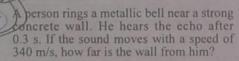


- 32. Which of the following statements about India's scientific and research mission in Antarctica is / are correct?
 - The first scientific base station in Antarctica was Dakshin Gangotri
 - 2. Dakshin Gangotri is now being used as supply base and transit camp
 - The Maitri station is manned throughout the year for scientific activities

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) I only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 33. The synthetic rubber has replaced natural rubber for domestic and industrial purposes. Which one of the following is the main reason behind that?
 - (a) Natural rubber is unable to meet the growing demand of different industries
 - (b) Natural rubber is grown in tropical countries only
 - (c) Raw material for synthetic rubber is easily available

Natural rubber is not durable



- (a) 102 m
- (b) 11 m
- (0) 51 m
- (d) 30 m

35. Arrange the following popular hill stations of India in terms of their height (from highest to the lowest) from the mean sea level:

- 1. Mussoorie
- 2. Shimla
- 3. Ooty
- 4. Darjeeling

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 3-2-4-1
- (b) 3-1-4-2
- (c) (2)-3-4-1
- (d) 6-1-1-

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Consider the following statements :

- In Hind Swaraj, Mahatma Gandhi formulates a conception of good life for the individual as well as the society
- Hind Swaraj was the outcome of the experience of Gandhi's prolonged struggle against Colonial Raj in India

Which of the statements given above is /

- (a) Lonly
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both I and 2
- (d) Neither I nor 2
- 37. Which of the following is / are Constitutional Body / Bodies?
 - 1. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
 - 2. National Commission for Women
 - 3 National Commission for Minorities
 - National Human Rights Commission Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 - (a) I only
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 - (c) 3 and 4 only
 - (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 38. Which of the following statements relating to the Bandung Conference on Afro-Asian Resurgence (1955) are correct?
 - Bandung Conference was organized by Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), Ceylon (Sri Lanka), India, and Pakistan in which 29 countries representing more than half of the world's population sent delegates.
 - The Conference reflected the five sponsors' dissatisfaction with what they regarded as a reluctance by the Western powers to consult with them on decisions affecting Asia
 - The Conference was concerned over tension between the People's Republic of China and the United States

Select the correct answer using the code given below;

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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Who among the following archaeologists was the first to identify similarities between a pre-Harappan culture and the mature Harappan culture?

- (a) Amalananda Ghosh
- (b) Rakhaldas Banerji
- (c) Daya Ram Sahni
- (d) Sir John Marshall
- 40. Which one of the following is the common element between the Kailasanatha Temple at Ellora and the Shore Temple at Mamallapuram?
 - (a) Both are examples of Nagara architecture
 - (b) Both are carved out from solid rocks
 - (c) Both are Gupta period temples
 - (d) Both were built under the patronage of Pallava Kings
- 41. Which of the following is / are not depicted in the Rajput paintings?
 - 1. The stories of Krishna
 - 2. Ragas and Raginis
 - 3. The deeds of Hamza
 - 4. The deeds of Babun

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Which one of the Five Year Plans had a high priority to bring inflation under control and to achieve stability in the economic situation?

- (a) Fourth Plan (1969-74)
- (b) Fifth Plan (1974-79)
- (c) Sixth Plan (1980-85)
- (d) Seventh Plan (1985-90)

- 43. Which of the following statement(s) is / are true with respect to Phillips Curve 7
 - It shows the trade-off between unemployment and inflation
 - The downward sloping curve of Phillips Curve is generally held to be valid only in the short run
 - In the long run, Phillips Curve is usually thought to be horizontal at the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment (NAIRU)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

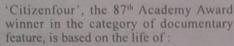
- (a) I only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 44. Which one of the following nations is not a member of the Eurasian Economic Union?
 - (a) Belarus
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Kazakhstan
 - (d) Uzbekistan
- 45. BRICS leaders signed the agreement to establish a New Development Bank at the summit held in :
 - (a) New Delhi, India (2012)
 - (b) Durban, South Africa (2013)
 - (c) Fortaleza, Brazil (2014)
 - (d) Ufa, Russia (2015)
 - 46. Consider the following statements:
 - Abhinavagupta wrote a comprehensive treatise called the *Tantraloka* which systematically presents the teachings of the *Kula* and *Trika* systems
 - The Samaraichchakaha by Haribhadra Suri written in Gujarat around the eighth century is technically not a tantric work but is saturated with tantric ideas and practices

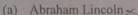
Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 onl
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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- 47. Which of the following is/are example(s) of 'Near Money'?
 - 1. Treasury Bill
 - 2. Credit Card
 - Savings accounts and small time deposits
 - 4. Retail money market mutual funds
 Select the correct answer using the code
 given below:
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 only
 - (c) 1, 2 and 3
 - (d) 1, 3 and 4
- 48. Which one of the following terms is used in Economics to denote a technique for avoiding a risk by making a counteracting transaction?
 - (a) Dumping
 - (b) Hedging
 - (c) Discounting
 - (d) Deflating





- (b) Albert Einstein
- (c) Edward Snowden
- (d) Laura Poitras
- 50. Which one of the following is **not** a thrust area in the Railway Budget 2015-16?
 - (a) Online booking of disposable bed rolls
 - (b) Defence Travel System to eliminate Warrants
 - (c) 180 days in advance ticket booking facility for passengers
 - (d) Bio-toilets

Which one of the following services of India Post has permanently been discontinued?

- (a) Money Order
- (b) Telegram
- (c) Postal Life Insurance
- (d) Inland Letter

The category of 'Overseas Citizens of India' was entered in the Citizenship Act of India through an amendment in the year:

- (a) 1986
- (b) 1992
- (c) 1996
- d) 2003

The Right to Education was added to the Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India through the :

(a) Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002

Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005

- (c) Constitution (87th Amendment) Act, 2003
- (d) Constitution (97th Amendment) Act, 2011
- 54. Consider the following statements:
 - The inscriptions on the pillar at Rummindel give vivid details of Ashoka's Dhamma
 - The Nigalisagar inscription records the fact of Ashoka having visited the Konagamana stupa

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 55. Consider the following statements:
 - The province of Assam was created in the year 1911
 - Eleven districts comprising Assam were separated from the Lieutenant Governorship of Bengal and established as an independent administration under a Chief Commissioner in the year 1874

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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- 56. Which of the following statements is / are true?
 - Faxian's Gaoseng Faxian Zhuan was the earliest first-hand Chinese account of Buddhist sites and practices in India
 - Faxian was only 25 years old at the time of writing the text
 - Faxian's main aim in coming to India was to obtain and take back texts containing monastic rules

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only
- 57. Which of the following statements are correct?
 - Ability to pay principle of taxation holds that the amount of taxes people pay should relate to their income or wealth
 - The Benefit Principle of taxation states that individuals should be taxed in proportion to the benefit they receive from Government programmes
 - A progressive tax takes a larger share of tax from poor families than it does from rich families
 - Indirect taxes have the advantage of being cheaper and easier to collect

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) I and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

- 58. Which of the following statement(s) is /are
 - Wage Boards are tripartite in nature, with representatives from workers, employers and independent members
 - Except for the Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-Journalists, all the other wage boards are statutory in nature
 - Second National Commission on Labour has recommended against the utility of wage boards

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 59. The rank of Major General in Indian Army s equivalent to:
 - (a) Air Marshal in Indian Air Force
 - (b) Rear Admiral in Indian Navy
 - (c) Air Commodore in Indian Air Force
 - (d) Commodore in Indian Navy
- 60. Among the currently operational Indian Satellites, there is no:
 - (a) Communication satellite
 - (b) Navigation satellite
 - (C) Earth observation satellite
 - (d) (Jupiter orbiter satellite
- 61. Consider the following statements about the President of India:



The President has the right to address and send message to the Council of Ministers to elicit specific information The President can call for information

relating to proposals for legislation
All decisions of the Council of

Ministers relating to administration of the Union must be communicated to the President

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3





- 62. In which one of the following cases, the Constitutional validity of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Divorce) Act 1986, was upheld by the Supreme Court of India?
 - (a) Muhammad Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum
 - (b) Danial Latifi v. Union of India
 - (c) Mary Roy v. State of Kerala
 - (d) Shankari Prasad v. Union of India
- 63. Which of the following statements about the Vijayanagara Empire is / are true?
 - The kings claimed to rule on behalf of the God Virupaksha
 - Rulers used the title "Hindu Suratrana" to indicate their close links with Gods
 - All royal orders were signed in Kannada, Sanskrit and Tamil
 - Royal portrait sculpture was now displayed in temples

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 4 only
- (b) l and 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2 and 4
- Agta in medieval India meant:
- (a) land assigned to religious personnel for spiritual purposes
- (b) land revenue from different territorial units assigned to army officers
 - (c) charity for educational and cultural activities
 - (d) the rights of the zamindar
- 65. Which one of the following books was *not* illustrated with paintings in Akbar's court?
 - (a) Hamzanama
 - (b) Razmnama
 - (c) Baburnama
 - (d) Tarikh-i-Alfi

- 66. Which of the following is not a 'Public Good'?
 - (a) Electricity
 - (b) National Defence
 - (c) Light House
 - (d) Public Parks
- 67. Which one of the following is *not* among the aims of the Second Five Year Plan (1956-57 to 1960-61)?
 - (a) Rapid industrialization with particular emphasis on the development of basic and heavy industries
 - (b) Large expansion of employment opportunities
 - (c) Achieve self-sufficiency in food grains and increase agricultural production to meet the requirements of industry and exports
 - (d) Reduction of inequalities in income and wealth and a more even distribution of economic power

The National Policy for Children, 2013 recognizes every person as a child below the age of:

- (a) 12 years
- (b) 14 years
- (c) 16 years
- (d) 18 years
- 69. Which one of the following is not a gronitorable target of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan?
 - (a) Provide girls' toilet in every school in 100 Child Sex Ratio (CSR) districts by the year 2017
 - (b) 100 percent girls' enrolment in secondary education by the year 2020
 - (c) Promote a protective environment for girl children through implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)Act, 2012
 - (d) Train Elected Representatives / Grassroot functionaries as Community Champions to mobilize communities to improve CSR and promote girl's education

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- 70. Which one of the following is not an objective of the Rashtriya Uchchatary Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)?
 - (a) Improve the overall quality of private educational institutions
 - (b) Ensure reforms in the affiliation, academic and examination systems
 - Correct regional imbalances in access to higher education
 - (d) Create an enabling atmosphere in the higher educational institutions to devote themselves to research and innovations
- 71. Which of the following statements with regard to preventive detention in India is / are correct ?
 - The detenue has no rights other than those mentioned in clauses (4) and (5) of Article 22 of Constitution of India
 - The detenue has a right to challenge the detention order on the ground that he was already in jail when the detention order was passed
 - The detenue can claim bail on the ground that he has been in prison beyond twenty-four hours without an order of the magistrate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

A Member of Lok Sabha does not become disqualified to continue as a Member of the House if the Member

- (a) voluntarily gives up his / her membership of the political party from which he / she was elected
- (b) is expelled by the political party from which he / she had been elected to the

Which one of the following languages is not Accognized in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India?

- (a) English
- (b) Sanskrit
- (c) Urdu
- (d) Nepali
- Which kingdom did the temple of Hazara Rama belong to ?
 - (a) Avadh
 - Travancore
 - Vijayanagara
 - (d) Ahom
- 75. Consider the following statements about votive inscriptions in the second century
 - They record gifts made to religious institutions
 - They tell us about the idea of transference of the meritorious results of the action of one person to another

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

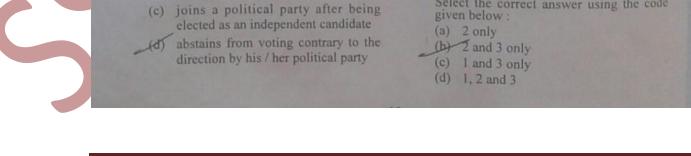
Which one of the following is considered 'good cholesterol' with reference to individuals facing the risk of cardio-vascular diseases and hypertension?

- (a) (High Density Lipoprotein (HDL)
- (b) Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL)
- (c) Triglyceride
- (d) Fatty acids

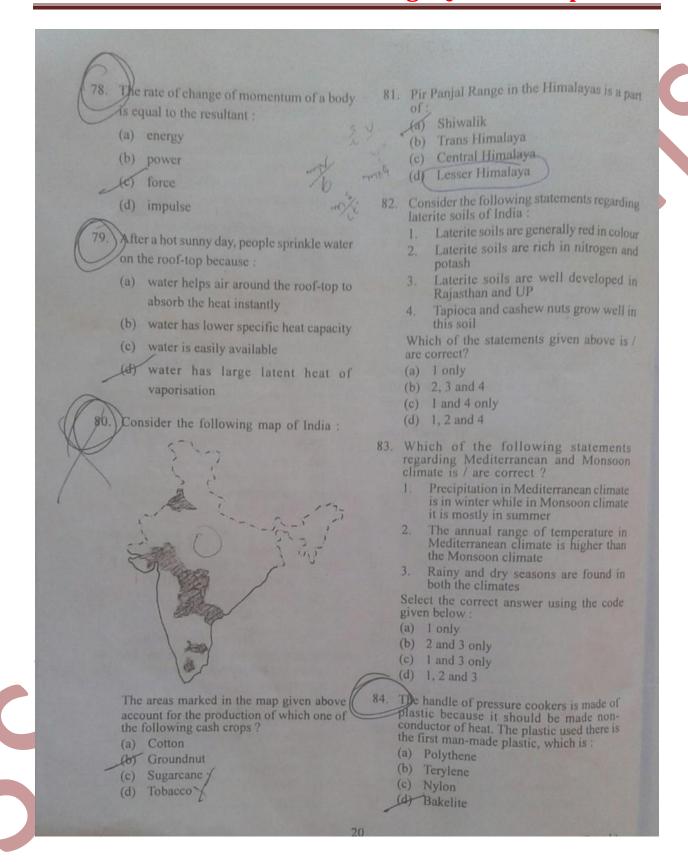
Which of the following pairs of vitamin and disease is / are correctly matched?

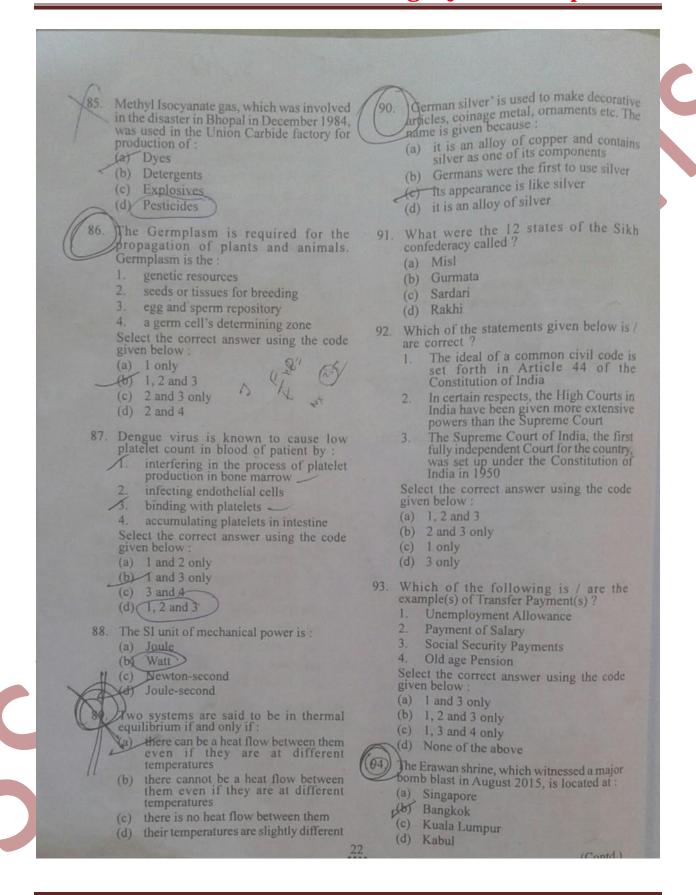
- Vitamin A Rickets
- Vitamin B.
- Vitamin C Scurvy

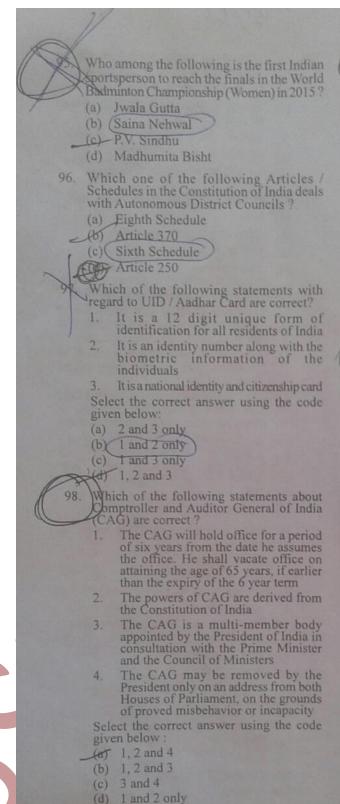
Select the correct answer using the code











og human Development Report for each year at global level is published by ;

- (a) WTO
- (b) World Bank
- (e) UNDP
- (d) IMF
- 100. Which one among the following statements about the coins of the Gupta rulers is correct?
 - (a) The obverse and reverse, both, had only the king's portrait and date
 - (b) The obverse and reverse, both, had only an image of a deity and date
 - (c) The obverse generally had king's portrait and reverse had an image of a deity or a motif
 - (d) The obverse generally had king's portrait and reverse always had a date

The agrahara in early India was:

(a) the name of a village or land granted to Brahmins

- (b) the garland of flowers of Agar
- (c) the grant of land to officers and soldiers
- (d) land or village settled by Vaishya
- 102. Which of the following statements relating to the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 are correct?
 - The Act recognizes forest rights of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes who have been occupying the forest land before October 25, 1980
 - The onus of implementation of the Act lies at the level of the State / UT Governments
 - The Act seeks to recognize and vest certain forest rights in the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

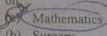
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- 103. Leander Paes won the US Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Title (2015) partnering (a) Kristina Mladenovic (b) Flavia Pennetta (c) (Martina Hingis) (d) Sania Mirza Who among the following is the winner of the World Food Prize (year 2015)? (a) Sanjaya Rajaram (b) Baldev Singh Dhillon (c) Sir Fazle Hasan Abed (d) Rajendra Singh Paroda 105. In which one of the following judgments of the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court of India, the 'rarest of rare' principle in the award of death penalty was first laid down? (a) Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab (1980) (b) Gopalanachari v. State of Kerala Dr. Upendra Baxi v. State of UP (1983) (d) Tukaram v. State of Maharashtra 106. Shishu, Kishor and Tarun are the schemes Regional Rural Banks. Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd. (MUDRA). Small Industries Development Bank of (d) Industrial Development Bank of India. Ox Consider the following statements: The President of India shall have the power to appoint and remove the Speaker of Lok Sabha The Speaker has to discharge the functions of his office himself throughout his term and cannot delegate his functions to the Deputy Speaker during his absence from the station or during his illness Which of the statements given above is / are correct? (a) I only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 108. The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (2005) was concerned with:
 - (a) reforms in institutional arrangements for good governance
 - (b) reforms in the Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Justice System
 - (c) creating an ombudsman mechanism for reduction of corruption in public life
 - devising new measures for urban governance and management
- 109. As per the Constitution of India, the Writ of Prohibition relates to an order:
 - issued against judicial and quasijudicial authority
 - to prohibit an inferior Court from proceeding in a particular case where it has no jurisdiction to try
 - to restrain a person from holding a public office to which he is not entitled

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) I only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 110. Which one among the following was not an attribute of Samudragupta described in Prayag Prashasti?
 - (a) Sharp and polished intellect
 - (b) Accomplished sculptor
 - (c) Fine musical performances
 - (d) Poetical talent of a genius
- 111. Kamandaka's Nitisara is a contribution to:
 - (a) Logic and Philosophy
 - (b) Mathematics
 - Political morality
 - (d) Grammar
- 112. The Lilavati of Bhaskara is a standard text



- (b) Surgery
- (c) Poetics
- (d) Linguistics

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- 113. Which of the following statement(s) are true with respect to the concept of 'EFFICIENCY' as used in mainstream economics?
 - Efficiency occurs when no possible reorganisation of production can make anyone better off without making someone else worse off
 - An economy is clearly inefficient if it is inside the Production Possibility Frontier (PPF)
 - At a minimum, an efficient economy is on its Production Possibility Frontier (PPF)
 - The terms such as 'Pareto Efficiency', 'Pareto Optimality' and 'Allocative Efficiency' are all essentially one and the same which denote 'efficiency in resource allocation'

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) l and 4 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

The first summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) was teld in:

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Suva
- New Delhi
- (d) Port Moresby
- 115. Which one of the following island nations went for Parliamentary elections in the month of August 2015?
 - (a) Maldives
 - (b) Fiji
 - (c) Sri Lanka
 - (d) Singapore
- 116. Which one of the following nations has seced severe economic crisis in the year 2015 resulting in default in repayment of IMF loan?
 - (a) China
 - (b) Greece
 - (c) Ireland
 - (d) Belgium

- 117. Who among the following Prime Ministers of India were defeated by a vote of No Confidence?
 - 1. Morarji Desai
 - 2. Viswanath Pratap Singh
 - 3. H.D. Deve Gowda
 - 4. Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

118. Which of the following statements regarding Rajya Sabha is / are correct?

- 1. The maximum permissible strength of Rajya Sabha is 250
- 2. In Rajya Sabha, 238 members are elected indirectly from the States and Union Territories
- It shares legislative powers equally with Lok Sabha in matters such as creation of All India Services

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only
- Which of the following statements relating to the office of the President of India are correct?
 - The President has the power to grant pardon to a criminal in special cases
 - 2. The President can promulgate ordinances even when the Parliament is in session
 - The President can dissolve the Rajya Sabha during emergency \(
 - 4. The President has the power to nominate two members in the Lok Sabha from the Anglo Indian community

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

. The followers of Gorakhnath were called:

- (a) Jogis
- (b) Nath-Panthis
- (c) Tantriks
- (d) Sanyasis

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