Z$ , who is the grandmother of  $H$ .  $K$  is the mother of  $M$ , who is the only sister of  $H$ .  $X$  is unmarried. If  $S$  is the spouse of  $A$ , how is  $K$  related to  $S$ ?

- (A) Brother-in-law  
(B) Sister-in-law  
(C) Wife of brother-in-law  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above

41. With reference to the Consumer Disputes Redressal at the district level in India, which one of the following statements is *not* correct?
- (A) The District Forum entertains the complaints where the value of goods or services does not exceed rupees fifty lakhs.
- (B) The State Government can establish more than one District Forum in a district if it deems fit.
- (C) One of the members of the District Forum shall be a woman.
- (D) More than one of the above
- ✓(E) None of the above
42. At what level does a Panchayat Samiti operate a Panchayati Raj structure?
- ✓(A) Block-level body
- (B) District level
- (C) Gram Panchayat level
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above
43. Which one of the following was established as the first programme of community development?
- (A) Cooperation Movement
- ✓(B) National Extension Service
- (C) Integrated Rural Development Programme
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above
44. The phrase 'equality before law' used Article 14 of the Indian Constitution has been borrowed from the Constitution of
- (A) France
- ✓(B) Britain
- (C) USA
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above
45. What was the duration in the making of the Indian Constitution?
- ✓(A) 2 years 11 months and 18 days
- (B) 1 year 10 months and 12 days
- (C) 2 years 10 months and 5 days
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above
46. The Council of Ministers in a State is collectively responsible to
- ✓(A) the Legislative Assembly
- (B) the Chief Minister
- (C) the Governor
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above
47. Consider the following statements :
- In the post-73rd Amendment era, there has been decentralization of
1. decision-making powers
  2. system as a whole
  3. judicial powers
  4. administrative powers
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- (A) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (B) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (D) More than one of the above
- ✓(E) None of the above

48. The representation in the Rajya Sabha includes

- (A) members nominated by the President of India ✓
- (B) members directly elected by citizens ✗
- (C) members indirectly elected by citizens through their representatives ✓
- ✓(D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

49. Which of the following is concerned with the Supreme Court of India?

- (A) Collegium system
- (B) Appellate jurisdiction
- (C) Original jurisdiction
- ✓(D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

50. The minimum age for contesting elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions should be how many years according to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act?

- (A) 18 years
- ✓(B) 21 years
- (C) 25 years
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

51. At what percentage has Bihar registered the lowest Female Workforce Participation Rate for the year 2020-2022?

- (A) 7% in rural and 9.1% in urban area
- (B) 4% in rural and 6.5% in urban area
- ✓(C) 6% in rural and 8.1% in urban area
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

52. The maximum number of tax industries in which district?

- (A) Kishanganj
- ✗(B) Darbhanga
- (C) Purnia
- (D) More than one of the above
- ✓(E) None of the above

53. According to the National Family Survey-5 released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on November 24, 2021, there has been a significant improvement in the sex ratio of Bihar. It has increased from \_\_\_\_\_ in 2015-2016 to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020-2022.

- (A) 1030, 1050
- (B) 1062, 1090
- (C) 1040, 1070
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

54. According to the Bihar Economic Survey (2021-2022), what was the rate of growth of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Bihar in 2020-2021?

- (A) 2.5%
- (B) 3%
- (C) 2%
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

55. Which one of the following is correct for Bihar economy?

- (A) The occupational structure of the economy is stagnant from above.
- (B) The growth rate is one of the lowest in India at 2.5%.
- (C) Bihar produces mostly primary goods.
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

56. Which of the following are the objectives of the SEZ Act, 2005?

1. Generation of additional economic activity
2. Promotion of exports of goods and services
3. Creation of employment

- (A) 1 and 3 only
- (B) 1, 2 and 3
- (C) 2 and 3 only
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

57. What is the policy measure adopted by the Government of India to improve the system of agricultural marketing?

- (A) Public Distribution System (PDS)
- (B) Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- (C) Maintenance of Buffer Stock
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

58. Which committee suggested the enactment of the Competition Act, 2002?

- (A) Vijay Kelkar Committee
- (B) Rangarajan Committee
- (C) S. V. S. Raghavan Committee
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

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1951-56  
56-61  
61-66  
66-74  
74-77  
77-81  
81-85  
85-89

59. Match List-I with List-II :

- | List-I               | List-II                       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Grey Revolution   | 1. Onion production           |
| b. Pink Revolution   | 2. Tomato and meat production |
| c. Silver Revolution | 3. Production of eggs         |
| d. Red Revolution    | 4. Fertilizers                |

- (A) a    b    c    d  
      1    4    2    3
- (B) a    b    c    d  
      4    1    3    2
- (C) a    b    c    d  
      3    1    4    2
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

60. Which of the following Five-Year Plans was focussed on Human Resource Development?
- (A) Fifth
- (B) First
- (C) Third
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

61. Which of the following States of India received the highest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity flow during April to September 2022?
- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Tripura
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

62. In which budget did the Finance Minister announce the Liberalized Exchange Rate Management System?
- (A) Union Budget, 1993-1994
- (B) Union Budget, 1991-1992
- (C) Union Budget, 1992-1993
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

63. Which of the following were goals of the Five-Year Plans?
1. Growth
2. Modernization
3. Self-reliance
4. Literature
- (A) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (B) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (C) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

64. Which organization carries out the survey for determining the poverty line?
- (A) RBI
- (B) NSSO
- (C) NITI Aayog
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

65. The trade balance of India (merchandise and services) for December 2022 (provisional) is
- (A) (-) 11.98 USD billion
- (B) (-) 10.50 USD billion
- (C) (+) 11.98 USD billion
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

66. During the Salt Satyagraha in Bihar, in addition to making salt, the people chose to oppose the government by opposing which tax?
- (A) Malba  
 (B) Haathi  
 (C) Development  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
67. The elected Government of Bihar formed by Shri Krishna Singh resigned in February 1938 for which reason?
- (A) Satyagraha against the British at the call of Gandhiji  
 (B) Participation in the Freedom Struggle of India  
 (C) For the release of political prisoners  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
68. Who saved the life of Gandhiji in Bihar during Champaran Satyagraha?
- (A) Ravindra Pathak  
 (B) Batak Mian  
 (C) Hamid Ansari  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
69. Who led cultivators in Bihar during the Non-Cooperation Movement?
- (A) Shri Krishna Singh  
 (B) Swami Vidyanand  
 (C) Raj Kumar Shukla  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
70. The Swadeshi and Boycott were adopted the methods of struggle for the first time during the
- (A) Home Rule Movement  
 (B) visit of the Simon Commission to India  
 (C) Partition of Bengal  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
71. At the Calcutta Session of the Indian National Congress (INC) held in 1906, the Flag of Swaraj for India was unfurled by
- (A) G. K. Gokhale  
 (B) A. O. Hume  
 (C) Dadabhai Naoroji  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
72. During the freedom struggle, a parallel movement launched in the Indian States (in the States ruled by the Indian rulers such as Kashmir, Nizam's Hyderabad, Travancore etc.) was
- (A) Swaraj Movement  
 (B) State People's Movement  
 (C) Praja Mandal Movement  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
73. Which of the following statements regarding the Indian freedom struggle is *not* correct?
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi was arrested in the year 1921.  
 (B) Gandhiji withdrew from the Non-Cooperation Movement due to the Chauri-Chaura Incident.  
 (C) Gandhiji gave his first major public speech at Banaras Hindu University.  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

74. Which one of the following was a journal brought out by Abul Kalam Azad?

(A) *Zamindar*

(B) *The Comrade*

(C) *Al-Hilal*

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

75. How did the study of history help in creating a feeling of nationalism in India towards the end of the 19th century?

(A) By urging people to struggle and change the miserable conditions of life under the British rule

(B) By reinterpreting history and refuting the British portrayal of Indians as backward, primitive and incapable of governing themselves

(C) By writing about India's glorious past and urging people to take pride in their achievements

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

76. Which of the following statements are **not** correct regarding the Non-Cooperation Movement in the towns?

1. Only the upper caste and the rich took part in the movement.

2. The council elections were boycotted even by the Justice Party of Madras.

3. Thousands of students left government-controlled schools, headmasters and teachers resigned and lawyers gave up their practice.

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 1 and 3 only

(C) 2 and 3 only

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

77. "A Sanyasi who came to that district a spell as an indentured labourer in F carrying a copy of Tulsidas *Ramayana* his back from which he would recite ver to rural audience." The peasant lea referred to here is

(A) Baba Ram Chandra

(B) Jhinguri Singh

(C) Yadunandan Sharma

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

78. Who was the founder of All India Harija Sangh in 1932?

(A) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

(B) Jagjivan Ram

(C) Mahatma Gandhi

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

79. On February 20, 1947, Prime Minister Attle announced the British Government's decisio to withdraw from India latest by

(A) June 1948

(B) August 1947

(C) January 1948

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

80. Who established Swaraj Dal in Bihar?

(A) Bankim Chandra Mitra

(B) Shri Krishna Singh

(C) Ramlal Shah

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

81. Who among the following made an offer to Humayun that he would surrender Bihar and pay an annual tribute of 10 lakh dinars if he was allowed to retain Bengal?
- (A) Bahadur Shah  
 (B) Sher Khan  
(C) Bairam Khan  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above
82. The Vikramshila University was established by
- (A) Gopala  
 (B) Dharmapala  
(C) Devapala  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above
83. Who among the following was the first Governor of Bihar?
- (A) Sir Maurice Garnier Hallett  
(B) Sir James David Sifton  
(C) Sir Hugh Dow  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above
84. Who was the author of *Mahatma Gandhi and Bihar, Some Reminiscences*?
- (A) Dr. Rajendra Prasad  
(B) J. P. Narayan  
 (C) Karpoori Thakur  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above
85. Which is the oldest church in Bihar?
- (A) Padri Ki Haveli  
(B) Luke's Church  
(C) Stephen's Church  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above
86. The late actor Kumudlal Ganguly, a known by his stage name Ashok Kumar was born in which of the following cities of Bihar?
- (A) Patna ✗  
(B) Munger  
 (C) Bhagalpur  
(D) More than one of the above  
(E) None of the above

87. In ancient times, the area to the south of the Ganga was known as

- (A) Anarta
- (B) Takshashila
- (C) Chola
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

88. When did the use of iron begin in Indian subcontinent?

- (A) Around 9000 years ago
- (B) Around 12000 years ago
- (C) Around 6000 years ago
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

89. According to the rock inscription in Sanskrit, composed around second century CE, Sudarshan Lake, an artificial reservoir, was repaired by

- (A) Harsha
- (B) Kanishka
- (C) Rudradaman
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

90. The temple of Deogarh near Jhansi and the sculptures in the temple at Garhwa near Allahabad are the important remains of the

- (A) Maurya art
- (B) Gupta art
- (C) Rashtrakuta art
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

91. In which of the following battles are the opponents *not* correctly stated?

- (A) Battle of Haldighati—Maharana Pratap and Akbar
- (B) First Battle of Panipat—Babur and Ibrahim Lodi
- (C) Second Battle of Panipat—Tipu Sultan and Marathas
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

92. During the Delhi Sultanate, the designation 'Muqaddam or Chaudhari' was used for

- (A) village headman
- (B) revenue officials
- (C) village accountant
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

93. *Tabaqat-i-Akbari*, which has been sometimes considered more reliable than *Abul Fazl's Akbarnama*, was written by

- (A) Gulbadan Begum
- (B) Nizamuddin Ahmad
- (C) Abdul Hamid Lahori
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

94. Who among the following famous rulers founded a suburban township Nagalapuram, near Vijayanagara, after mother's name?

- (A) Krishnadevaraya
- (B) Harihara
- (C) Bukka
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

95. In 1940, Patna Women's College was founded by which of the following societies?

- (A) Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel
- (B) Society of Jesus
- (C) Irish Christian Brothers
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

96. Who among the following headed the two Boundary Commissions set up to delineate the international frontiers between India and Pakistan in 1947?

- (A) Cyril Radcliffe
- (B) A. P. Moon
- (C) A. V. Alexander
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

97. Who introduced the system of Mahalwari Settlement in Bengal?

- (A) Lord Hastings
- (B) Lord Cornwallis
- (C) Holt Mackenzie
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

98. In 1940, Vinoba Bhave started individual Satyagraha from

- (A) Punnapra-Vayalar, Kerala
- (B) Nadiad in Kheda district, Gujarat
- (C) Pavnar, Maharashtra
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

99. The Congress took a critical stand over the Montford Reforms in 1918, which led to a break up with the old moderate remnants (Sapru, Jayakar and Chintamani) who formed the

- (A) Indian National Liberal Federation
- (B) Servants of India Society
- (C) Swaraj Party
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

100. The Cabinet Mission was sent to India in 1946, which of the following?

1. To establish a national government
2. To work out a constitutional arrangement for the transfer of power
3. To work out the details of Jinnah's demand for Pakistan

- (A) 3 only
- (B) 1 only
- (C) 2 only
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

101. The first 'floating solar power plant' has been built at which place in Bihar?

(A) Kadirabad, Darbhanga

(B) Dilbarpur, Darbhanga

(C) Jamalpur, Darbhanga

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

102. According to the Economic Survey for the year 2019–2020, which district has lowest per capita income?

(A) Sitamarhi

(B) Sheohar

(C) Araria

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

103. According to the NITI Aayog SDG Report for the year 2020–2021, how much did the State of Bihar score?

(A) 52 out of 100

(B) 22 out of 100

(C) 35 out of 100

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

104. Which sport has been included in Khelo India Women's Tournament for first time?

(A) Archery

(B) Cricket

(C) Track Cycling

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

105. Which of the following has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag August 2022?

(A) Mithila Makhana

(B) Applique (Khatwa) Work of Bihar

(C) Sikki Grass Products of Bihar

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above



106. Which of the following has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2017?

(A) Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda

(B) Astronomical Observatory at the La Singh College

(C) Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhi Gaya

(D) More than one of the above

(E) None of the above

107. In the year 2020, Bihar gained the \_\_\_\_\_ rank out of 36 States in the Ease of Doing Business, awarded by Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP).
- (A) 25th  
 (B) 23rd  
 (C) 24th  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
108. Ganga Jal Aapurti Yojana was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on November 28, 2022 at which place?
- (A) Bodh Gaya  
 (B) Lakhisarai  
 (C) Rajgir  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
109. Which of the following associations/boards declared equal pay for men and women players in October 2022?
- (A) Gujarat Cricket Association  
 (B) Bihar Cricket Association  
 (C) Board of Control for Cricket in India  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
110. The urbanization of the State has increased very rapidly in the last ten years. According to the 2011 Census, the level of urbanization in Bihar was just \_\_\_\_\_ percent, which has increased to \_\_\_\_\_ percent at present.
- (A) 14.4, 15.5  
 (B) 11.3, 15.3  
 (C) 12.2, 13.1  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
111. Which of the following Union Ministries recently launched the YUVA 2.0 Scheme in 2022?
- (A) AYUSH Mantralay  
 (B) Health and Family Welfare Ministry  
 (C) Education Ministry  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
112. The Ministry of Home Affairs has completed the Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI) in November 2022 with field videography of the country's how many languages?
- (A) 576  
 (B) 40  
 (C) 233  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
113. Which of the following committees submitted a report on gas pricing recommending complete pricing freedom from January 1, 2026?
- (A) P. K. Mohanty Committee  
 (B) Arun Goel Committee  
 (C) Kirit Parikh Committee  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
114. Which of the following cities was *not* conferred with five-star garbage-free city rank according to Swachh Survekshan, 2022?
- (A) Navi Mumbai  
 (B) Surat  
 (C) Bhopal  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

115. The Prime Minister inaugurated the first greenfield airport 'Donyi Polo Airport' in which of the following locations?

- (A) Dibrugarh
- (B) Dholka
- (C) Itanagar
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

116. Which animal has been approved as a food animal by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in November 2022?

- (A) Himalayan tahr
- (B) Himalayan yak
- (C) Mountain goat
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above



117. India's first floating financial literacy camp was organized recently by India Post Payments Bank in which of the following locations?

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Srinagar
- (C) Andaman Islands
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

118. The President of India inaugurated 'PARA KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility in which of the following IITs?

- (A) Guwahati
- (B) Kharagpur
- (C) Bombay
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

119. In the 90th Indian Air Force Day, celebrated on 8th October, 2022, an hour-long air display of eighty aircrafts was carried out over which of the following locations?

- (A) Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh
- (B) Gateway of India, Mumbai
- (C) Dal Lake, Jammu and Kashmir
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

120. Which month of the year is celebrated as Rashtriya Poshan Maah or National Nutrition Month under the Poshan Abhiyaan of the Government of India?

- (A) July
- (B) May
- (C) September
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

121. What is the name of recently launched final module of China's Tiangong Space Station?

- (A) Mengtian
- (B) Tianhe
- (C) Wentian
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

122. Which of the following is the world's largest volcano erupted for the first time in 38 years?

- (A) Haleakala
- (B) Mount St. Helens
- (C) Mauna Loa
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

123. Who among the following recently received the 2022 Booker Prize for his novel, *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*?

- (A) Shehan Karunatilaka
- (B) Michael Ondaatje
- (C) Pradeep Mathew
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

124. What was the theme of the World Space Week, 2022?

- (A) Space and Sustainability
- (B) Women in Space
- (C) Satellites Improve Life
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

125. Which of the following laboratories claimed a historic nuclear fusion breakthrough in December 2022?

- (A) Los Alamos National Laboratory
- (B) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- (C) Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

126. Which of the following is Collins Dictionary's word of the year 2022?

- (A) Lawfare
- (B) Permacrisis
- (C) Carolean
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

127. Which of the following countries, along with Senegal, launched the International Drought Resilience Alliance during COP27?

- (A) Spain
- (B) Italy
- (C) Germany
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

128. The Embassy of which country applied for a GI Tag for 'Nihonshu' for the first time in India?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) China
- ✓ (C) Japan
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

129. Which of the following space agencies announced that it had successfully used steam to propel its EQUULEUS spacecraft?

- (A) JAXA
- (B) NASA
- (C) SUPARCO
- (D) More than one of the above
- ✓ (E) None of the above

130. What is the name of Tesla humanoid robot launched in October 2022?

- (A) Pepper
- ✓ (B) Optimus
- (C) Atlas
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

131. Which of the following States of India borders with the maximum number of districts in Bihar?

- (A) West Bengal ✗
- ✓ (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

132. Which of the following is the last railway station of Bihar in the train route from Bhagalpur towards Mirza Cheuki?

- (A) Kahalgaon Railway Station
- ✓ (B) Pirpainti Railway Station
- (C) Ammapali Railway Station
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

133. With reference to the mineral production in Bihar, consider the following statements :

1. Rohtas has the highest deposit of pyrites.
2. Limestone is found in Kaimur (Bhabhua), Munger (Monghyr) and Rohtas districts.
3. Gold deposits are found in Jamui district.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ✓ (A) 1 and 3 only
- (B) 3 only
- (C) 1 and 2 only
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

134. Phalgu, a sacred river flowing in Bihar, is formed by the confluence of which of the following rivers?
- (A) Mohana and Lilajan rivers  
 (B) Lilajan and Son rivers  
 (C) Son and Mohana rivers  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
135. In Bihar, tea gardens were established for the first time in which of the following places?
- (A) Supaul  
 (B) Thakurganj  
 (C) Bahadurganj  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
136. Choose the correct order of the following districts of Bihar as per the ascending decadal population growth (2001–2011).
- (A) Kishanganj < Madhepura < Siwan  
 (B) Siwan < Kishanganj < Madhepura  
 (C) Madhepura < Kishanganj < Siwan  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
137. Which food industry dominates among the agro-based industries in Bihar?
- (A) Sugarcane industry  
 (B) Cereal-based industry  
 (C) Pulses industry  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
138. In the end of its mountainous journey Attock, the Indus River is joined by which river from Afghanistan?
- (A) Helmand River  
 (B) Amu Darya  
 (C) Kabul River  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
139. Which one of the following is the well-publicised wildlife campaign in the world launched in 1973?
- (A) Sunderbans Project  
 (B) Project Tiger  
 (C) Lion Project  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
140. Which of the following statements is true about troposphere?
- (A) Its average height is 13 km.  
 (B) It is the topmost layer of the atmosphere  
 (C) The temperature at this layer increases with the height.  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
141. The southern continent broken from Pangaea is called
- (A) Pacific Ocean  
 (B) Laurasia  
 (C) Gondwanaland  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above
142. The Arctic region and the Antarctic continent are situated near
- (A) the Amazon Basin  
 (B) the Sahara Desert  
 (C) the North and South Poles  
 (D) More than one of the above  
 (E) None of the above

143. Which States of India have common border with Myanmar?

- (A) Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura
- (B) Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram
- (C) Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

144. Which one of the following is the world's richest region from a marine biodiversity perspective, comprising 21 islands with estuaries, beaches, forests of the nearshore environment, seagrasses, coral reefs, salt marshes and mangroves?

- (A) Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve
- (B) Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve
- (C) Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

145. In which type of climatic region do Uttar Pradesh and Bihar fall as per Köppen's classification scheme?

- (A) Dfc
- (B) Cwg
- (C) Aw
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

146. India's territorial limit extends towards the sea up to how many nautical miles/km from the coast?

- (A) 10 nautical miles (about 19.9 km)
- (B) 16 nautical miles (about 25.9 km)
- (C) 12 nautical miles (about 21.9 km)
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

147. Which of the following river valleys is in coal reserves in India?

- (A) Mahanadi River Valley
- (B) Damodar River Valley
- (C) Son River Valley
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

148. Which of the following statements true about sugar industry in India?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh is the second largest producer of sugar.
- (B) It is a weight-losing industry.
- (C) Maharashtra has emerged as a leading sugar producer in the country.
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

149. Towards the end of summer, there are pre-monsoon showers which are a common phenomenon in Kerala and coastal areas of Karnataka. Locally, they are known as

- (A) Mango showers
- (B) Blossom showers
- (C) Norwesters
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above

150. The atmosphere is mainly heated by the

- (A) long-wave terrestrial radiation
- (B) short-wave solar radiation
- (C) reflected solar radiation
- (D) More than one of the above
- (E) None of the above