

Chapter 2


Indian Panorama

- The lead character in the film "The Bandit Queen" has been played by: [1995]
 - Pratiba Sinha
 - Rupa Ganguly
 - Seema Biswas
 - Shabana Azmi
- The Nobel Prize for deciphering the language of bee was awarded to: [1995]
 - H.G. Khurana
 - K.V. Frisch
 - Juliane Huxley
 - Dorothy Hodgkins
- In which one of the following States of India it is legal for a Hindu male and illegal for a Muslims male to have more than one living wife? [1995]
 - Nagaland
 - Mizoram
 - Goa
 - Arunachal Pradesh
- Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched? [1996]
 - Naqqal-Bihar
 - Tamasha-Orissa
 - Ankia Nat- Assam
 - Baha-Punjab
- Which one of the following dances involves solo performance? [1997]
 - Bharatanatyam
 - Kuchipudi
 - Mohiniattam
 - Odissi
- Which one of the following States of India has passed a legislation (in 1996) making the maintenance of one's parents mandatory? [1997]
 - Kerala
 - West Bengal
 - Maharashtra
 - Himachal Pradesh
- Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1997]

List-I	List-II
A. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh	1. Empowerment of women
B. Mahila Samridhi Yojana	2. Education for women's equality
C. Indira Mahila Yojana	3. Promotion of savings among rural women
D. Mahila Samakhya Programme	4. Meeting credit needs of the poor women

Codes:

 - A - 3; B - 2; C - 1; D - 4
 - A - 1; B - 3; C - 4; D - 2
 - A - 4; B - 3; C - 2; D - 1
 - A - 4; B - 1; C - 2; D - 3
- Bharat Ratna was awarded in 1997 to: [1998]
 - Dr. Homi Bhabha (Posthumous)
 - Former President R. Venkataraman
 - Satyajit Ray (Posthumous)
 - Dr. Abdul Kalam
- Which one of the following languages belongs to the Austric group? [1998]
 - Marathi
 - Ladakhi
 - Khasi
 - Tamil
- Match the following research institutes A, B, C and D with their respective location labelled as 1 to 6 in the given rough outline map: [1998]



 - Central Drug Research Institute
 - National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation
 - National Institute of Ocean Technology
 - Temperate Forest Research Centre

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

Codes:

 - A-4; B-3; C-2; D-6
 - A-4; B-5; C-1; D-6
 - A-2; B-3; C-4; D-5
 - A-1; B-6; C-2; D-3
- 'Eco mark' is given to the Indian products that are: [1998]
 - pure and unadulterated
 - rich in proteins
 - environment friendly
 - economically viable
- Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
 - Jim Lake : Highest number of wickets in a Cricket Test Match [1999]
 - Brian Lara : Highest score in an in inning Test Cricket

- (c) Sanath Jayasurya and Roshan Mahanama : Highest partnership in an innings in Test Cricket
 (d) Sunil M. Gavaskar : Highest aggregate of runs in Test Cricket

13. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List-I

A. Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar

B. Venkatamahi

C. Shyama Shastri

D. Amir Khusrau

List-II

1. Introduced the scheme of Raga classification of Indian music

2. Proponent of Carnatic music

3. Proponent of the Khayal form of Hindustani music

4. Wrote the music for the song 'Vande Mataram'.

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-2 (b) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
 (c) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2 (d) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3

14. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List-I (Writers)

A. Sashi Tharoor

B. Amitav Ghosh

C. Anita Desai

D. Vikram Chandra

List-II (Books)

1. Clear light of Day

2. Circle of Reason

3. Love and Longing in Bombay

4. Show Business

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3 (b) A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1
 (c) A-2; B-4; C-3; D-3 (d) A-2; B-4; C-3; D-1

15. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List I (Libraries)

A. Saraswati Mahal Library

B. Library to Tibetan Work and Archives

C. Raza Library

D. Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library

List II (Location)

1. Patna

2. Dharamshala

3. Thanjavur

4. Rampur

Codes :

- (a) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1 (b) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4
 (c) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 (d) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1

16. Transchart is the: [1999]

- (a) chartering wing of the Minister of Surface Transport
 (b) container service established by Indian Railways
 (c) training institute of maritime studies and research
 (d) passenger insurance scheme of Indian Railways

17. Which one of the following statements is not true of the Konkan Railway? [1999]

- (a) The total length is about 760 km
 (b) The runs through the states of Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Kerala
 (c) It is the only rail route that cuts across the Western Ghats
 (d) The Konkan Railway Construction Company

18. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List-I (Resorts)

A. Chakrata

B. Haflong

C. Kalimpong

D. Kufri

List-II (States)

1. Assam

2. West Bengal

3. Uttar Pradesh

4. Himachal Pradesh

Codes:

- (a) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
 (c) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 (d) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2

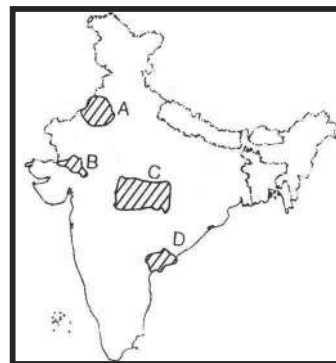
19. The language spoken by the largest number of people of the world is : [1999]

- (a) Hindi (b) English
 (c) Mandarin (d) Spanish

20. Which one of the following pairs of folk dance forms and states and correctly matched? [1999]

- (a) Korku : Maharashtra
 (b) Jhummar : Haryana
 (c) Thali : Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Mukna : Manipur

21. Match the areas shown as A, B, C and D on the given map showing with the largest religious minorities. Select the correct answer using the codes given below the list of minorities : [1999]

**Largest Religious Minorities**

1. Buddhist 2. Christians
 3. Jains 4. Muslims
 5. Sikhs

Codes:

- (a) A-5; B-1; C-3; D-2 (b) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1
 (c) A-5; B-3; C-1; D-2 (d) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3

22. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1999]

List I (Rivers)

A. Cauvery

B. Krishna

C. Narmada

D. Chambal

List II (Dams)

1. Alamatti

2. Mettur

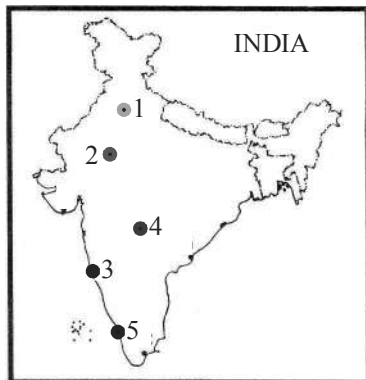
3. Gandhi Sagar

4. Sardar Sarovar

Codes :

- (a) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3
 (c) A-2; B-1; C-3; D-4 (d) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2

23. Match the cities labelled as 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the given map with the names of the institutes located in these and select the correct answer using the codes given below the names of the institutes. [2000]



Names of institutes:

- A. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
 B. Central Sheep Breeding Farm
 C. National Dairy Research Institute
 D. National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management

Codes:

- (a) A-5; B-1; C-3; D-2 (b) A-5; B-2; C-1; D-4
 (c) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3 (d) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4

24. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2000]

List-I (Oceanic Trench)

List-II (Location)

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| A. Aleutian | 1. Indian Ocean |
| B. Kermadec | 2. North Pacific |
| C. Sundra | 3. South Pacific |
| D. S. Sandwich | 4. South Atlantic Ocean |

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (b) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4
 (c) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (d) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3

25. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2000]

List-I (Institute)

List-II (Location)

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| A. Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies | 1. Hyderabad |
| B. Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research | 2. Mumbai |
| C. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-sciences | 3. Bangalore |
| D. Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages | 4. Dharamshala |
| | 5. Varanasi |

Codes:

- (a) A-5; B-3; C-4; D-1 (b) A-5; B-2; C-3; D-1
 (c) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-5 (d) A-4; B-5; C-1; D-2

26. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2000]

List-I (Minerals)

List-II (Major producer)

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| A. Minerals Oil | 1. Zambia |
| B. Copper | 2. Guyana |
| C. Manganese | 3. Venezuela |
| D. Bauxite | 4. Gabon |

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2 (b) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4
 (c) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 (d) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2

27. Match List-I (Power generation plant) with List-II (Feed material) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2000]

List-I

List-II

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| A. M/s Gowthami Solvents Oil Limited, Andhra Pradesh | 1. Rice husk |
| B. M/s K.M. Sugar Mills, Uttar Pradesh | 2. Slaughter house waste |
| C. M/s Satia Paper Mills, Punjab | 3. Distillery spent wash |
| D. M/s Al Kabeer Exports Limited, Andhra Pradesh | 4. Black liquor |

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
 (c) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2 (d) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4

28. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2000]

List-I (Artist)

List-II (Medium of music delivery)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| A. Balamurali Krishna | 1. Hindustani vocal |
| B. Mita Pandit | 2. Ghatam |
| C. Kanyakumari | 3. Sitar |
| D. Nikhil Bannerjee | 4. Violin |
| | 5. Carnatic Vocal |

Codes:

- (a) A-5; B-1; C-2; D-3 (b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-5
 (c) A-3; B-1; C-5; D-2 (d) A-5; B-4; C-1; D-3

29. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2000]

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Baki Itihas | : Badal Sarkar |
| (b) Sita Swayamvar | : Vishnu Das Bhawe |
| (c) Yayati | : Girish Karnad |
| (d) Giddha | : Jabbar Patel |

30. The Raga which is sung early in the morning is: [2000]

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|-------------|----------------|
| (a) Todi | (b) Darbari |
| (c) Bhopali | (d) Bhimpalasi |

31. Consider the following statements regarding the Chakiarkoothu form of dance: [2000]

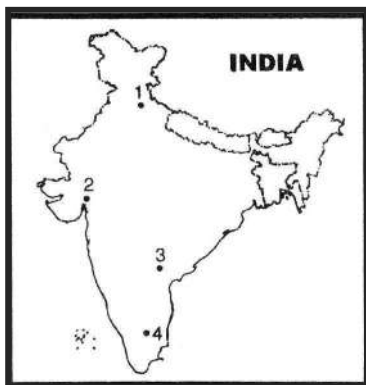
- It is performed by Chakiar caste
- It cannot be traditionally witnessed by the higher caste Hindus
- Mizhavu is the accompanying instrument
- Its theatre form is called Koothambalam

Which of these statements are correct?

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

32. The earlier name of the WTO was: [2001]
 (a) UNCTAD (b) GATT
 (c) UNIDO (d) OECD

33. The location of the space organisation units have been marked in the given map as 1, 2, 3 and 4. [2001]
 Match these units with the list given below and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:



- A. I.S.R.O. B. I.I.R.S.
 C. N.R.S.A D. S.A.C.

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 (b) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2
 (c) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2 (d) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-2

34. The largest number of Buddhist is found in : [2001]
 (a) Bihar (b) Karnataka
 (c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh

35. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2001]

List-I (Institutes) **List-II (Location)**

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| A. Central Institute of medicinal and Aromatic Plants | 1. Chandigarh |
| B. Centre for DNA Finger Printing and Diagnostics | 2. Hyderabad |
| C. Institute of Microbial Technology | 3. New Delhi |
| D. National Institute of Immunology | 4. Lucknow |

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (b) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3
 (c) A-2; B-4; C-3; D-1 (d) A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1

36. Consider the following statements about the minorities India: [2001]
1. The Government of India has notified five communities, namely, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists and Zoroastrians as Minorities
 2. The National Commission for Minorities was given statutory status in 1993
 3. The smallest religions minority in India are the Zoroastrians
 4. The Constitution of India recognizes and protects religious and linguistic minorities

Which of these statements are correct?

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

37. Consider the following organizations: [2001]

1. Atomic Minerals Directorate for Research and Exploration
2. Heavy Water Board
3. Indian Rare Earths Limited
4. Uranium Corporation of India

Which of these is/are under the Department of Atomic Energy?

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

38. Consider the following statements regarding the armed forces: [2001]

1. First batch of women pilots was commissioned in Indian Air Force in 1996
2. Officers' Training Academy is located in Nagpur
3. Southern Command of Indian Navy has its headquarters at Chennai.
4. One of the Regional Headquarters of Coast Guard is located at Port Blair

Which of these statements are correct?

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

39. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2001]

List-I (Dancer)

List-II (Dance)

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| A. Kalamandalam Kshemavaty | 1. Kathakali. |
| B. Kottakkal Sivaraman | 2. Manipuri |
| C. Lakshmi Viswanathan | 3. Mohiniattam |
| D. N. Madhabi Devi | 4. Bharatanatyam |

Codes:

- (a) A - 2; B - 3; C - 1; D - 4
 (b) A - 3; B - 2; C - 4; D - 1
 (c) A - 3; B - 1; C - 4; D - 2
 (d) A - 2; B - 3; C - 4; D - 1

40. Which of the following committees examined and suggested Financial Sector reforms? [2001]

- (a) Abid Hussain Committee
 (b) Bhagwati Committee
 (c) Chelliah Committee
 (d) Narasimham Committee

41. The Kelkar proposals which were in the news recently were the: [2003]

- (a) recommendations for reforms in the power sector
 (b) recommendations for tax reforms
 (c) guidelines for the privatization of public sector undertakings
 (d) guidelines for reducing vehicular pollution, and the promotion of CNG use

42. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched? [2005]

Enterprise

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| 1. VSNL | 2. Mundra SEZ |
| 3. CMCLtd | 4. IPCL |

Industrial Group

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bharati Group | 2. Adani Group |
| 3. Tata Group | 4. Reliance Group |

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

43. Match items in the List-I (Businesswoman) with those in the List-II (company) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2005]

List-I (Businesswoman)**List-II (Company)**

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. Zia Mody | 1. Venkateshwara Hatcheries |
| B. Anuradha J. Desai | 2. AZB and Partners |
| C. Viloo Morawala Patel | 3. Quantum Market Research |
| D. Meena Kaushik | 4. Avestha Gangraine Technologies |
| | 5. Biacon India |

Codes:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) A-4; B-1; C-5; D-3 | (b) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 |
| (c) A-4; B-3; C-5; D-1 | (d) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 |

44. The world's highest ground based telescopic observatory is located in : [2002]

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| (a) Colombia | (b) India |
| (c) Nepal | (d) Switzerland |

45. Chapchar Kut is a festival celebrated in the state of : [2002]

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|-----------------------|
| (a) Arunachal Pradesh |
| (b) Assam |
| (c) Mizoram |
| (d) Sikkim |

46. Consider the following statements: [2002]

1. NTPC is the largest power utility in India
2. ONGC accounts for half of the LPG production of India
3. Indian Oil Corporation operates all the refineries in India
4. The Indian Ordinance Factory is the largest departmentally run industrial undertakings in the country

Which of these statements is/are correct?

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

47. Who was the first Indian lady actress to receive the Padma Shri Award? [2002]

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|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Smita Patil | (b) Nargis Dutt |
| (c) Meena Kumari | (d) Madhubala |

48. Match List-I (Book) with List-II (Author) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2002]

List-I (Book)**List-II (Author)**

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Autobiography of an Unknown Indian | 1. Mulk Raj Anand |
| B. India : A Wounded Civilization | 2. Nirad C. Chaudhari |
| C. Confessions of a Lover | 3. R. K. Narayan |
| D. The English Teacher | 4. V.S. Naipaul |

Codes:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4 | (b) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 |
| (c) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3 | (d) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 |

49. Match List-I (Artist) with List-II (Art) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2002]

List-I (Artist)**List-II (Art)**

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Hira Battacharya | 1. Bharatanatyam dance |
| B. Malini Rajurkar | 2. Hindustani vocal music |
| C. Pratiba Prahlad | 3. Kuchipudi dance |
| D. Vampati Chinna Satyam | 4. Puppetry |

Codes:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3 | (b) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 |
| (c) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 | (d) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4 |

50. With reference to Indian defence. Which one of following statements is NOT correct? [2003]

- (a) With the induction of Prithvi-II, the IAF is the only air force in the world with surface to surface ballistic missiles under its command
- (b) Sukhoi-30 MKI jet fighters can launch air-to-air and air-to-surface precision missiles
- (c) Trishul is a supersonic surface to air missile with a range of 30 km
- (d) The indigenously built INS Prabal can launch

51. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer: [2003]

List-I**List-II****(Name of the person)****(Associated with)**

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Brijmohan Lal Munjal | 1. Biotechnology |
| B. Kiran Karnik | 2. Automobile industry |
| C. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw | 3. Software industry |
| D. Sunil Mittal | 4. Telecom industry |
| | 5. Film Industry |

Codes:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) A-4; B-1; C-5; D-2 | (b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2 |
| (c) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 | (d) A-2; B-1; C-5; D-4 |

52. Which one of the following statements is NOT correct? [2003]

- (a) The National Song Vande Mataram was composed by Bankimchandra Chatterji originally in Bengali
- (b) The National Calendar of India based on Saka era has its 1 st Chaitra on 22nd March normally and 21st March in a leap year
- (c) The design of the National Flag of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 22nd July, 1947
- (d) The song 'Jana-gana-mana', composed originally in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore was adopted in its Hindi version by the Constituent Assembly on 24th January, 1950 as the National Anthem of India

53. The thermal power plant of Bokaro is located in: [2003]

(a) Bihar (b) Chhattisgarh
(c) Jharkhand (d) Orissa

54. Which one among the following has the largest shipyard in India? [2003]

(a) Kolkata (b) Kochi
(c) Mumbai (d) Visakhapatnam

55. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer: [2003]

List-I (Organisation)	List-II (Location)
A. National Sugar Institute	1. Dehradun
B. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited	2. Kamptee
C. Institute of Military Law	3. Pune
D. Institute of National Integration	4. Hyderabad
	5. Kanpur

Codes:

(a) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2 (b) A-5; B-1; C-4; D-3
(c) A-3; B-4; C-5; D-2 (d) A-5; B-4; C-2; D-3

56. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer: [2003]

List-I (Distinguished Lady)	List-II (Organisation Industry)
A. Amrita Patel	1. National Dairy Development Board
B. Anu Aga	2. Park Hotels
C. Mallika Srinivasan	3. Pfizer Limited
D. Priya Paul	4. Thermax Limited
	5. Tractors and Farm Equipment

Codes:

(a) A-1; B-4; C-5; D-2 (b) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3
(c) A-1; B-3; C-5; D-2 (d) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-5

57. Dilip Kaur Tiwana is well known as a : [2003]

(a) literature (b) musician
(c) scientist (d) sportsperson

58. Consider the following statements regarding the relations between India and Pakistan: [2003]

- During Shimla Agreement, Indira Gandhi and Zulfikar Bhutto agreed to maintain the sanctity of LOC
- Lahore summit took place in the year 1997
- Islamabad summit was held between Rajiv Gandhi and Nawaz Sharif

Which of these statements is/are correct?

(a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3
(c) Only 2 (d) Only 1

59. Match List-I (persons) with List-II (Positions) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]

List-I

- A. B.P. Mishra
B. Suresh Kalamadi
C. Praful Patel
D. V.S. Jain

List-II

- Executive Director, IMF
- Chairman, Steel Authority of India Limited
- President Indian Olympic Association
- Vice-President, South Asian Region, World Bank

Codes:

(a) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3 (b) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2
(c) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2 (d) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3

60. Who among the following is well known as an exponent of flute? [2004]

(a) Debu Chaudhuri (b) Madhup Mudgal
(c) Ronu Mazumdar (d) Sahafat Ahmad

61. Which one of the following statements is not correct? [2004]

(a) The largest Buddhist monastery in India is in Assam
(b) The language konyak is spoken in Nagaland
(c) The largest river island in the world is in Assam
(d) Sikkim is the least – populated State of the Indian Union

62. Consider the following statements: [2004]

- The Islamic Calendar is twelve days shorter than the Gregorian Calendar.
 - The Islamic Calendar began in AD 632
 - The Gregorian Calendar is a lunar calendar
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

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

63. Match List-I (Institute) with List-II (Located At) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]

List-I	List-II
A. Indian Institute of Geomagnetism	1. Coimbatore
B. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials	2. Mumbai
C. Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History	3. Jabalpur
D. Tropical Forestry Research Institute	4. Hyderabad

Codes:

(a) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 (b) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3
(c) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (d) A-1; B-3; C-2; D-4

64. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2004]

Unit of Indian Railway	Location
(a) Railway Staff College	Vadodra
(b) Central Organization for Railway Electrification	Varanasi
(c) Wheel and Axle Plant	Bangalore
(d) Rail Coach Factory	Kapurthala

65. Who among the following was never the Lok Sabha Speaker? [2004]

- (a) K.V.K Sundaram (b) G. S. Dhillon
(c) Baliram Bhagat (d) Hukum Singh

66. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched? [2004]

Departments	Ministry of the Government of India
1. Department of Women and Child Development	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2. Department of Official Language	Ministry of Human Resource Development
3. Department of Drinking Water Supply	Ministry of Water Resources

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) None

67. Consider the following statements: [2004]

1. P.V. Narasimha Rao's government established diplomatic relations between India and Israel
2. Ariel Sharon is the second Prime Minister of Israel to have visited India

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

68. Consider the following companies: [2004]

1. Voltas
2. Titan Industries
3. Rallis India
4. Indian Hotels

Which of the above companies are in the Tata Group of industries?

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

69. Match List-I (Distinguished Ladies) with List-II (Area of work) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]

List-I	List-II
A. Jhumpa Lahiri	1. Science and environment
B. Sunita Narain	2. Novel-writing
C. Naina Lal Kidwai	3. Film industry
D. Ravina Raj Kohli	4. Banking
	5. Television media

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-5; C-3; D-1 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-5
(c) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-5 (d) A-2; B-5; C-4; D-1

70. Tarun Bharat Sangh, an organisation based in a village near Alwar (Rajasthan) has become famous because of: [2004]

- (a) cultivation of genetically modified cotton
(b) rehabilitation of women victims of AIDS
(c) livelihood projects for destitute rural women
(d) rain-water harvesting

71. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2005]

- (a) Southern Air Command: Thiruvananthapuram
(b) Eastern Naval Command :Visakhapatnam
(c) Armoured corps centre and school : Jabalpur
(d) Army Medical crops centre and school : Lucknow

72. For which one of the following, is Satara well known? [2005]

- (a) Thermal Power Plant (b) Wind Energy Plant
(c) Hydro-electric Plant (d) Nuclear Power Plant

73. Consider the following statements. [2005]

1. The number of post office in India is in excess of 1 lakh.
2. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) was formed in the year 1997.
3. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was established in the year 2000.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct

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

74. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched? [2005]

1. Champadevi Sukla : Goldman Environmental Prize
2. Dr. P. Sri Ramachanrudu : Vachaspati Puraskar.
3. Ela Ramesh Bhatt : Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academic and Management.
4. Upamanyu Chatterjee : Lalit Kala Ratna Award.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

75. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched? [2005]

Publication:

1. Sportstars
2. Business-World
3. The Week
4. Reader's Digest

Group:

1. The Hindu Publication Group
2. ABP Group
3. Malayala Manorama Publication Group
4. Indian Express Publication Group

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

76. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2005]

List-I (Distinguished person)	List-II (Area of Work)
A. B.V Rao	1. Automobiles Manufacture
B. C.K. Prahalad	2. Fisheries Economy
C. Johan Kurien	3. Information Technology and Software
D. Kiran Karnik	4. Poultry Farming
	5. Management Science

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-5; C-1; D-3 (b) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-5
(c) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-5 (d) A - 4; B -5; C - 2; D - 3

77. Which one of the following was probed by the Liberhan Commission? [2005]

- (a) Test Cricket Match Fixing
- (b) Best Bakery Case
- (c) Tehelka Tapes Case
- (d) Demolition of the disputed structure at Ayodhya.

78. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2005]

- (a) Arjun : Indigenously produced Main Battle Tank (MBT)
- (b) Phalcon : Cruise missile supplied by Russia to India.
- (c) Saras : Indigenously developed civilian passenger aircraft.
- (d) Operation Seabird: New Indian naval base at Karwar.

79. Who among the following is not recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award? [2005]

- (a) Ustad Bismillah Khan
- (b) Satyajit Ray
- (c) Lata Mangeskar
- (d) Raj Kapoor

80. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2006]

Monastery State

- (a) Dhankar Monastery Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Rumtek Monastery Sikkim
- (c) Tabo Monastery Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Kye Monastery Arunachal Pradesh

81. Which one of the following pairs is NOT correctly matched? [2006]

Railway Zone Headquarters

- (a) North-Eastern Railway Gorakhpur
- (b) South-Eastern Railway Bhubaneswar
- (c) Eastern Railway Kolkata
- (d) South-East Central Railway Bilaspur

82. Which one of the following companies is associated with the exploration and commercial production of oil in Barmer-Sanchor basin of Rajasthan? [2006]

- (a) Cairn Energy
- (b) Unocal Corporation
- (c) Reliance Energy Ventures
- (d) Oil and Natural Gas Commission

83. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2006]

- (a) States Reorganization Act: Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Treaty of Yandabu : Assam
- (c) State of Bilaspur : Himachal becomes a State
- (d) Year 1966 : Gujarat becomes a State

84. Recently with which country government did ONGC Mittal Energy Limited (OMEL) sign a joint-venture deal of \$6 billion dealing with infrastructure, refinery and power? [2006]

- (a) Colombia (b) Venezuela
- (c) Nigeria (d) Saudi Arabia

85. Match List-I (Indian Scientist/Scholar) with List-II (Area of Work) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]

**List-I
(Indian Scientist/ Scholar)**

- A. C. N. R. Rao
- B. Jagdish Bhagwati
- C. G. N. Ramachandran
- D. Ashok Jhunjhunwala

**List-II
(Area of Work)**

- 1. Telecommunications
- 2. Physics
- 3. Economics
- 4. Solid State Chemistry and Material Science

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3
- (c) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 (d) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1

86. In which country is the committee which selects winners for Nobel Peace Prize located? [2006]

- (a) Norway (b) Sweden
- (c) Finland (d) Denmark

87. Match List-I (Person) with List-II (Area of Distinction) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]

**List-I
(Person)**

- A. E.C.G. Sudarshan
- B. V. Shanta
- C. T. N. Krishnan
- D. Mahesh Dattani

**List-II
(Area of Distinction)**

- 1. Theatre
- 2. Violin
- 3. Research in Physics
- 4. Cancer treatment
- 5. Water-harvesting

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 (b) A-2; B-4; C-5; D-1
- (c) A-3; B-4; C-2; D-1 (d) A-2; B-1; C-5; D-4

88. Who among the following is a Hindustani classical singer? [2006]

- (a) Geeta Chandran (b) Leela Samson
- (c) Gangubai Hangal (d) Swapnasundari

89. Which one of the following is not a Central University? [2006]

- (a) Pondicherry
- (b) Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad
- (c) Vishva Bharti, Shanti Niketan
- (d) University of Madras, (Chennai)

90. Match List-I (Person) with List-II (Area of Work) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]

**List-I
(Person)**

- A. Ela Bhatt
- B. Mahashweta Devi
- C. Ebrahim Alkazi
- D. Vijay Govindaraja

**List-II
(Area of Work)**

- 1. Theatre training
- 2. Women labour sector
- 3. Management teaching
- 4. Literature and social work for the country tribal communities

Codes:

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2 (b) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3
- (c) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2 (d) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3

91. Who among the following was presented with the Sangeet Natak Academic Ratna Award, 2005 for her lifetime achievement in dance? [2006]
 (a) Chandralekha (b) Tanjavur Balasaraswati
 (c) Uma Sharma (d) Yamini Krishnamurthy
92. Which is the correct chronological sequence of the major events given below? [2006]
 1. SL-3 Launch.
 2. Formation of Bangladesh.
 3. Sikkim becomes twenty-second State of the Indian Union.
 4. Pokharan-First Nuclear test.
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below.
Codes:
 (a) 2-4-3-1 (b) 3-1-2-4
 (c) 2-1-4-3 (d) 3-4-2-1
93. Match List-I (Author) with List II (Book) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]
- | List-I
(Author) | List-II
(Book) |
|----------------------------|--|
| A. Amartya Sen | 1. An Ordinary Person Guide to Empire |
| B. Bimal Jalan | 2. The Argumentative Indian |
| C. Arundhati Roy | 3. The future of India |
| D. Mani Shankar Aiyar | 4. Confessions of a secular Fundamentalist |
- Codes :**
 (a) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 (b) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4
 (c) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1 (d) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1
94. Which one of the following is not correctly matched? [2006]
 Prominent Indian Writer Language
 (a) Raja Rao : Telugu
 (b) Gobind Trimbuk Deshpande : Marathi
 (c) Subramaniam Bharati : Tamil
 (d) Tara Shankar Joshi : Gujarati
95. Which one of the following pairs is correctly matched? [2006]
 (a) Vihamsila Monastery : Uttar Pradesh
 (b) Hemkund Gurudwara : Himachal Pradesh
 (c) Udayagiri Caves : Maharashtra
 (d) Amaravati Buddhist Stupa : Andhra Pradesh
96. Where is the Central Water and Power Research Station located? [2006]
 (a) Khadakwasla (b) Sileru
 (c) Jamnagar (d) Srisaillam
97. Projects and Development India Limited is mainly engaged in design engineering, procurement and supervision of construction/commissioning in which area? [2006]
 (a) Pharmaceutical plants
 (b) Petroleum refineries and sugar factories
 (c) Ship-building yards
 (d) Fertilizer and allied chemical plants
98. Match List-I (Place of Archaeological Monument) with List-II (State) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]

**List-I
(Place of Archaeological Monument)**

- A. Sisupalgarh
 B. Piprahwa
 C. Goalpara
 D. Bishnupur

**List-II
(State)**

1. Assam
 2. Manipur
 3. Orissa
 4. Uttar Pradesh

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3
 (c) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2 (d) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2

99. In which State is the Rajiv Gandhi-National Institute of Youth Development located? [2006]
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka
 (c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Uttaranchal
100. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2007]
 (a) T S Krishnamurthy : Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
 (b) K C Pant : Chairman, Tenth Finance Commission of India
 (c) A M Khusro : Former Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
 (d) R C Lahoti : Former Chief Justice of India
101. Which one of the following is the correct chronological order of the formation of the following as full States of the Indian Union? [2007]
 (a) Sikkim–Arunachal Pradesh–Nagaland–Haryana
 (b) Nagaland–Haryana–Sikkim–Arunachal Pradesh
 (c) Sikkim–Haryana–Nagaland–Arunachal Pradesh
 (d) Nagaland–Arunachal Pradesh–Sikkim–Haryana
102. In which one of the following cities is the Global Automotive Research Centre being set up? [2007]
 (a) Chennai (b) Hyderabad
 (c) Pune (d) Gurgaon
103. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]
- | List-I (Person) | List-II (Company) |
|------------------------|--|
| A. Vishwapati Trivedi | 1. Essar Group |
| B. Tulsi R Tanti | 2. Info Edge India (which runs naukri.com) |
| C. Shashi Ruia | 3. Indian (Indian Airlines) |
| D. D S Bikhchandani | 4. Suzlon Energy |
- Codes:**
 (a) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
 (c) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (d) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2
104. Who among the following served as the Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund? [2007]
 (a) Ashok Lahiri
 (b) Sumantra Ghoshal
 (c) Saumitra Chaudhuri
 (d) Raghuram Rajan

105. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]

List-I (Person)

- A. Bhajan Sopori
B. Birju Maharaj
C. Priyadarsini
D. TV Gopalakrishnan

List-II (Known As)

1. Bharatnatyam dancer
2. Exponent of Santoor
3. Mridangam maestro
4. Kathak dancer

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (b) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2
(c) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3 (d) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2

106. Who among the following wrote the book—Ayodhya : 6 December 1992? [2007]

- (a) Chandra Shekhar (b) P V Narasimha Rao
(c) Jaswant Singh (d) Arun Shourie

107. The Pulitzer Prize is associated with which one of the following? [2007]

- (a) Environmental protection
(b) Olympics Games
(c) Journalism
(d) Civil Aviation

108. Raghu Rai is well-known for which one of the following areas? [2007]

- (a) Research in Mathematics
(b) Photography
(c) Water harvesting
(d) Pollution control

109. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]

List-I**(Eminent Person)**

- A. Bhanu Bharti
B. Mike Pandey
C. Mohd Zahur Khayyam
D. Vinda Karandikar

List-II**(Known As)**

1. Music Composer
2. Poet and litteratuer
3. Theatre director
4. Wildlife film maker

Code:

- (a) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2 (b) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4
(c) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4 (d) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2

110. Who wrote the book 'The Story of the Integration of the Indian States'? [2007]

- (a) B N Rau (b) C Rajagopalachari
(c) Krishna Menon (d) V P Menon

111. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]

List-I (Winter)

- A. V S Naipaul
B. Salman Rushdie
C. Paul Scott
D. J G Farrell

List-II (Book)

1. The Siege of Krishnapur
2. In a Free State
3. Midnight's Children
4. Staying On

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (b) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
(c) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (d) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1

112. Near which one of the following cities are Palitana Temples located? [2008]

- (a) Bhavnagar (b) Mount Abu
(c) Nasik (d) Ujjain

113. With which one of the following is BRIT (Government of India) engaged? [2008]

- (a) Railway Wagons (b) Information Technology
(c) Isotope Technology (d) Road Transport

114. Rajiv Gandhi National Flying Institute is being established in which State? [2008]

- (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra
(c) Kerala (d) Orissa

115. Consider the following statements: [2008]

1. The Nuclear Suppliers Group has 24 countries as its members.
2. India is a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. 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

116. What is the number of spokes in the Dharmachakra in the National Flag of India? [2008]

- (a) 16 (b) 18
(c) 22 (d) 24

117. Which was the Capital of Andhra State when it was made a separate State in the year 1953? [2008]

- (a) Guntur (b) Kurnool
(c) Nellore (d) Warangal

118. Which one of the following is the largest (area wise) Lok Sabha constituency? [2008]

- (a) Kangra (b) Ladakh
(c) Kachchh (d) Bhilwara

119. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists: [2008]

List-I (Board)

- A. Coffee Board
B. Rubber Board
C. Tea Board
D. Tobacco Board

List-II (Headquarters)

1. Bengaluru
2. Guntur
3. Kottayam
4. Kolkata

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-4; C-3; D-1 (b) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2
(c) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (d) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2

120. How can the height of a person who is six feet tall be expressed (approximately) in nanometers? [2008]

- (a) 183×10^6 nanometres
(b) 234×10^6 nanometres
(c) 183×10^7 nanometres
(d) 234×10^7 nanometres

121. Ebrahim Alkazi is an eminent personality in which one of the following areas? [2008]

- (a) Heart surgery (b) Civil aviation
(c) Theatre training (d) Transport engineering

122. India is a member of which of the following? [2008]

1. Asian Development Bank
2. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
3. Colombo Plan
4. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

Codes:

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

123. Bimbavati Devi is a well-known dancer of which type of dance? [2008]

- (a) Manipuri (b) Bharat Natyam
(c) Kuchipudi (d) Odissi

124. How is Sarosh Zaiwalla well-known as? [2008]

- (a) A leading theatre personality
(b) A leading wildlife photographer
(c) A leading international legal expert
(d) A leading orthopaedic surgeon

125. Among the Indian languages, which one is spoken maximum in the world after Hindi? [2008]

- (a) Telugu (b) Tamil
(c) Bengali (d) Malayalam

126. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched? [2008]

- | Institute | Location |
|--|-------------|
| 1. National Centre for Cell Science | : Mysore |
| 2. Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics | : Hyderabad |
| 3. National Brain Research Centre | : Gurgaon |

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

Codes:

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

127. Who among the following translated the Autobiography of Madam Curie in Hindi? [2008]

- (a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
(b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(c) Choudhary Charan Singh
(d) Gobind Vallabh Pant

128. Elizabeth Hawley is well-known for her writings relating to which one of the following? [2008]

- (a) Historical monuments in India
(b) Regional dances in India
(c) Himalayan expeditions
(d) Wildlife in India

129. The brothers Umakant and Ramakant Gundecha are [2009]

- (a) Dhrupad vocalists (b) Kathak dancers
(c) Sarod maestros (d) Tabla players

130. Which one of the following is not a drug/pharma company? [2009]

- (a) Chevron (b) Nicholas Piramal
(c) Pfizer (d) Zydus Cadila

131. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2009]

- | List-I (Famous Person) | List-II (Well-known as) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Amrita Sher-Gil | 1. Dancer |
| B. Bhimsen Joshi | 2. Painter |
| C. Rukmini Devi Arundale | 3. Poet |
| D. Suryakant Tripathi Nirala | 4. Singer |

Codes:

- (a) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (b) A-2; B-4; C-1; D-3
(c) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2 (d) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2

132. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2009]

- | List-I (Book) | List-II (Author) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| A. In Custody | 1. Amartya Sen |
| B. Sea of Poppies | 2. Amitav Ghosh |
| C. The Argumentative Indian | 3. Anita Desai |
| D. Unaccustomed Earth | 4. Jhumpa Lahiri |

Codes:

- (a) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 (b) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3
(c) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4 (d) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4

133. Recently, which one of the following was included in the UNESCO's World Heritage list? [2009]

- (a) Dilwara Temple
(b) Kalka-Shimla Railway
(c) Bhiterkanika Mangrove Area
(d) Visakhapatnam to Araku valley railway line

134. Who of the following is the author of a collection of poems called "Golden Threshold"? [2009]

- (a) Aruna Asaf Ali (b) Annie Besant
(c) Sarojini Naidu (d) Vijayalakshmi Pandit

135. Consider the following pairs: [2009]

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ashok Leyland | : Hinduja Group |
| 2. Hindalco Industries | : A.V. Birla Group |
| 3. Suzlon Energy | : Punj Lloyd Group |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

136. Under the administration of which one of the following is the Department of Atomic Energy? [2009]

- (a) Prime Minister's Office
(b) Cabinet Secretariat
(c) Ministry of Power
(d) Ministry of Science and Technology

137. Where is the headquarters of Animal Welfare Boards of India located? [2009]

- (a) Ahmedabad (b) Chennai
(c) Hyderabad (d) Kolkata

138. Consider the following statements: [2009]

- The National School of Drama was set up by Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1959.
- The highest honour conferred by the Sahitya Akademi on a writer is by electing him its Fellow. 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

139. For outstanding contribution to which one of the following fields is Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize given [2009]

- (a) Literature (b) Performing Arts
(c) Science (d) Social Service

140. Among the following Presidents of India, who was also the Secretary General of Non-Aligned Movement for some period? [2009]
 (a) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
 (b) Varahagiri Venkatagiri
 (c) Giani Zail Singh
 (d) Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma
141. With reference to Stree Shakti Puraskar, for which one of the following is "Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Award" given [2009]
 (a) Administrative skills
 (b) Achievements in Scientific Research
 (c) Achievements in Sports and Games
 (d) Courage and valour
142. In which State is the Buddhist site Tabo Monastery located? [2009]
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Himachal Pradesh
 (c) Sikkim (d) Uttarakhand
143. Mahamastakabhisheka, a great religious event, is associated with and done for who of the following? [2009]
 (a) Bahubali (b) Buddha
 (c) Mahavir (d) Nataraja
144. Consider the following pairs:
- | Tradition | State |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Gatka, a traditional martial art : | Kerala |
| 2. Madhubani, a traditional painting : | Bihar |
| 3. Singhey Khababs Sindhu Darshan Festival : | Jammu & Kashmir |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? [2009]
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
145. Among the following, who are the Agaria community? [2009]
 (a) A traditional toddy tappers community of Andhra Pradesh
 (b) A traditional fishing community of Maharashtra
 (c) A traditional silk- weaving community of Karnataka
 (d) A traditional salt pan workers community of Gujarat
146. Consider the following: [2012 - I]
 1. Hotels and restaurants
 2. Motor transport undertakings
 3. Newspaper establishments
 4. Private medical institutions
 The employees of which of the above can have the 'Social Security' coverage under Employees' State Insurance Scheme?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 4 only
 (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
147. How do District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) help in the reduction of rural poverty in India? [2012 - I]
 1. DRDAs act as Panchayati Raj Institutions in certain specified backward regions of the country.
 2. DRDAs undertake area-specific scientific study of the causes of poverty and malnutrition and prepare detailed remedial measures.
3. DRDAs secure inter-sectoral and inter-departmental coordination and cooperation for effective implementation of anti-poverty programmes.
 4. DRDAs watch over and ensure effective utilization of the funds intended for anti-poverty programmes.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 3 and 4 only
 (c) 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
148. To meet its rapidly growing energy demand, some opine that India should pursue research and development on thorium as the future fuel of nuclear energy. In this context, what advantage does thorium hold over uranium? [2012 - I]
 1. Thorium is far more abundant in nature than uranium.
 2. On the basis of per unit mass of mined mineral, thorium can generate more energy compared to natural uranium.
 3. Thorium produces less harmful waste compared to uranium.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
149. What are the reasons for the people's resistance to the introduction of Bt brinjal in India? [2012 - I]
 1. Bt brinjal has been created by inserting a gene from a soil fungus into its genome.
 2. The seeds of Bt brinjal are terminator seeds and therefore, the farmers have to buy the seeds before every season from the seed companies.
 3. There is an apprehension that the consumption of Bt brinjal may have adverse impact on health.
 4. There is some concern that the introduction of Bt brinjal may have adverse effect on the biodiversity.
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below :
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
150. How do you distinguish between Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dances? [2012 - I]
 1. Dancers occasionally speaking dialogues is found in Kuchipudi dance but not in Bharatanatyam.
 2. Dancing on the brass plate by keeping the feet on its edges is a feature of Bharatanatyam but Kuchipudi dance does not have such a form of movements.
- 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
151. Consider the following: [2012 - I]
 1. Black-necked crane 2. Cheetah
 3. Flying squirrel 4. Snow leopard
 Which of the above are naturally found in India?
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
 (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

152. Consider the following pairs: [2013 - I]

Tribe	State
1. Limboo (Limbu)	: Sikkim
2. Karbi	: Himachal Pradesh
3. Dongaria Kondh	: Odisha
4. Bonda	: Tamil Nadu

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

153. With reference to the famous Sattriya dance, consider the following statements: [2014 - I]

1. Sattriya is a combination of music, dance and drama.
2. It is a centuries-old living tradition of Vaishnavites of Assam.
3. It is based on classical Ragas and Talas of devotional songs composed by Tulsidas, Kabir and Mirabai.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

154. With reference to India's culture and tradition, what is 'Kalaripayattu'? [2014 - I]

- (a) It is an ancient Bhakti cult of Shaivism still prevalent in some parts of South India
- (b) It is an ancient style bronze and brasswork still found in southern part of Coromandel area
- (c) It is an ancient form of dance-drama and a living tradition in the northern part of Malabar
- (d) It is an ancient martial art and a living tradition in some parts of South India

155. Consider the following pairs: [2014 - I]

1. Garba	Gujarat
2. Mohiniattam	Odisha
3. Yakshagana	Karnataka

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

156. Consider the following statements: [2014 - I]

1. 'Bijak' is a composition of the teachings of Saint Dadu Dayal.

2. The Philosophy of Pushti Marg was propounded by Madhvacharya.

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

157. Which of the following organizations brings out the publication known as 'World Economic Outlook'? [2014 - I]

- (a) The International Monetary Fund
- (b) The United Nations Development Programme
- (c) The World Economic Forum
- (d) The World Bank

158. With reference to the cultural history of India, the term 'Panchayatan' refers to [2014 - I]

- (a) an assembly of village elders
- (b) a religious sect
- (c) a style of temple construction
- (d) an administrative functionary

159. India is a member of which among the following? [2015 - I]

1. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
2. Association of South-East Asian Nations
3. East Asia Summit

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 1, 2 and 3
(d) India is a member of none of them

160. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF)? [2015 - I]

1. NIF is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology under the Central Government.
2. NIF is an initiative to strengthen the highly advanced scientific research in India's premier scientific institutions in collaboration with highly advanced foreign scientific institutions.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

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1. (c) The lead character in the film "The Bandit Queen" has been played by Seema Biswas.
2. (b) The Nobel Prize for deciphering the language of bee was awarded to K.V. Frisch.
3. (c) In Goa, Polygamy is legal for Hindus and illegal for Muslims.
4. (c) Ankia Nat is a folk play of Assam. This art form makes use of large masks of gods, goddesses, demons and animals.
5. (a) Bharatnatyam is the dance of Tamil Nadu. The dance involves solo performances by devadasis or the temple dancer.
6. (d) The Himachal Pradesh Maintenance of Parents and Dependents Bill, 1996 was passed to provide speedy relief to old parents unable to maintain themselves-it makes it mandatory for children to maintain their elderly parents.
7. (c) The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (National Credit Fund for Women) was set up in 1993 to make credit available for lower income women in India. The Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY) was launched on 2nd October, 1993 with the objective of empowering the rural women through building thrift habit, self-reliance and confidence. The Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY) aims at organizing at the grass-root level to facilitate their participation in decision-making and their empowerment was launched on 20 August 1995. Pursuant to the objectives of the NPE(National Policy on Education), 1986, the Mahila Samakhya Scheme was started in 1989 to translate the goals enshrined in the NPE into a concrete programme for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas particularly those from socially and economically marginalized groups.
8. (d) Abdul Kalam was the recipient of Bharat Ratna 1997.
9. (c) Austric group (Nishada) spoken by 1.38% of total Indian population, this group includes mainly tribal languages and dialects of the central tribal belt, Khasi and Jaintia hills of Meghalaya and Nicobar island.
10. (a) In the given map
'Central Drug Research Institute' is marked by '4' which is situated in Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh. 'National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation' is situated in Calcutta which is marked as '3'. National Institute of Ocean Technology is situated in Chennai, which is marked '2' and Temperate Forest Research Centre is situated in Shimla which is marked as '6' on the map.
11. (c)
12. (d) The record of highest aggregate runs in Test Cricket of Sunil Manohar Govaskar was broken by Alan Border.
13. (d) Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar introduced the scheme of Raga classification of Indian music, Venkatamahavi wrote the music of the song 'Vande Matram', Shyama Shastri was a proponent of Karnatic music and Amir Khusrau was the proponent of Khyal form of Hindustani music.
14. (a) Shashi Tharoor is the writer of "Show Business, Amitabha Ghosh wrote "Circle of Reason", Anita Desai wrote "Clear light of Day" and Vikram Chandra wrote "Love and longing in Bombay". These were best selling novels of 1998.
15. (a)

<u>Libraries</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>State</u>
A. Saraswati Mahal Library	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
B. Library to Tibetan works and Archives	Dharamshala	Himachal Pradesh
C. Raza Library	Rampur	Uttar Pradesh
D. Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library	Patna	Bihar
16. (a) Transchart is the chartering wing of the Minister of Surface Transport. This wing also looks after trading through ships by private sectors.
17. (d) Konkan Railway was the missing link between India's commercial capital Mumbai and Manglore. This railway line connects Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka State. 49% equity is from four states governments of Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka and 51% of equity of Konkan Railway corporation.
18. (c) Chakrata holiday resort is situated in Uttaranchal. Haflong resort is present in Assam, Kalimpong resort is present in West Bengal and Kufri resort is present in Himachal Pradesh.
19. (c) Mandarin is spoken in people's Republic of China, Taiwan, Singapore, Malayasia, some part of United States. This language covers 885 million people. English is spoken by 500 million people.
20. (c) Thali is the folk dance of Rajasthan, not the folk dance of Himachal Pradesh.
21. (c) 'A' marked area in the given map is Punjab and Haryana, where Sikhs as the largest religious minorities.
'B' marked area denoted part of Rajasthan and Gujarat, where Jains are the largest religious minority.
'C' marked area denoted Sanchi area of Madhya Pradesh, where Buddhist are the religious minority.
'D' refers the part of Andhra Pradesh where Christians are religious minority.

22. (b) • Mettur Dam is located across the river Cauvery. It is present at Salem district of Tamil Nadu.
• Almatti Dam is a dam project on the river Krishna in north of Karnataka.
• Sardar Sarovar Dam is a dam project on the river Narmada, it is situated in Gujarat.
• Gandhi Sagar Dam is the first dam on the river Chambal. It is located in Madhya Pradesh.
23. (b) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute is located in Cochin of Kerala, which is marked as '5' in the given map. Central sheep breeding farm is located in Hissar of Haryana, which is marked as '2'. National Dairy Research Institute is situated in Karnal of Haryana is marked by '1' in the map. National Institute of Agricultural Extension is situated at Hyderabad of Andhra Pradesh and is marked by '4' in the given map.
24. (b) • About trench is an oceanic trench is present in north pacific ocean. It is measured 7, 679 metre depth.
• Kermadec trench is present in South Pacific Ocean. It is 10, 047 metre depth.
• Sunda trench is present in Indian ocean, It is also called Java trench and maximum depth is 7,725 metre
• Sandwitch trench is present in South atlantic ocean and the maximum depth is 8,428 metre.
25. (b) • Central institute of Higher Tibetan studies is present at Varanasi of Uttarpradesh in the year 1967.
• Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research is located in Mumbai of Maharastra.
• National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences is located in Banglore and
• Central institute of English and foreign languages is located in Hyderabad of Andhra Pradesh.
26. (a) Major producer of mineral oil is Venezuela of South America. Coal reserve in Venezuela is 10.2 billion. Major producer of copper is Zambia and Zambia is ranked as world's seventh largest producer of copper. Gabon is ranked as five global producers of manganese. Guyana is the major producer of bauxite, the production of bauxite is 1.5 million tons per year.
27. (c) M/s Gowthami solvents oil Limited is a power generation plant, which uses Rice husk. M/s K.M. sugar mills uses Distillery spent wash in power generation plant as feed material. M/s Satia paper mills of Punjab uses black liquid as feed material in power plant. M/s Al Kabeer Exports limited uses slaughter house waste as feed material in power plant.
28. (a) Balamurali Krishna is famous carnatic vocalist, Mita Pandit is famous Hindustani vocalist, Kanyakumari is famous for Ghatam from of singing and Nikhil Banerjee is famous sitar player.
29. (c) "Yayati" is not written by Grisih Karnad but it is written by Sakharam Khandekar.
30. (a) Raga Todi which was invented by Mian Tansen is sung early in the morning.
31. (d) Chakiarkoothu is the famous folk dance of Kerala regarding which statement 1, 2 and 4 are correct.
32. (b) GATT – General agreement on tariff and trade. GATT came into force on 1 Jan 1948 with HQ at Geneva. WTO was set up as a result of aid from 8th round of GATT talks (Uruguay round, 1986-93). WTO was formed on 1 Jan 1995 at Marrakesh, Morocco.
33. (d) ISRO is situated in Banglore, which is marked as '4', Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) is located in Dehradun which is marked as '1', National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) is situated in Hyderabad, marked as '3' and Space Application Centre (SAC) is situated in Ahmedabad which is marked as '2' in the map.
34. (c) Maharashtra is the state 6.39% of population is Buddhist. They are 5.84 million Buddhists found in Maharashtra according to 2001 census. It is 73.5% of total Buddhist population.
35. (b) The central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic plants is located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh center for DNA finger printing and diagnosis is located in Hyderabad of Andhra pradesh, Institute of Microbial technology is situated in Chandigrah and National Institute of Immunology is located in New Delhi.
36. (d) India has the largest population of Zorastrians than anywhere else in the World
37. (d) All the four organisations are under the department of Atomic energy.
38. (a) The Southern Command of Indian may has its headquarters at Cochin not in Chennai. The Regional Headquarters of Coast Guard is located at Mumbai, Chennai and Port Blair.
39. (c) The correct match is as follows:
Kalamandalam Kshemavaty – Mohiniattam
Kottakkal Sivaraman – kathakali
Lakshmi Vishwanathan – Bharatanatyam
N Madhabi Devi – Manipuri
40. (d) Narasimhan committee was constituted on financial sector reforms in 1991 and on banking sector reforms in 1998.
41. (b) The Vijay Kelkar Committee on Direct Taxes first submitted its report in year 2003.
42. (d) VSNL – Tata communications limited
43. (d) Zia Mody – founder partner of AZB & Partners; Anuradha J. Desai – Chairperson of Venkateshwara Hatcheries Private Limited; Viloo Morawala Patel – Chairperson of Avesthagen; Meena Kaushik – Chairman of Quantum mechanic research; Kiran Mazumdar Shaw – Chairman of Biocon India
44. (b) The world's highest ground based telescopic observatory is located at Leh in India.
45. (c) Chapchar kut is a festival celebrated in the state of Mizoram.
46. (d) In the given statements only 1 ' 8 ' 4 ' are correct, because ONGC, IOC, HPCL are the major LPG producers. But '3' is wrong because all the refineries are not run by Indian oil corporation. Many private companies also have their own refineries.

47. (b) The first Indian lady actress to receive the Padma Shri Award was Nargis Dutt. She was awarded in 1958.
48. (b) "Autobiography of an Unknown Indian" is written by Nirad C. Chaudhuri, "India: A Wounded Civilization" is written by V.S. Naipal, "Confessions of a Lover" is written by Mulk Raj Anand and "The English Teacher" is written by R.K. Narayan.
49. (c) Hira Bhattacharya is associated with Puppetry. Malini Rajurkar is associated with Bharatnatyam, Pratiba Prahlad is associated with Hindustani vocal music and Vampati Chinna Satyam is associated with Kuchipudi dance.
50. (a)
51. (c) Brijmohan Lal Munjal is chief of Hero Honda i.e., he is related to Automobile Industry. Kiran Karnik is chief of NASCOM i.e., he is related to Software Industry. Kiran Muzumdar Shaw is related to biotechnology and Sunil Mittal is chief of Bharti Group i.e., related to Telecom industry.
52. (a) National Song was composed originally in Sanskrit (not in Bengali).
53. (c) Bokaro thermal power plant is located in Jharkhand, near Konai Dam.
54. (b) Kochi shipyard is the largest shipyard in India.
55. (d)
- | Organisation | Location |
|--|-----------|
| A. National Sugar Institute | Kanpur |
| B. Mishra Dhata Nigam Limited | Hyderabad |
| C. Institute of military law | Kamputee |
| D. Institute of Nationals Intergration | Pune |
56. (a) Amrita Patel is related to National Dairy Development Board. Anu Aga is related to Thermax Limited, Mallika Srinivasan is related to Tractors and Farm Equipment and Priya Paul is related to Park Hotels.
57. (a) Dr. Dalip Kaur Tiwana is a foremost novelist and short-story writer of contemporary Punjabi literature.
58. (d) The Lahore Declaration is a bilateral agreement and governance treaty between India and Pakistan. The treaty was signed on February 21, 1999, at the conclusion of a historic summit in Lahore and ratified by the parliaments of both countries the same year. Islamabad Summit was held between Rajiv Gandhi and Benazir Bhutto.
59. (b) B.P. Mishra is the Executive Director of IMF, Suresh Kalmadi is the president of Indian Olympic Association, Praful Patel is the Vice President, South Asian Region, World Bank and V.S. Jain is the chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited.
60. (c) Ronu Mazumdar is well known exponent of flute whereas Debu Chaudhuri is an exponent of sitar and Sahafat Ahmad is an exponent of tabla.
61. (a) The largest Buddhist Monastery is in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh not in Assam.
62. (d) The Islamic calendar began in AD 622, during which the emigration of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina, known as Hijra occurred. It is a lunar calendar consisting of 12 lunar months in a year of 354 or 355 days. It is also called Hijri calendar. The Gregorian calendar is a lunar calendar.
63. (c)
64. (b) Central Organisation for Railway Electrification is present in Allahabad, Ambala, Bhubneshwar, Chennai, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Lucknow, Kota and Gorakhpur not in Varanasi.
65. (a) Hukum Singh (April 1962-March 1967), GS Dhillon (April 1969-Dec 1975), Baliram Bhagat (Jan 1976-March 1977)
66. (c) The Department of Women and Child Development was set up in the year 1985 as a part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. With effect from 30 January 2006, the Department has been upgraded to a Ministry. Department of official language comes under Ministry of Home Affairs.
67. (a) The diplomatic relation between India and Israel was established in 1992 under the Narsimha Rao regime. Ariel Sharon happened to be the first Prime Minister of Israel to visit India.
68. (d) Voltas, Titan Industries, Rallis India and Indian Hotels are all companies under Tata Group.
69. (b) Jhumpa Lahiri is related to novel writing, Sunita Narain is related to science and environment, Naina Lal Kidwai is related to banking and Ravina Raj Kohli is related to television media.
70. (d) should come under General Knowledge
71. (c) Armoured corps centre and school is located at Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.
72. (a) Satoru is well known for Thermal Power Plant. Satara is famous for Thermal Power Plant.
73. (c) India has world's largest postal network with 1,55,837 post office (1,39,280 in rural areas). A post office serves an area of 21.09 sq kms and population of 6,602.
74. (b) Upamanyu Chatterjee is the winner of Shaitya Award winner and not Lalit Kala Award winner.
75. (b)
76. (d) Kiran karnik was former President of NASSCOM.
77. (d) The Liberhan Commission was commissioned by the Government of India to investigate the destruction of the disputed structure Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in 1992.
78. (b) Phalcon is radar system provided by Israel to India.
79. (d) Lata Mangeshkar 2001, Bismillah Khan 2001, and Satyajit Ray 1992.
80. (d) Dhankar Monastery is present at 12,774 feet above sea level of Lahaul and Spiti of Himachal Pradesh. Rumtek monastery is important and largest monastery of Sikkim, 24 km away from Gangtok. Tabo monastery is situated at a distance of about 50 kilometres from Kaza in Lahaul district of Himachal Pradesh. Kye Monastery is situated 12 kms north of Kaza of Himachal Pradesh, not in Arunachal Pradesh.

81. (b) The head office of South-Eastern Railway is Kolkata, not Bhubaneswar.
82. (a)
83. (d) Agitation by both Gujarati and Marathi nationalists for their own linguistic states led to the split of Bombay state on linguistic lines and on 1 May 1960, it became the new states of Gujarat and Maharashtra.
84. (c)
85. (a) The correct match is as follows :
C N R Rao – Solid State Chemistry
Jagdish Natwarlal Bhagwati – Economist
G. N ramchandran – Physics
Ashok Jhunjhunwala – Telecommunications
86. (a) The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in a solemn ceremony in the Oslo City Hall, Norway on December 10.
87. (c) 88. (c) 89. (d) 90. (b) 91. (d)
92. (c) The correct order is as follows :
Formation of Bangladesh - Aug 1947
Sl-3 Launch July 28, 1973
Pokhran First Nuclear Test - 18 May 1974.
Sikkim becomes twenty second State of the Indian Union- 16 May 1975.
93. (b)
94. (a) Raja Rao was an Indian writer of English language novels and short stories, whose works are deeply rooted in Hinduism.
95. (d)
96. (a) Central water and Power Research Station is located in Khadakwasla Pune, Maharashtra in the year 1936. CWPRS is a part of Union of Water Resources, is the foremost organisation in the world in the field of hydraulics and allied research.
97. (d) Projects and Development India Limited (PDIL), an ISO-9001-2000 certified company, is a leading design engineering and consultancy organization having experience of 40 years in design, detailed engineering, procurement, project management, construction supervision and commissioning of fertilizer and allied chemical, power etc.
98. (c)
99. (a) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development is located in Tamil Nadu.
100. (c) A.M. Khusro was Chairman of eleventh Finance Commission of India
101. (b) Nagaland-1962, Haryana-1966, Sikkim-1975, Arunachal Pradesh-1986
102. (a) The Global Automotive Research Center (GARC), Chennai, is situated in the SIPCOT Industrial Growth Center at Orgadam near Chennai in the close proximity of manufacturing facility of Indian and Global automotive giants.
103. (d)
104. (d) **Raghuram Govind Rajan** is currently the Eric J. Gleacher Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. He is also an honorary economic adviser to Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh (appointed 2008). He previously was the chief economist of the International Monetary Fund and headed a committee appointed by the Planning Commission on financial reforms in India.
105. (c) 106. (b)
107. (c) The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) publisher Joseph Pulitzer and is administered by Columbia University in New York City.
108. (b) Raghu Rai is an Indian photographer and photojournalist.
109. (d)
110. (d) V. P Menon authored a book on the political integration of India, "The Story of the Integration of Indian States" and on the partition of India, "Transfer of Power".
111. (a)
112. (a) The Palitana temples of Jainism are located on Shatrunjaya by the city of Palitana in Bhavnagar district, Gujarat, India.
113. (c) Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology in short known as "BRIT" is a unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, headquartered in Navi Mumbai. It is involved in production, development, and supply of radioisotope based products and provision of isotope applications, radiation processing, radioanalytical services etc.
114. (b) Rajiv Gandhi National Flying Institute is located in Maharashtra.
115. (a) The Nuclear Suppliers Group has 48 members in 2014. India is not among them.
116. (d) Dharamchakra has 24 spokes, it is navy-blue in colour and lies in the middle of white band. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Saranath Lion capital of Ashoka.
117. (b) Andhra attained statehood on 1 November 1953, with Kurnool as its capital. On 1 November 1956, the States Reorganization Act merged the Telugu-speaking areas of the former Hyderabad state with the Telugu-speaking areas of the former Madras state to form the state of Andhra Pradesh. The city of Hyderabad, the former capital of the Hyderabad State, was made the capital of the new state.
118. (b) Laddakh (Jammu and Kashmir) is the largest areawise LS constituency and then comes Barmer (Rajasthan), Kutch (Gujarat), Arunachal West (Arunachal Pradesh). Delhi-Chandni Chowk is the smallest areawise LS constituency.
119. (b) 120. (c)
121. (c) Ebrahim Alkazi is one of the most influential Indian theatre directors and Drama teachers in 20th-century Indian theatre.

122. (a)
 123. (a) Bimbavati Devi is a Manipuri dancer.
 124. (c) Sarosh Zaiwalla is a legal expert.
 125. (c) 126. (c)
 127. (b) He translated the autobiography of Madam Curie into Hindi.
 128. (c) Elizabeth Hawley is an American former journalist and chronicler of Himalayan expeditions.
 129. (a) Umakant Gundecha and Ramakant Gundecha, known as the Gundecha Brothers, are leading Dagarvani dhrupad singers.
 130. (a) Chevron Corporation is an American multinational energy corporation.
 131. (b) 132. (c)
 133. (b) On July 8, 2008, the Kalka-Shimla Railway became part of the World Heritage Site Mountain Railways of India.
 134. (c) Golden Thresold is a collection of poems by Sarojini Naidu.
 135. (a) The Hinduja Group is a global conglomerate company headquartered in London, United Kingdom. Ashok Leyland is one of its companies. Hindalco Industries Limited, the metals flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, is the world's largest aluminium rolling company and one of the biggest producers of primary aluminium in Asia.
 136. (a) The DAE is under the direct control of PM with its Headquarter in Mumbai.)
 137. (b) The Animal Welfare Board of India was set up in 1962 with its headquarter at Madras, under the provisions of the "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. 1960" (PCA Act. 1960).
 138. (c)
 139. (c) The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology (SSB) is a science award in India given annually by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for notable and outstanding research, applied or fundamental, in biology, chemistry, environmental science, engineering, mathematics, medicine and Physics.
 140. (c) Giani Zail Singh was the 7th president of India. He also became 9th Secretary General of Non-Aligned Movement.
 141. (d)
 142. (b) Tabo Monastery is located in the Tago village of Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh.
 143. (c) The Mahamastakabhisheka is an important Jain festival held once every twelve years in the town of Shravanabelagola in Karnataka, India.
 144. (c) Gatka is an Indian martial arts focused primarily on weapons, especially swords and stick fighting. Gatka martial artists consider this ancient martial arts style as the "mother of all martial arts". This martial arts was developed in Punjab, India. It is often associated with Punjabi or Sikh forms of combat.
 145. (d) The Agaria are a Muslim community found in the state of Gujarat in India.
 146. (a) Private medical institutions do not come in this category.
 147. (b) Only 3rd and 4th are correct thus the option (b) is right.
 148. (a) Thorium is for more abundant in nature than uranium.
 149. (b) 2nd and 3rd statements are correct hence the option (b) is right.
 150. (a) Only statement 1, is correct
 151. (b) Cheetah is not naturally found in India.
 152. (a) Limbu tribe is from Sikkim and Dongaria Kondh tribe is from Odisha (Karbi is from Assam and Bonda is in Odisha).
 153. (d) Sattriya dance form was introduced in the 15th century A.D by the great Vaishnava saint and reformer of Assam, Mahapurusha Sankaradeva as a powerful medium for propagation of the Vaishnava faith. It is a neo-Vaishnava treasure of Assamese music, dance and drama. Music of Sattriya dance comprises of classical ragas (melodies), talas (rhythms) and traditional songs. Tulsidas, Kabir and Mira were Vaishnavite.
 154. (d) Kalaripayattu is an ancient martial art and a living tradition in some parts of Kerala/ South India.
 155. (c) Yakshgana is a theatre form of Karnataka. Mohiniattam is from Kerala and Garba is a dance form from Gujarat.
 156. (d) Statement 1 is wrong because Kabir founded a community – Kabirpanthi, who consider Bijak, a collection of his verses, as their scripture. Statement 2 is wrong because Vallabhacharya's philosophy came to be known as Pushtimarga (the path of grace).
 157. (a) The World Economic Outlook (WEO) database contains selected macroeconomic data series from the statistical appendix of the World Economic Outlook report prepared by IMF.
 158. (c) Panchayatana is a style of temple construction that has a central shrine surrounded by four subsidiary shrines.
 159. (b) At present, India is not a member of APEC and ASEAN. The East Asia Summit (EAS) is a forum held annually by leaders of 16 countries in the East Asian region. The first summit was held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) on 14 December 2005. India is the member of this forum.
 160. (a) National Innovation Foundation India (NIF) is an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. It was set up in February 2000 at Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India to provide institutional support for scouting, spawning, sustaining and scaling up the grassroots innovations across the country.

