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SERIES : I

QUESTION BOOKLET

PAPER—I

Booklet Serial No.
14529

Full Marks : 200

Time Allowed : 2 (Two) Hours

*Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.***INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. This Booklet contains **100 questions** to be answered in a separate OMR Answer Sheet using Black Ballpoint Pen.

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2. **All** questions are compulsory.
3. You will be supplied the Answer Sheet separately by the Invigilator. You must complete the details of particulars asked for.
4. Answer must be shown by completely blackening the corresponding circle in the Answer Sheet against the relevant question number by Black Ballpoint Pen. OMR Answer Sheet without marking Series/double Series marking shall not be evaluated.

Example :

Suppose the following question is asked :

The Capital of Meghalaya is

- (A) Guwahati
(B) Kohima
(C) Shillong
(D) Delhi

You will have four alternatives in the Answer Sheet for your response corresponding to each question of the Question Booklet as below :

(A) (B) (C) (D)

In the above illustration, if your chosen response is alternative (C), i.e., Shillong, then the same should be marked on the Answer Sheet by blackening the relevant circle with a Black Ballpoint Pen only as below :

(A) (B) (C) (D)

The example shown above is the only correct method of answering.

5. Answer the questions as quickly and as carefully as you can. Some questions may be difficult and others easy. Do not spend too much time on any one question.
6. **There will NOT be any negative marking for wrong answers.**
7. The Answer Sheet must be handed over to the Invigilator before you leave the Examination Hall.
8. No Rough Work is to be done on the Answer Sheet. Space for Rough Work has been provided in the Question Booklet.

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Each question carries 2 marks

1. As per a global weather body, the glaciers on Mount Kilimanjaro are projected to be wiped out by 2040. In which country is Mount Kilimanjaro located?
(A) Ethiopia
(B) Tanzania
(C) South Africa
(D) Kenya
2. The R. K. Laxman Award for Excellence is a new award instituted by the R. K. Laxman family to honour creative brilliance and commemorate the legendary cartoonist's legacy. Who was its first recipient on 23rd November, 2025?
(A) Aamir Khan
(B) Shah Rukh Khan
(C) Amitabh Bachchan
(D) Alia Bhatt
3. Which State has become the first in India to partner with Elon Musk's Starlink for satellite-based internet services?
(A) Goa
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Assam
4. Where was Rajasthan's first 'Namo Biodiversity Park' inaugurated?
(A) Alwar
(B) Bikaner
(C) Jaipur
(D) Udaipur
5. Which is the nodal ministry for the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?
(A) The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
(B) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(C) The Ministry of Rural Development
(D) The Ministry of Jal Shakti
6. What kind of disease is Crohn's disease that was recently seen in news?
(A) A respiratory disorder
(B) An autoimmune neurological disorder
(C) A chronic inflammatory bowel disease
(D) A heart disease
7. Which State was the host of the Fifth Edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in 2025?
(A) Rajasthan
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Bihar
8. Which country has become the first in the world to implement a generational ban on tobacco use?
(A) Australia
(B) Finland
(C) Maldives
(D) Sri Lanka

9. Which public broadcaster launched the OTT platform 'WAVES' in 2024?
- (A) Doordarshan
(B) Prasar Bharati
(C) All India Radio
(D) None of the above
10. What is the proposed new name for the Gulf of Mexico by US President Donald Trump?
- (A) Gulf of US
(B) Gulf of Texas
(C) Gulf of Florida
(D) Gulf of America
11. Which country was hit by Super Typhoon 'Uwan' in 2025?
- (A) Vietnam
(B) Japan
(C) Philippines
(D) Indonesia
12. Who was named as the Player of the Tournament in the Women's ODI World Cup, 2025?
- (A) Deepti Sharma
(B) Laura Wolvaardt
(C) Smriti Mandhana
(D) Ellyse Perry
13. In 2025, red panda cubs were born at the Himalayan Zoological Park near Gangtok, Sikkim after a gap of 7 years under a conservation programme. What is the IUCN status of red panda?
- (A) Vulnerable
(B) Endangered
(C) Critically endangered
(D) Least concern
14. What is the name of the portal launched as a single-window solution for newspaper and periodical registration?
- (A) Press Bandhu Portal
(B) Press Sewa Portal
(C) Jan Samvad Portal
(D) None of the above
15. Who has been reappointed as the Attorney General of India in September 2025?
- (A) K. K. Venugopal
(B) Mukul Saini
(C) R. Venkataramani
(D) Vikram Singh

16. Where was the Great Bath discovered?
 (A) Chanhudaro
 (B) Harappa
 (C) Lothal
 (D) Mohenjo-daro
17. The earliest Veda is the
 (A) *Rigveda*
 (B) *Yajurveda*
 (C) *Atharvaveda*
 (D) *Samaveda*
18. Chanakya was the author of the
 (A) *Indica*
 (B) *Harshacharita*
 (C) *Tripitaka*
 (D) *Arthashastra*
19. *Akbarnama* was written by
 (A) Abul Fazl
 (B) Inayat Khan
 (C) Mirza Muhammad Kazim
 (D) Gulbadan Begum
20. The Indian National Congress was founded in
 (A) 1865
 (B) 1875
 (C) 1885
 (D) 1895
21. The first Partition of Bengal by the British took place in
 (A) 1805
 (B) 1905
 (C) 1911
 (D) 1947
22. The first mass movement of Gandhi was the
 (A) Champaran Struggle
 (B) Non-Cooperation Movement
 (C) Civil Disobedience Movement
 (D) Quit India Movement
23. The Chairman of the Drafting Committee for drafting the Constitution of free India was
 (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
 (B) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
 (C) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
 (D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
24. South Indian architecture is also known as
 (A) Vesara style
 (B) Nagara style
 (C) Dravida style
 (D) Rock-cut style
25. Who is known as the Frontier Gandhi?
 (A) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
 (B) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
 (C) Lala Lajpat Rai
 (D) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

26. The theory of continental drift was proposed by
 (A) W. M. Davis
 (B) Walther Penck
 (C) Alfred Wegener
 (D) Humboldt
27. What is the layer of the atmosphere directly above the troposphere called?
 (A) Ionosphere
 (B) Exosphere
 (C) Stratosphere
 (D) Mesosphere
28. The marginal areas submerged under the oceanic water are called
 (A) continental shelf
 (B) continental slope
 (C) abyssal plain
 (D) deep trench
29. Which of the following earthquake waves can travel through both solid and liquid?
 (A) P waves
 (B) S waves
 (C) L waves
 (D) M waves
30. The State which has the largest tribal population in India is
 (A) Meghalaya
 (B) Madhya Pradesh
 (C) Bihar
 (D) Karnataka
31. Buddhism is most predominant in
 (A) India
 (B) Sri Lanka
 (C) Pakistan
 (D) Bangladesh
32. Which of the following is a primitive method of earning livelihood?
 (A) Herding
 (B) Primitive agriculture
 (C) Food gathering and hunting
 (D) Collection
33. Which of the following is the biggest centre of cotton textile industry in India?
 (A) Kolkata
 (B) Mumbai
 (C) Kanpur
 (D) Nagpur
34. The North-Eastern Region of India is known for
 (A) sugarcane cultivation
 (B) rubber cultivation
 (C) tea cultivation
 (D) wheat cultivation
35. Which country holds the top position in its natural gas reserves?
 (A) Russia
 (B) The UAE
 (C) Saudi Arabia
 (D) Iraq

36. The Union Council of Ministers is appointed by the
- (A) President of India according to her/his discretion
 - (B) President of India on the advice of the Prime Minister
 - (C) Prime Minister of India
 - (D) Parliament
37. Which one of the following is **not** a constitutional authority/body in India?
- (A) The Comptroller and Auditor General
 - (B) The Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities
 - (C) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes
 - (D) The National Human Rights Commission
38. Who among the following was the first woman Chief Minister in Independent India?
- (A) Amrit Kaur
 - (B) Sarojini Naidu
 - (C) Sucheta Kripalani
 - (D) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
39. There is no provision in the Indian Constitution for the impeachment of the
- (A) Chief Justice of India
 - (B) Chief Justice of a High Court
 - (C) Vice President
 - (D) Governor of a State
40. The concept of Judicial Review in our Constitution has been taken from the Constitution of
- (A) The USA
 - (B) Canada
 - (C) Australia
 - (D) England
41. Who can be appointed as the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission?
- (A) Any sitting Judge of a High Court
 - (B) Any retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - (C) Any person appointed by the President
 - (D) Retired Chief Justice of any High Court

- 42.** The Right to Education is guaranteed under Article
- (A) 14A
 - (B) 19D
 - (C) 21A
 - (D) 21D
- 43.** All of the following are the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution, except
- (A) Right to Equality
 - (B) Right against Exploitation
 - (C) Right to Adequate Means of Livelihood
 - (D) Right to Freedom of Religion
- 44.** The Right to Property was removed from the list of the Fundamental Rights during the rule of the
- (A) Indira Gandhi Government
 - (B) Morarji Desai Government
 - (C) Narasimha Rao Government
 - (D) Vajpayee Government
- 45.** Which one among the following has the power to regulate the right of citizenship in India?
- (A) The Parliament
 - (B) The Union Cabinet
 - (C) The Supreme Court
 - (D) The Law Commission
- 46.** The three-tier system of Panchayati Raj consists of
- (A) Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Block Samiti
 - (B) Gram Panchayat, Block Samiti, Zila Parishad
 - (C) Block Samiti, Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti
 - (D) Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zila Parishad
- 47.** Which of the following Articles of the Indian Constitution cover the disqualification of members of the Parliament?
- (A) Article 102 and Article 103
 - (B) Article 243 and Article 244
 - (C) Article 63 and Article 64
 - (D) Article 118 and Article 119
- 48.** The writ of mandamus is issued by the Supreme Court of India
- (A) for securing release of a person under unlawful detention
 - (B) for reviewing the legality of a public office holder's claim
 - (C) for directing a public official to perform her/his duties
 - (D) to stop a lower court or tribunal going past its legal power

49. Which Act is a significant landmark in the evolution of grassroots democratic institution in the country?

- (A) The 42nd Amendment Act
- (B) The 44th Amendment Act
- (C) The 74th Amendment Act
- (D) The 73rd Amendment Act

50. Which among the following Parts of the Constitution deals with Municipalities?

- (A) Part IX
- (B) Part IX A
- (C) Part IX B
- (D) Part IX C

51. Who is widely considered the pioneer or father of Policy Sciences?

- (A) Harold D. Lasswell
- (B) Woodrow Wilson
- (C) Herbert Simon
- (D) Thomas Dye

52. Who introduced the 'systems theory' to Political Science, viewing public policy as an output of the political system's conversion process?

- (A) Graham Allison
- (B) Harold D. Lasswell
- (C) David Easton
- (D) Max Weber

53. Which of the following is the best example of a redistributive public policy?

- (A) Building a new public highway
- (B) Setting minimum environmental safety standards for factories
- (C) Providing subsidies to local agricultural farmers
- (D) Progressive income taxation and welfare transfers

54. During which part of public policy cycle does the government explore potential policy responses?

- (A) Agenda Setting
- (B) Policy Formulation
- (C) Policy Implementation
- (D) Decision Making

55. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) Programme comes under which Ministry?

- (A) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (B) The Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (C) The Ministry of Rural Development
- (D) The Ministry of Jal Shakti

56. Which of the following is **not** a goal of sustainable development under the United Nations Development Programme?
- Climate Action
 - Zero Hunger
 - Free Higher Education for All
 - Decent Work and Economic Growth
57. Stage II of Demographic Transition implies a stage with
- high birthrate and high death rate
 - high death rate and low birthrate
 - low birthrate and low death rate
 - low death rate and high birthrate
58. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) may be defined as
- number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 live births
 - number of deaths of infants at 1 year of age per 1000 live births
 - number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 10000 live births
 - number of deaths of infants at 1 year of age per 10000 live births
59. Demographic dividend refers to a structural change of population with a gradual increase in the proportion of population in the working age group of
- 18–64 years
 - 15–65 years
 - 15–64 years
 - 18–65 years
60. Which of the following is **not** one of the pillars of the Make in India campaign launched in 2014 for bringing dynamism in the manufacturing industry?
- New processes
 - New sectors
 - New mindset
 - New markets
61. The NITI Aayog replaced which of the following institutions?
- The Planning Commission
 - The Finance Commission
 - The Central Information Commission
 - The Competition Commission of India
62. India's poverty line is based on a caloric requirement of ____ per person per day.
- 2400 cal for urban areas and 2100 cal for rural areas
 - 2400 cal for rural areas and 2100 cal for urban areas
 - 2600 cal for urban areas and 2200 cal for rural areas
 - 2600 cal for rural areas and 2200 cal for urban areas
63. A type of unemployment caused by temporary transitions in workers' lives is
- structural unemployment
 - frictional unemployment
 - cyclical unemployment
 - seasonal unemployment
64. The 'drain theory' for India was proposed by
- Kautilya
 - P. C. Mahalanobis
 - R. C. Desai
 - Dadabhai Naoroji
65. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandates that companies meeting specific net worth, turnover, or profit thresholds are to spend ____ of their average net profit on social impact programmes as outlined in the Companies Act, 2013.
- 5%
 - 4%
 - 2%
 - 3%

66. Atmospheric radiative window permits thermal radiation of which wavelength range to leave the earth?
 (A) 4.3–9.3 μm (B) 9.5–10.6 μm
 (C) 7–12 μm (D) 7.3–10.3 μm
67. Water table is the surface in unconfined aquifer along which
 (A) hydrostatic pressure is zero
 (B) hydrostatic pressure is equal to atmospheric pressure
 (C) hydrostatic pressure is more than atmospheric pressure
 (D) hydrostatic pressure is less than atmospheric pressure
68. The net primary productivity of tropical rain forest (TRF), agriculture (A), estuaries and littoral (EL) areas can be arranged in the order
 (A) $A > \text{TRF} > \text{EL}$ (B) $\text{TRF} > \text{EL} > A$
 (C) $\text{EL} > \text{TRF} > A$ (D) $\text{EL} > A > \text{TRF}$
69. A characteristic 'blue haze' aerosol forms over a forested area. This is indicative of chemical reactions in the surrounding atmosphere involving
 (A) aerosols and sunlight
 (B) aerosols and terpenes
 (C) aerosols and water vapour
 (D) nitrogen oxides and aerosols
70. In the commonly used BOD estimation method, the nitrogenous biochemical oxygen demand (NBOD) is not accounted. The reason for it is
 (A) all the oxygen is used to satisfy carbonaceous BOD
 (B) nitrifying algae do not grow, so NBOD is not exhibited
 (C) nitrifying bacteria require more than 5 days to grow
 (D) ammonia is converted into nitrite in BOD estimation
71. When methanol is used as a fuel for automobiles, emission of which pollutant increases significantly?
 (A) NO_x (B) CO
 (C) Formaldehyde (D) PAN
72. Taxol obtained from the yew tree *Taxus brevifolia* possesses
 (A) antimalarial property
 (B) antineoplastic property
 (C) antibacterial property
 (D) antiamebic property
73. The absence of the ozone layer in the earth's stratosphere would force life to survive only
 (A) underwater
 (B) in terrestrial ecosystem
 (C) in lower troposphere
 (D) at high altitudinal places
74. The statement, "Complete competitors cannot coexist" is inferred from
 (A) Bergmann's principle
 (B) Gause's principle
 (C) Blackman's rule
 (D) Hutchinson's theory
75. Trees planted on the top of landfill sites often die even when there is thick layer of soil on the top. The reason for this is
 (A) release of heavy metal ions to the surface of the landfill
 (B) toxicity of leachate generated
 (C) lack of groundwater
 (D) release of toxic gases to the surface

76. ____ is the largest of the gas giants in the solar system.
 (A) Uranus (B) Saturn
 (C) Jupiter (D) Neptune
77. The name of the crater caused by the impact of an asteroid on the Yucatán Peninsula approximately 65 million years ago and causing the extinction of the dinosaurs is
 (A) Chicxulub crater
 (B) Barringer crater
 (C) Vredefort crater
 (D) Manicouagan crater
78. Mitochondria are termed as 'power-houses of the cell' because they produce
 (A) NADH (B) ATP
 (C) GTP (D) FADH
79. The identity of an element is determined by
 (A) the number of electrons of that element
 (B) the number of protons of that element
 (C) the number of neutrons of that element
 (D) the number of positrons of that element
80. Dioecious flowering plants have
 (A) bisexual flowers on the same individual plant
 (B) unisexual flowers on the same individual plant
 (C) unisexual flowers on separate individual plants
 (D) both unisexual flowers and bisexual flowers on the same individual plant
81. Whales and dolphins are more closely related to
 (A) hippos (B) tunas
 (C) seals (D) sharks
82. Which of the following chemical compounds is known as 'washing soda'?
 (A) Sodium hydroxide
 (B) Sodium chloride
 (C) Sodium carbonate
 (D) Sodium bicarbonate
83. Any object with mass, while uniformly accelerating towards the speed of light, experiences
 (A) time dilation accompanied with a corresponding increase in its mass
 (B) time contraction accompanied with a corresponding increase in its mass
 (C) time dilation accompanied with a corresponding decrease in its mass
 (D) time contraction accompanied with a corresponding decrease in its mass
84. ____ is known as the 'father of the Green Revolution' in India.
 (A) Birbal Sahni
 (B) M. S. Swaminathan
 (C) E. K. Janaki Ammal
 (D) Shiv Ram Kashyap
85. BLAST in the field of bioinformatics stands for
 (A) Basic Linear Alignment Search Tool
 (B) Biometric Local Alignment Search Tool
 (C) Biological Local Alignment Search Tool
 (D) Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

86. Which of the following provides for Autonomous District Councils in Meghalaya?
- (A) Article 370
(B) The Sixth Schedule of the Constitution
(C) The Meghalaya Reorganization Act
(D) Article 356
87. The major physiographic division of Meghalaya is known as the
- (A) Brahmaputra Valley
(B) Patkai Range
(C) Shillong Plateau
(D) Garo-Khasi-Jaintia Range
88. The Khasi Chief, who led a revolt against the British in the 1829–1833 period, was
- (A) U Tirot Singh
(B) Pa Togan Sangma
(C) Kiang Nangbah
(D) Soso Tham
89. The traditional festival of the Khasi tribe, which is a thanksgiving dance, is known as
- (A) Wangala
(B) Shad Suk Mynsiem
(C) Behdeinkhlam
(D) Lahoo Dance
90. Which river forms a natural boundary between Meghalaya and Assam?
- (A) Kopili
(B) Umkhrah
(C) Umtru
(D) Umngot
91. When was the Meghalaya High Court, established as a separate High Court, inaugurated?
- (A) 1972
(B) 2000
(C) 2013
(D) 2017
92. The famous Jaintia Rebellion (1860–1862) was primarily triggered by the imposition of which tax/taxes by the British?
- (A) Land tax
(B) House tax and Income tax
(C) Forest tax
(D) Salt tax
93. When was the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) established?
- (A) 1970
(B) 1974
(C) 1980
(D) 1973

94. In November 2025, the State Cabinet approved land purchase for a new township in 'New Shillong Township' including relocation plans for which facility?
- (A) State Secretariat
(B) Central Jail
(C) High Court
(D) Major Hospital
95. In 2025, Meghalaya signed an MoU with a Japanese firm, Asean One Co. Ltd., for what purpose?
- (A) Investment in tourism
(B) Infrastructure development
(C) Training and overseas job placement for the youth
(D) Defence collaboration
96. In 2025, the State Government of Meghalaya signed MoUs to convert farm and floral waste into compost and natural products under which scheme?
- (A) MegLIFE
(B) PMAY
(C) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)
(D) Green Meghalaya Mission
97. Which sports-related development began in Meghalaya in 2025?
- (A) New NHL Franchise
(B) Launch of the Meghalaya Women's State League
(C) Hosting Asian Games
(D) Launch of the National Cricket Stadium
98. Which State did Meghalaya pair with in 2025 for collaborative governance and welfare initiatives?
- (A) Telangana
(B) Tripura
(C) Assam
(D) Mizoram
99. In which year did the State Government of Meghalaya launch the Floriculture Mission 1.0?
- (A) 2023
(B) 2022
(C) 2025
(D) 2024
100. The livelihood and forest management project 'MegLIFE' in Meghalaya is supported by which international agency?
- (A) The World Bank
(B) The UNDP
(C) The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
(D) The Asian Development Bank (ADB)