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HCS PRELIMS

*Solved using the
Sherlocking Method*

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Q1. Consider the following statements regarding Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Report:

Statement-I: Current Weekly Status (CWS) in urban areas is measured at the interval of three months.

Statement-II: Present Labour Force participation rate (LFPR) and Unemployment rate is in declining trend when compared with its base year 2017-18.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Statement I is correct only (B) Statement II is correct only

(C) Both Statement I and II are correct (D) Neither Statement I nor II is correct

Answer: A (Statement I only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: 3 months = quarterly, same thing. In exam rush, the equivalence can easily get missed.

S2 bundles LFPR and unemployment. Govt's growth story since 2017-18 runs the other way: LFPR up, unemployment down.

Heuristically, if even one variable doesn't abide, the combined statement breaks.

S2 is off on the growth-narrative check, so B (S2 only) and C (both) drop out. Between A (S1 only) and D (neither), S1 is straightforward, giving A.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding recently released Reserve Bank of India regarding Treatment of Wilful Defaulters and Large Defaulters Directions, 2023:

1. The directions are applicable to all regulated entities including NABARD, SIDBI and EXIM Bank.

2. A wilful default borrower needs to be reviewed and finalised within six months of an account being classified as a non-performing asset (NPA).

3. Lender cannot proceed against guarantor without exhausting the remedies against principal debtor.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 1 and 2 only (C) All 1, 2 and 3 (D) 2 and 3 only

Answer: B (1 and 2)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Why would RBI leave NABARD, SIDBI, EXIM out of wilful-defaulter rules? All REs covered usually.

S2: 6-month review after NPA classification fits usual NPA timelines, logically reasonable.

S3: If banks had to chase the borrower fully first, the guarantee would be meaningless.

S3 is eliminated by basic guarantor logic, cuts C (all three) and D (2 and 3). Between A (1 only) and B (1 and 2), S2 fits usual NPA timelines, giving B.

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP):

1. It provides a mechanism for exemption of taxes, duties, and levies on exported goods.

2. The scheme is WTO-compatible and is being implemented in an end-to-end IT environment.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) Both 1 and 2 (D) None

Answer: X (DROPPED)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Acronym itself is Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products. Remission = refund of tax already paid, exemption = tax never levied. Not the same thing in tax law.

S2: Simple, logically coherent, no flags.

The fight is "exemption" vs "remission" in S1. Strict reading rules S1 out, answer B. Loose reading (as used in PIB and newspapers) defends it, answer C. Hence the ambiguity, commission pulled it.

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework:

1. Currently PCA supervisory norms are applicable to both Government and non-Government NBFC's.

2. Discretionary actions under PCA include Restriction on Branch Expansion.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) 1 and 2 both (D) None

Answer: A (1 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Both govt and non-govt NBFCs" reads comprehensive. Actually false at exam date: govt NBFCs were outside PCA till Oct 2024.

S2: "Restriction on branch expansion" is a listed PCA-NBFC discretionary action, logically coherent.

Key A implies S1 true, S2 false. Both opposite of reality. Correct answer should be B (2 only).

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act:

1. A Fugitive Economic Offender (FEO) is a person who has fled the country and against whom an arrest warrant has been issued for involvement in economic offenses involving at least Rs. 100 crores.
2. Under the Act, authorities are empowered to confiscate assets even when no conviction has been obtained.
3. Financial Intelligence Unit is the nodal agency to implement the Act.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) All 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A (1 and 2)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 and S2 are logically sound. Info heard around the Mallya and Nirav Modi saga.

S3: FIU = intelligence, not raids or attachments. ED's turf. Eliminate 3 and A falls out.

Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation:

1. It was released by the World Trade Organization.
2. The overall score of India has been greater than many developed countries.
3. It is a bi-annual survey that deals with trade facilitation measures taken collectively by the WTO member countries.

How many of the statement given above are correct:

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) All 1, 2 and 3 (D) None

Answer: A (1 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Trade Facilitation" triggers WTO association in-exam, reads coherent. Actually UNESCAP, not WTO.

S2: "Greater than many developed countries" is vague. India scores high and outranks several, but "many" is hedgeable.

S3: "Bi-annual" is ambiguous (biennial vs twice a year) and "WTO member countries collectively" is loose.

No option for "1 and 3", and 1 feels fine in exam. Matches the key but factually wrong. Ideally should be left.

Q7. Consider the following statements regarding the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF):

1. It will be established as an Alternative Investment Fund.
2. Contribution to the fund shall be mandatory for specified debt-oriented Mutual Fund Schemes and Asset Management Companies.
3. Initially, it will be established for 5 years and can be extended as per SEBI's mandate.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) 1, 2 and 3 all (D) None

Answer: B (2 only)

Sherlocking Insight

Entire question is factual. S1 (AIF structure), S2 (mandatory contribution), S3 (5-year tenure) all need specific reading of CDMDF. No real Sherlocking path.

Better left. Factually S1 and S2 are true and S3 false (actual tenure 15 years), so 2 correct, giving B.

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) in India:

1. It has fluctuated drastically in the past decade.
2. In 2022-23, the net FPI in India was less than 1% of the GDP.
3. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 is the primary legislation governing FPI.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only 1 (B) Only 2 (C) All Three (D) None

Answer: C (All three)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Drastically" sounds strong, but FPI volatility is common markets knowledge (COVID outflows, taper tantrums, Russia-Ukraine shocks). Easy to counter.

S2: "Less than 1% of GDP" looks like a specific number, but for India's ~3.5 trn scale it checks out.

S3: FEMA 1999 governs forex in India, FPI falls under it.

Each pressure word has a clean counter, so C (all three).

Q9. Consider the following statements in reference to the fertilizers sector in India:

1. Sulphur-coated Urea, also commonly called Neem-coated Urea will help in addressing the sulphur deficiency of the soil.
2. Fertilizer Flying Squads (FFS) was constituted to provide crop-wise recommendations of fertilizers for individual farms.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) Both 1 and 2 only (D) None

Answer: D (None)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Sulphur-coated urea, also commonly called Neem-coated Urea" is a conflation trap. Two different products with different coatings and different purposes.

S2: "Flying Squads" imply enforcement and inspection, not agronomic advisory. "Crop-wise recommendations for individual farms" is KVK or extension-worker territory, wrong fit for a squad.

Both statements are exposed by their trap phrasing, count is 0, giving D (None).

Q10. Consider the following statements:

1. International Financial Corporation is an organ of World Bank to finance private sector in developing countries.
2. ICIMOD - International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development is an inter-government knowledge and learning centre situated in Switzerland.
3. All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey is conducted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) every five years.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 only (D) All of the above

Answer: C (1 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: IFC is the World Bank Group's private-sector arm in developing countries.

S2: Factual. ICIMOD is headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal. "Mountain" in the name doesn't rule out Switzerland since the Alps are mountainous too, so no Sherlocking shortcut here.

S3: Rural banking is usually NABARD's mandate, RBI handles banking regulation.

Eliminate S3 on NABARD logic, cuts B and D. Left with A (1 and 2) vs C (1 only). S2 is factual: ICIMOD is in Kathmandu, Nepal, tied to the India-Nepal-Bhutan mountain work, rules S2 out and lands on C. If unsure on S2, it becomes a 50-50 between A and C.

Q11. Match the following List-I with List-II:

List-I: 1. Absolute Advantage 2. Theory of Big Push 3. Theory of low level Equilibrium trap 4. Balanced Growth Theory

List-II: a. Paul Rosenstein Rodan b. Adam Smith c. Richard R. Nelson d. Ragnar Nurkse

Choose the correct option:

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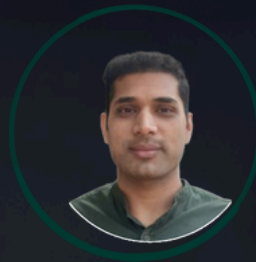
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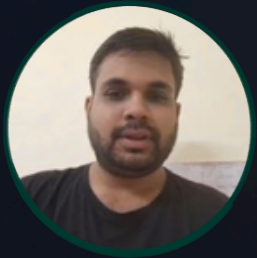
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- (A) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d (B) 1-b,2-a, 3-d, 4-c
 (C) 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d (D) 1-d,2-a, 3-c, 4-b

Answer: C (1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d)

Sherlocking Insight

Entire question is development economics niche. None of the four theory-economist pairings are reliable recall. Even Adam Smith vs Ricardo (Absolute vs Comparative Advantage) is not a confident distinction. Better left. Factually C.

Q12. Consider the following statements:

1. Gini Index is a graphical representaGon of the distribuGon of income or of wealth.
2. Higher the Gini Index, the greater the degree of income equality.
3. The value of Gini Index has increased amongst regular workers while it decreased among casual workers in India as per India Wage Report.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 and 3 (C) 3 only (D) All 1, 2 and 3

Answer: X (DROPPED)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Gini Index is a number/ratio. The graphical form is the Lorenz Curve. S1 is strictly false, though coaching material often blurs the two.

S2: Higher Gini means greater inequality, not equality. Straight swap, S2 is clearly wrong.

S3: India Wage Report specific claim on regular vs casual workers, factual and needs report-reading.

With S1 and S2 both false, the answer hangs entirely on S3. If S3 is true, C (3 only). If S3 also fails, the question has no option matching ("None" isn't listed). Commission likely dropped because S3's specific direction is disputed or not clearly attributable, leaving no defensible single answer.

Q13. Which of the following features are associated with Regur Soils in India?

1. It develops on crystalline igneous rocks as a result of intense leaching.
2. It is rich in Iron, Potash and Phosphoric contents.
3. It is typically found in north-west region of Deccan plateau and made up of lava flows.
4. It is rich in calcium carbonate, magnesium, potash and lime.

How many of the statements given above are correct:

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and3 only (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: C (3 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Regur forms from basaltic lava flows (Deccan Trap), not from crystalline igneous rocks via leaching. "Intense leaching" is a red-soil formation process. Two wrong hooks in one statement.

S2: Regur is poor in phosphorus, nitrogen, and organic matter. The "phosphoric" claim is the trap.

S3: Deccan plateau + lava flows is the classic Regur pairing.

S4: Calcium carbonate, magnesium, lime is familiar Regur chemistry.

S1 out cuts A (1 and 2) and D (1, 2 and 4). S2's phosphorus trap cuts B (2 and 3). Leaves C (3 and 4).

Q14. Which of the following characterisGcs is associated with red and yellow soils in India?

1. It develops on crystalline igneous rocks in area of heavy rainfall.
2. It develops a reddish colour due to diffusion of iron in crystalline and metamorphic rocks.
3. It develops yellow colour in hydrated forms.
4. It develops red and yellow colour due to iron and Sulphur in dry condiGons.

How many of the statements given above are correct:

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: B (2 and 3 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Heavy rainfall" is the trap. Heavy rainfall produces laterite soils through leaching, not red-yellow. Red-yellow soils form in low-to-moderate rainfall regions on the Deccan periphery.
 S2: Iron diffusion in crystalline and metamorphic rocks giving red colour is NCERT geography.
 S3: Hydrated form turning yellow fits basic iron-oxide chemistry (limonite-type hydration).
 S4: "Sulphur" is the trap. Red-yellow chemistry is about iron oxide, not sulphur. Also wrongly bundles red and yellow into one condition when they are dry vs hydrated states.
 S1 out cuts A (1 and 2) and D (1, 2 and 4). S4's sulphur trap cuts C (3 and 4). Leaves B (2 and 3).

Q15. Consider the following statement: There is a renewed thrust on production of Millet Crops. Which of the following statement(s) is/are attributable to Ragi Crop?

1. Ragi is rain-fed crop and mostly grows well in black soil.
2. Ragi grows well on red, black, sandy, loamy and shallow black soil.
3. It is crop of dry regions and rich in iron, calcium and roughage.
4. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Arunachal Pradesh are major ragi producing states.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 2, 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: B (2 and 3 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Mostly black soil" is the trap. Ragi grows across many soil types, so S2's broader list is the accurate picture and S1's narrow claim is wrong.
 S2: Broad soil list (red, black, sandy, loamy, shallow black) matches NCERT.
 S3: Iron, calcium, and roughage richness is Ragi's well-known nutrition profile.
 S4: Karnataka and Tamil Nadu fit the south-Indian ragi belt. Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Arunachal are neither regionally contiguous nor topographically similar (eastern plateau, arid west, eastern Himalayan respectively). Real producers near Karnataka-TN are Andhra, Odisha, Maharashtra.
 S1 wrong cuts A (1 and 3) and D (1, 3, 4), both carry S1. S4 wrong cuts C (2, 3, 4). Leaves B (2 and 3).

Q16. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Endangered Species b. Vulnerable Species c. Rare Species d. Extinct Species

List II: i. Desert sheep and hornbill ii. Blue Sheep iii. Lion Tailed Macaque iv. Pink headed duck

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii (B) a-iii, b-ii, c-i, d-iv
 (C) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-i, d-ii

Answer: B (a-iii, b-ii, c-i, d-iv)

Sherlocking Insight

Pink-headed duck is the iconic Indian extinct bird (last confirmed sighting 1949). That pins d-iv.
 Lion-tailed Macaque as Endangered (Western Ghats endemic) confirms a-iii.
 Pink-headed duck alone identifies B. Other pairings (Blue Sheep as Vulnerable, Desert sheep/hornbill as Rare) less commonly known.

Q17. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Iron ore Mines b. Copper Mines c. Bauxite Mines d. Mica Mines

List II: i. Balaghat ii. Amarkantak Plateau iii. Gua and Noamundi iv. Nellore

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) a-iii, b-ii, c-i, d-iv (B) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv
 (C) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv (D) a-i, b-iii, c-iv, d-ii

Answer: C (a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv)

Sherlocking Insight

Gua and Noamundi are well-known iron-ore sites in the Jharkhand belt. Pins a-iii.

Nellore (Andhra) is a known mica belt. Pins d-iv.

Both A and C carry a-iii and d-iv. The split is on Copper: Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) is the recognised copper site, giving b-i. Amarkantak Plateau is famously bauxite territory.

If any one of Gua-Noamundi, Nellore, Balaghat, or Amarkantak is recognised, you can navigate to C.

Q18. Consider the following statements:

1. Copper, Lead, Tin and Bauxite are non-ferrous minerals.
2. Manganese, Iron, Cobalt and Mica are ferrous minerals.
3. Potash, Marble and Granite are non-metallic minerals.
4. Nickel, Cobalt and Platinium are precious metals.

How many of the statements given above are correct:

- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 1 and 4 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: A (1 and 3 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Copper, Lead, Tin, Bauxite are classic non-ferrous minerals.

S2: "Mica" is the trap. Mica is a non-metallic mineral, not ferrous. Ferrous = iron-containing.

S3: Potash, Marble, Granite are all non-metallic, familiar classification.

S4: Nickel and Cobalt are base or strategic metals, not precious. Only Platinum qualifies as precious in that list.

S2 wrong cuts C (2 and 3) and D (2, 3, 4). S4 wrong cuts B (1 and 4) and D (already gone). Leaves A (1 and 3).

Q19. Consider the following statements:

1. Kandla port also known as Sardar Patel Port is a Gdal port.
2. Marmagao port is for the premier Iron ore export.
3. Chennai is one of the oldest arGficial ports of the country.
4. Paradwip port specializes in the export of Mica in the country.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer: B (2 and 3 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Kandla was renamed to Deendayal Port, not Sardar Patel. The tidal-port part is fine, but the alternate name is the trap.

S2: Marmagao (Goa) as the premier iron-ore exporting port is NCERT geography.

S3: Chennai (then Madras) as one of the oldest artificial harbours in the country fits NCERT.

S4: Paradip primarily exports iron ore and coal, not mica. Mica is the geographic trap (Paradip is Odisha coast, mica belts are inland Jharkhand or Andhra).

S1 wrong cuts A (1 and 3). S4 wrong cuts C (3 and 4) and D (2, 3, 4). Leaves B (2 and 3).

Q20. Consider the following statements relaGng to our Solar System:

1. Saptarishi forms part of constellaGon Big Bear.
2. Saptarishi forms part of the constellaGon Ursa Major.
3. Asteroids Belt lies between orbits of Mars and Earth.
4. The largest asteroid is Ceres.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: D (1, 2 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 and S2 are literally the same claim. Big Bear is the English name for Ursa Major (Great Bear). Both true.

S3: Asteroid belt sits between Mars and Jupiter, not Mars and Earth. Basic solar-system geography, trap.

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someone else.**

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has a strange way of coming back.*

S4: Ceres is the go-to answer for the largest asteroid (now also classified as a dwarf planet).
S3 wrong cuts B (2 and 3) and C (3 and 4). Between A (1 and 2 only) and D (1, 2, 4), S4 being true picks D.

Q21. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Shipki Lake b. Lipulekh c. Jelep La d. Burzil

List II: i. Kashmir ii. Himachal Pradesh iii. Utiarakhand iv. Sikkim

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-iii, b-ii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

(C) a-iii, b-ii, c-i, d-iv (D) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv

Answer: X (DROPPED)

Sherlocking Insight

All four are mountain passes: Shipki La (HP), Lipulekh (UK), Jelep La (Sikkim), Burzil (Kashmir). Maps to a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i = option B.

Question wrongly labels Shipki and Lipulekh as "Lake"; no such lakes exist. Mislabelling on two items.

Dropped for the Lake-vs-La error. Read as passes, B.

Q22. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Copper and Nickel b. Chromite and Platinium c. Phosphate d. Limestone

List II: i. South-Africa ii. Ontario iii. Caucasus iv. Algeria

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (B) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv

(C) a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i (D) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv

Answer: A (a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii)

Sherlocking Insight

Algeria for Phosphate is well known (North African phosphate belt, Morocco and Algeria are major world producers). Pins c-iv.

Algeria-Phosphate resolves A directly. Other pairings (Ontario for Copper-Nickel, South Africa for Chromite-Platinum, Caucasus for Limestone) confirm.

Q23. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Veld b. Pampas c. Campos d. Prairie

List II: i. Brazil ii. South-Africa iii. North-America iv. South-America

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (B) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii

(C) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i (D) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

Answer: D (a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii)

Sherlocking Insight

Prairie = North America (d-iii) is the most familiar school-geography pairing, narrows to A or D.

Pampas = South America (b-iv) picks D over A (A wrongly has Pampas = Brazil).

Q24. Consider the following statements:

Statement-I: The Jet Streams are the strong cores of upper-level westerly winds which follow a meandering path.

Statement-II: The term 'jet stream' was first applied to high velocity upper-level winds during World War-II.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

(A) Statement-I and Statement-II both are correct.

(B) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.

(C) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

(D) Statement-I and Statement-II both are incorrect.

Answer: A (Both correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 is NCERT-grade fact: jet streams are upper-level westerlies with a meandering path.

S2's WW-II origin of the term is plausible historical context (Allied bombers encountered these winds over Japan). Not obviously wrong.

S1 clearly true locks A or B. S2 reading as coherent tips to A.

Q25. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Mountain Breeze b. Chinook c. Simoom d. Sirocco

List II: i. Sahara Desert ii. KatabaGc iii. Snow Eater iv. AsiaGc and African Desert

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

(A) a-iii, b-ii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

(C) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv (D) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii

Answer: B (a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i)

Sherlocking Insight

Chinook is famously called "Snow Eater" (warm descending wind that melts snow on eastern slopes of the Rockies). That pins b-iii.

Chinook-Snow Eater gets you to B.

Q26. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Angel Falls b. Yosemite Falls c. Niagra Falls d. Victoria Falls

List II: i. Venezuela ii. California iii. South Africa iv. USA and Canada

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

(A) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii (B) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv

(C) a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-i, d-ii

Answer: A (a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii)

Sherlocking Insight

Niagara Falls straddling the USA-Canada border is universally known. Pins c-iv.

Niagara settles A. Angel Falls (Venezuela) and Victoria Falls (southern Africa) confirm.

Q27. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Bird Foot Delta b. Estuarine Delta c. Triple Delta d. Arcuate Delta

List II: i. Mackenzie ii. Mississippi iii. Mahanadi delta iv. Nile Delta

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

(A) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii (B) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv

(C) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Answer: B (a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv)

Sherlocking Insight

Mississippi as the canonical Bird Foot Delta. Pins a-ii.

Mississippi is the one pairing needed for B. Nile as the classic Arcuate Delta (d-iv also unique to B) confirms.

Q28. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The ancient Buddha (Bauddh) Stupa is situated on the west side of Brahmasarovar.

Statement II: The mound is spread over an area of approx. three acres. The height of the mound is about 4 m from the

surrounding ground level.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (D) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

Answer: B (Both correct but II not explanation for I)

Sherlocking Insight

Both statements are Haryana-specific archaeology (Brahmasarovar at Kurukshetra). Verifying both requires regional reading. Structural Sherlocking: S2 lists physical dimensions of the mound (3 acres, 4m height), S1 places it geographically (west of Brahmasarovar). Dimensions never explain geographical position, so even accepting both as true, S2 cannot be the explanation for S1.

Better left if you don't know the specifics. If accepted as true, B by the structural test (no explanatory link).

Q29. Consider the following pairs:

1. Aram-i-Kausar : Narnaul
2. Tomb of Sheikh Tayyab : Kaithal
3. Bhai ki Baoli : Meham (Rohtak)

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
- (C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

All three pairs are Haryana monument-location specifics, regional heritage reading needed.

Aram-i-Kausar at Narnaul (Shah Quli Khan complex) and Bhai ki Baoli at Meham (Rohtak) are the recognised pairings. Sheikh Tayyab's tomb is the disputed one, associated with a different town, not Kaithal.

Better left. Two correct plus one trap matches B.

Q30. Consider the following statements about Bhumia or Khera:

- I. It is the god of the homestead or the village.
- II. Bhumia is worshipped at the time of marriage.
- III. First milk of cow or buffalo is always offered to Bhumia.

How many of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
- (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: C (All three statements are correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Haryana folk-tradition specifics on Khera/Bhumia. Without regional cultural reading, hard to verify.

S1 (village/homestead deity) and S2 (worshipped at marriage) are general descriptions of Khera tradition.

S3's "always" looks like a trap word, but here it reflects the actual practice of offering first milk (khis) to the village deity. Not a trap.

Better left. All three are factually correct, giving C.

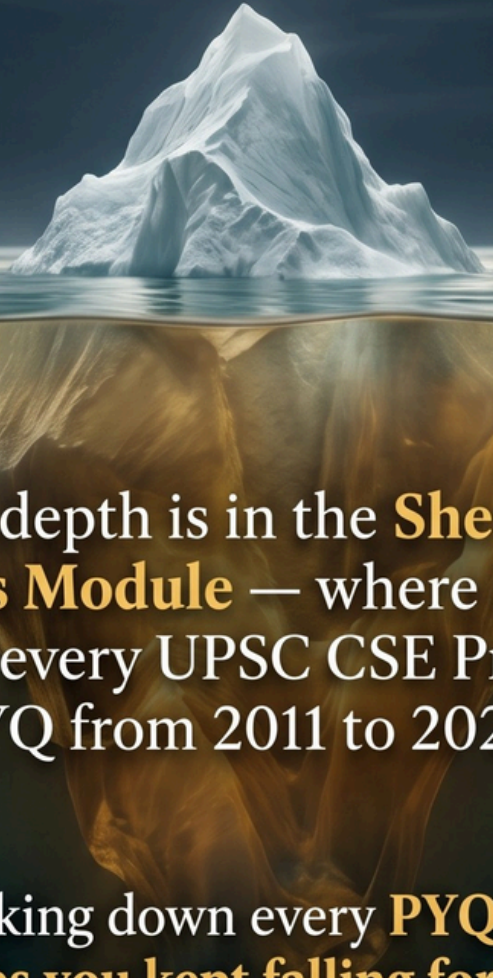
Q31. Match List I and List II:

List I: a. Ghethi b. Laggar c. Basan d. Nohra

List II: i. Milking animal ii. Outer house iii. Neck iv. Pitcher

Select the correct option from the following given options:

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 (C) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii (D) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

Answer: B (a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii)

Sherlocking Insight

All four are Haryana dialect terms, regional vocabulary, not commonly known.
 Faintest intuition: "Basan" echoes bartan (vessel) = c-iv. The other three pairings aren't derivable without Haryana dialect exposure.
 Better left. Factually B.

Q32. Consider the following statements:

1. The finest and the best preserved Baoli in Haryana is in Meham.
2. The coin moulds of the later Youdheyas of the third-fourth centuries A.D. have been found in large numbers from Rohtak.
3. An image of Karigkeya sipping in lalitasana on a peacock has been discovered from Khokrakot.

How many of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: C (All three statements are correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Haryana archaeology specifics. No real Sherlocking hook.
 Better left. Factually all three correct, giving C.

Q33. Consider the following Statements:

Arrange the following intangible cultural heritages in order of their year of induction into the UNESCO heritage list (Oldest to Newest):

1. Kalbelia
2. Buddhist Changan
3. Ramlila
4. Kumbh Mela
5. Nowruz

Choose the correct option from the following:

- (A) 3, 1, 2, 5, 4 (B) 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
 (C) 3, 4, 5, 2, 1 (D) 2, 1, 3, 4, 5

Answer: A (3, 1, 2, 5, 4)

Sherlocking Insight

Ramlila (UNESCO ICH 2008) is among the earliest Indian inductions, pins position 1 in the order = item 3 (Ramlila).
 Kumbh Mela (2017) is the most recent of the five, pins last position = item 4 (Kumbh).
 Only option A matches both anchors.

Q34. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: A raga is associated with a specific mood, time of the day and season. For every raga there are six female consorts called raginis.

Statement II: Ragamala paintings are pictorial interpretations of ragas and raginis.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct.
 (B) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect.
 (C) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
 (D) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.

Answer: A (Both Statement I and Statement II are correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Six raginis" is the numeric catch students often second-guess. In the classical raga-ragini tradition, six raginis per raga is the accepted framework (Ragamala painting series of $6 \times 6 = 36$ forms is built on exactly this count).

S2: Ragamala paintings as pictorial depictions of ragas and raginis is a well-known Mughal-Rajput art history pairing, and it directly reinforces the framework S1 describes.

Both read coherent together, giving A.

Q35. Consider the following statements:

1. Aditya-L1, a space observatory with 9 payloads designed to study the Sun.
2. The VELC will take image the Sun's atmosphere, the Corona at high resolution and Gm cadence.
3. Aditya -L1 carries an ultraviolet imager, 3 X-ray spectrometer and four in -situ instruments to measure plasma parameters.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: A (Only one statement is correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: 9 payloads wrong, Aditya-L1 has 7.

S2: broad claim on VELC imaging the Sun's corona, no specific numbers to dispute.

S3: 3 X-ray spectrometers and 4 in-situ wrong, actual numbers are 2 and 3.

Specific numbers in 1 and 3 are usual trap spots. 2 has none, clean, giving A.

Q36. Consider the following pairs:

1. CREST: Hosakote
2. Solar Observatory: Kodaikanal
3. Radio Observatory: Gauribidanur

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
 (C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Three Indian astronomy-facility locations, none commonly known to aspirants.

Better left. Factually all three correct, giving C.

Q37. Consider the following pairs:

1. Intelligent Waterbody Management Project : Tamara
2. AMRUT 2.0 : Preserving surface and ground water bodies
3. PLASHBOT : Diffuser Aerators for bioim of water bodies

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
 (C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

AMRUT 2.0 is urban water supply and sewerage, not water body preservation. Pair 2 is off.

Pairs 1 and 3 need specific project reading, no route in.

Better left if 1 and 3 are unfamiliar. Factually B.

Q38. Consider the following pairs:

1. Advika : Chickpea
2. Panchamrit : India's Climate Action Plan
3. Mission LiFE : Life Style in harmony with ecological well-being

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Panchamrit at COP26 climate commitments and Mission LiFE are current affairs staples, pairs 2 and 3 fit cleanly. Advika-Chickpea is not well known, pair 1 stays 50-50.

With pairs 2 and 3 familiar, answer is between B (two pairs) and C (all three). Factually C. Advika-Chickpea is the 50-50 call between B and C.

Q39. Consider the following pairs:

1. BHARAT: Agri Infra Fund
2. Longpi pottery: Chhattisgarh
3. Suler Bamboo Wind Flute: Manipur

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

Longpi sounds North-East, and is Manipur's GI-tagged black stone pottery. Chhattisgarh is wrong.

Pairs 1 (BHARAT: Agri Infra Fund) and 3 (Suler Bamboo Wind Flute) are unfamiliar.

Pair 2 wrong, others uncertain, giving A.

Q40. Consider the following statements related to free coaching scheme under the umbrella scheme 'SHREYAS':

1. It provides coaching of good quality for economically disadvantaged SCs, OBCs and Minorities.
2. The ceiling of total family income under the scheme is Rs 8 Lakhs per annum.
3. The ratio of SC and OBC students is 70: 30 and 30 percent seats are reserved for females in each category.
4. The ratio of SCs, OBCs and minority students have been fixed at 50 : 30 : 20.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2 and 3 only (B) 1, 2 and 4 only
(C) 2 and 3 only (D) 2 and 4 only

Answer: C (2 and 3 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 clubs SCs with "economically disadvantaged" framing. SC welfare is caste-based, not economic-disadvantage as primary filter. S1 off on the clubbing.

S3 and S4 claim contradictory ratios (70:30 SC:OBC vs 50:30:20 including Minority). Both can't hold. SHREYAS sits under Ministry of Social Justice which runs SC and OBC welfare, while Minority welfare is the Ministry of Minority Affairs' territory (Maulana Azad scholarship etc.). So S3's SC:OBC split is the valid one, S4's three-group ratio is off.

S2 (Rs 8 lakh income ceiling) is scheme-level detail.

S1 and S4 out cut A (1,2,3), B (1,2,4) and D (2,4). Leaves C.

Q41. Consider the following Statements related to Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY). It is intended to -

1. Provide access to financial and social services at an affordable cost.
2. Use of technology to lower cost and wider reach.

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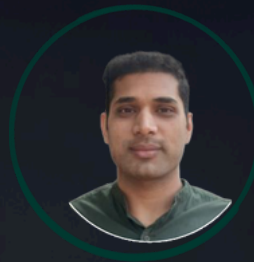
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How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 1 and 4 only
(C) 2 and 4 only (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: C (2 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S3 wrong. PMJDY BSBDA is zero minimum balance, Rs. 500 is off.

S4 fine. RuPay is the indigenous debit card.

Between S1 and S2: S2 (technology for lower cost, wider reach) is more generic. S1 adds "social services" alongside financial, which is outside PMJDY's scope.

S3 out, S2 over S1, giving C.

Q42. Considered the following statements:

1. Samudra Gupta's 'Vyagrashaili' postures reveal his conquest of the West.
2. The coins of the Ashoka era give us information about his 'governance system'.
3. On one of the seals of Satavahana King Shatakarni, a picture of a 'ship' is engraved, which is a symbol of his victory over the sea.
4. Information about Ashvamedha Yagya is found in the coins of Kumargupta's 'Ashvamedha style'.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: C (3 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S4: Gupta coins depicting Ashvamedha yagya is entirely coherent, Gupta coinage is known for carrying such info.

S3: Satavahanas were a coastal Deccan dynasty. Ship on Shatakarni's seal fits their maritime presence.

S2: Ashoka's governance info comes from edicts, not coins.

S4 and S3 coherent, S2 wrong cuts A, B, D. Leaves C.

Q43. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Abul Hasan al Hujwiri b. Kulikhan c. Jahanara d. Ameer Hassan Sijji Dehlavi

List II: i. Munis Al Akhaahii. Fawaid Al Fuad iii. Kashf ul Mahjub iv. Murakka-E-Delhi

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii
(C) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv (D) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii

Answer: D (a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii)

Sherlocking Insight

"Dehlavi" in Ameer Hassan Sijji Dehlavi tempts a connection to "Murakka-E-Delhi" (d-iv). But "Dehlavi" is just a nisba (place-surname), not a subject indicator. Murakka-E-Delhi was by Dargah Quli Khan. Following this name-trap leads to wrong answer.

Okay to take a dignified negative here, otherwise leave. Factually D.

Q44. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Dimun b. Makan c. Meluha d. Ur

List II: i. Sindh Area ii. Mesopotamian Port iii. Bahrain Island iv. Makran Coast (Balochistan)

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii
(C) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv (D) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii

Answer: D (a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii)

Sherlocking Insight

Meluha = Sindh/Indus Valley is the familiar IVC-era pairing. Pins c-i, narrows to C or D. Makan and Makran are phonetically near-identical. Pins b-iv, picks D over C.

Q45. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Nishad b. Charmakarc. Mchhuaaro d. Pukkus or Paulkus

List II: i. Karawar ii. Mehtariii.Kaiwart iv. Aakhetak

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii

(C) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv (D) a-i, b-iv, c-iii, d-ii

Answer: B (a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii)

Sherlocking Insight

Left side partially identifiable (Nishad=hunter, Machhuaaro=fisherman). Right side terms not identifiable enough for pairing. Better left. Factually B.

Q46. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Jogalthambi b. Devbarnak c. Devarashtra d. Paiadakal

List II: i. Nashik (Maharashtra) ii. Bijapur (Karnataka) iii. Vishakhapainam (Andhra Pradesh) iv. Shahabad (Bihar)

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-iv, b-i, c-iii, d-ii

(C) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv (D) a-i, b-iv, c-iii, d-ii

Answer: D (a-i, b-iv, c-iii, d-ii)

Sherlocking Insight

Pattadakal is the well-known UNESCO Chalukya temple site in Karnataka (Bijapur region). Pins d-ii, narrows to B or D. "Jogalthambi" sounds Marathi, fits the Nashik (Maharashtra) pairing. Pins a-i, picks D over B.

Q47. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: The Virupaksha temple was built in the sixteenth century.

Statement II: The pavilion in front of the Virupaksha temple was built during the time of Krishnadeva Rai.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) Both Statement I and Statement II are true.

(B) Both Statement I and Statement II are false.

(C) Statement I is correct but Statement II is false.

(D) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is true.

Answer: D (Statement I incorrect, Statement II true)

Sherlocking Insight

Virupaksha temple is older than Vijayanagara empire itself. Can't have been built in the 16th century. S1 wrong. Krishnadevaraya (Vijayanagara) adding the pavilion to an existing temple makes sense.

Q48. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: Bhakti saint Shankardev addressed 'Vaishnav Dharma' as 'Bhagwan Dharma'.

Statement II: Shankardev's main composition is Kirtanaghosh.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) Both Statement I and Statement II are true.

(B) Both Statement I and Statement II are false.

- (C) Statement I is correct but Statement II is false.
 (D) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is true.

Answer: A (Both true)

Sherlocking Insight

Both statements need specific Shankardev reading on their own. Q61 confirms S2 (Kirtanaghosh as Shankardeva's composition). Cuts B and C, leaves A vs D. S1 (Vaishnav Dharma called Bhagwati Dharma) reads generic enough to accept. Worth a punt on A. Factually A.

Q49. Consider the following statements:

1. The Puranas call the Satvahanas 'Andhrabhritya' and 'Andhrajatya'.
2. The history of Satvahanas is especially found in Vishnu and Bhagwat Purana.
3. Names of more than a hundred kings of Satvahanas are found in the Puranas.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: A (Only one correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Satavahana-specific Puranic references and dynastic details. No retainable route in. Better left. Factually A.

Q50. Consider the following statements:

1. Kabir Granthawali is related to Dadupanthies of Rajasthan.
2. Meera's teacher Raidas was a weaver.
3. Malik Mohammad Jayasi promoted the establishment of prayer halls like Namghar.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: A (Only one correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Bhakti saint-occupation and contribution pairings across multiple saints. Risky to attempt without confident recall. Better left. Factually A.

Q51. Consider the following statements:

1. The selecGon of the Vijayanagara site was inspired by the existence of the Virupaksha temple.
2. Vijayanagara was established near the Pampadevi temple.
3. 'Shri Pampay Namah' inscripGon has been found on the Vijaynagara coins.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Covered in Q47. Virupaksha and Pampadevi shrines inspired the site selection. Known.
 S2: "Hampi" derives from Pampadevi. The temple is right there in the sacred complex.
 S3: "Shri Pampay Namah" on coins is not something you'd carry into the hall. Unknowable without numismatics reading. S1 and S2 are accessible, S3 is a coin-inscription guess. 50-50 between B and C, worth a punt. Factually B.

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Q52. Consider the following pairs:

1. PraGhar King Bhoj : Gwalior InscripGon
2. Satavahana King Pulumavi : Nasik InscripGon
3. Hun King Toraman : Eran Varaha InscripGon

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Nasik + Satavahana is the most familiar link (Gautamiputra Satakarni's prasasti is the go-to, Pulumavi is his son, same site). Eran + Toramana and Gwalior + Pratihara Bhoj need specific inscription reading. Better left. Factually all three correct, giving C.

Q53. Consider the following pairs:

1. Mulfuzat : Conversations of Sufi Saints
2. Maktubat : Recollection of biographies of Sufi saints
3. Tazkiras : Compilation of written letters

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

"Maktub" means "written" in Arabic (common enough phrase, "it is written"). Maktubat = collection of written letters. Pair 2 calls it "biographies," which is wrong. That makes pair 3 wrong too: Tazkiras are biographical notices/memoirs, not letters. Pairs 2 and 3 are swapped. Pair 1 (Mulfuzat = conversations) is correct. Only one pair, giving A. If you know the maktub root, pairs 2 and 3 collapse and A falls out. Otherwise unfamiliar territory.

Q54. Consider the following pairs:

1. Dar-ul-Adal : Place of Justice
2. Balahar : Low class agricultural labourer
3. Malikut-Tujjar : Chief of traders

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

"Adal" echoes "Adalat" (court/justice in Hindi-Urdu). Dar-ul-Adal = House of Justice. Pair 1 checks out. "Malik" = chief/king is recognisable. "Tujjar" is not obvious, but "Chief of traders" as a role description reads plausible for a Sultanate post. Balahar is unfamiliar, no route in. Pair 1 is the most familiar, pair 3 half-recognisable, pair 2 a guess. Factually C.

Q55. Consider the following pairs:

1. Leader of the revolution in 1857 in Ahirwal (Haryana) : Rao Tularam
2. Leader of the revolution in 1857 in Faridabad (Haryana) : Dhanu Singh
3. Leader of the revolution in 1857 in Hansi (Haryana) : Imam Ali Qalandar

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Haryana-specific 1857 revolt leaders, factual. No route in. Better left. Factually B.

Q56. Consider the following statements:

1. In 1676, Shivaji crowned himself formally at Rajgarh.
2. The Karnataka expedition was the last major expedition of Shivaji.
3. In 1678, Shivaji campaigned against Karnataka and forced Qutb Shah to pay a subsidy of one lakh huns.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: A (Only one correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Coronation was at Raigad in 1674, not Rajgarh in 1676. Both fort and year are wrong.
S2: Karnataka expedition as last major campaign, correct.
S3: "Forced Qutb Shah" and year 1678 are both off, but this is niche Shivaji-Golconda detail.
S1 out on the Raigad fact. S3 uncertain. Between A and B. Factually A.

Q57. Consider the following pairs:

1. Nuh Sipihr : Amir Khusrau
2. Riyazul Insha : Mahmud Gawan
3. Burhan-i-Ma'asir : Rafiuddin Shirazi

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Amir Khusrau's name is familiar but he wrote many works, knowing which title maps to him is a different thing. Mahmud Gawan and Rafiuddin Shirazi are Deccan sultanate detail. Can't navigate without specific reading. Better left. Factually B.

Q58. Consider the following pairs:

1. Basawan : Akbar
2. Mir Saiyid Ali : Humayun
3. Daswant : Jahangir

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

The Humayun-Persian painters connection (Mir Saiyid Ali, Abd us-Samad founding the Mughal atelier) is in medieval India reading, but recalling the specific name is a stretch. Basawan and Daswant are both Akbar-era painters from Ain-i-Akbari, and a student who knows that might catch pair 3 putting Daswant under Jahangir instead. But that's a lot of "if you know." Not derivable. Factually B.

Q59. Consider the following pairs:

1. Rani DurgawaG : Gondwana
2. Chand Bibi : Ahmadnagar
3. Zuhra : Muhammad Shah

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Rani Durgawati and Chand Bibi are familiar names but the specific kingdom pairings need recall. Zuhra-Muhammad Shah is obscure. Not derivable.
Better left. Factually C.

Q60. Consider the following pairs:

1. Amir-i-Dad : Law officer who carried out the decisions of the judges
2. Turkan-i-Chahalgani : A group of forty
3. Barid-i-mamalik : Head of the information and intelligence department

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Turkan-i-Chahalgani = the Forty is the most familiar here (Iltutmish's forty nobles, broken by Balban).
Pairs 1 and 3 are Sultanate admin detail, can't verify in-exam.
Pair 2 is the most familiar, B vs C on the other two. Factually C.

Q61. Consider the following pairs:

1. Sur Das : Sur Sagar
2. Shankardeva : Kirtan Ghosh
3. Sant Tukaram : Abhangas

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: C (All three pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Sur Das-Sur Sagar and Tukaram-Abhangas are familiar pairings.
Shankardeva-Kirtan Ghosh connects to Q48 which covered the same fact. Cross-question coherence.
All three land. C.

Q62. Consider the following statements:

1. Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th guru of the Sikhs composed his verses mainly in Hindi (Braj Bhasha).
2. The play Niladarpan was written by Dinabandhu Mitra.
3. Anand Math contained the famous nationalist song 'Vande Mataram.'

How many of the statements given above are correct?

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- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: C (All three correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Niladarpan-Dinabandhu Mitra and Anand Math-Vande Mataram are familiar.
Guru Gobind Singh in Braj Bhasha goes against the Punjabi instinct but Dasam Granth is largely Braj Bhasha.
S2 and S3 known. S1 is the call between B and C. Factually C.

Q63. Consider the following statements:

1. James Mill was highly critical of Indian religion and culture.
2. William Bentinck announced in 1835, that Persian was abolished as the court language and was substituted by English.
3. Wood's Despatch led to the establishment of university at Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 and S2 are familiar modern India facts.
S3: Wood's Despatch led to universities at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, not Delhi. Delhi is the swap.
S3 wrong. B.

Q64. Consider the following statements:

1. The Indian National Army had fighting brigades in the name of Gandhi, Azad, and Subhash.
2. The slogans of the Indian National Army were 'Jai Hind' and 'Delhi Chalo.'
3. Rash Behari Bose was not associated with the Indian National Army.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1 and S2 are well-known INA facts.
S3 is plainly wrong. Rash Behari Bose founded the INA in 1942 before handing it to Subhas Chandra Bose.
S3 wrong. B.

Q65. Consider the following statements.

1. The election to the office of the President of India is held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of single non-transferable vote.
2. The value of the vote of each Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh is greater than the value of the vote of the MP from Goa.
3. Electors cannot use the provision of NOTA in the election of President.
4. The provisions of Anti-defection law are not applicable in Presidential election.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer: C (3 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Non-transferable" is the trap. Presidential election uses single TRANSFERABLE vote.
 S2: MP vote values are uniform across states, it's MLA votes that vary. S2 confuses the two.
 S3 and S4 are correct.
 S1 and S2 wrong. C.

Q66. Consider the following statements:

1. The writ, Mandamus can be issued against both Public Authorities and Private Individuals. 2. Mandamus can be issued to enforce a contractual obligation.
3. Mandamus cannot be issued against the Governor of a State.
4. Mandamus can be issued against a state to refund the tax collected unlawfully.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement (B) Two statements
 (C) Three statements (D) All four statements

Answer: B (Two statements)

Sherlocking Insight

S2: Mandamus doesn't enforce contracts, that's civil court territory. Out.
 S1: Mandamus is for public duty, not against private individuals generally. Out.
 S3: Governor has constitutional immunity from mandamus. Correct.
 S4: Refunding unlawfully collected tax is a public duty. Correct.
 S1 and S2 wrong. B.

Q67. Consider the following statements:

1. In order to form a new state in the Indian Union, the Parliament can amend the provisions of the Constitution with a Simple Majority.
2. To amend the provisions of Directive Principles of State Policy, the Parliament requires a Special Majority.
3. To amend Article 368 of the Constitution, the Parliament requires Special Majority along with the consent of half of the state legislatures.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: C (All three correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: New state formation is ordinary law, simple majority.
 S2: DPSPs need special majority, no state ratification. Correct.
 S3: Amending Article 368 itself needs special majority + half state ratification.
 All three are polity basics. C.

Q68. Consider the following pairs:

1. Establishment of standards of weight and measures : Union List
2. Adoption and succession : State List
3. Betting and gambling : Concurrent List

How many of the following pairs are correct?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
 (C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Weights and measures standards need national uniformity, Union List fits.
 S2: Adoption and succession is Concurrent, not State. Personal law matters sit in the Concurrent List.

S3: Betting and gambling is State List, not Concurrent. States regulate gambling individually (which is why laws differ across states).

S2 and S3 swapped their lists. Only S1 correct. A.

Q69. Consider the following statements:

1. Residuary subjects are the subjects that are not included in the three lists of the 7th schedule of the ConsGtuGon.
2. According to ArGcle 248, both the union Parliament and state legislatures can make laws on these subjects.
3. Space technology is an example of a residuary subject.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Definition of residuary subjects, correct.

S2: "Both Union Parliament and state legislatures" is the trap. Residuary power under Article 248 belongs to Parliament alone. The whole point of residuary power is central exclusivity.

S3: Space technology is not in any list, straightforward residuary example.

S2 wrong. B.

Q70. Match List I with List II in reference to ConsGtuGon of India:

List I: a. ArGcle 263 b. ArGcle 226 c. ArGcle 239 d. ArGcle 280

List II: i. Finance Commission ii. High Court iii. Inter-state Council iv. Union Territory

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

- (A) a-iii, b-ii, c-iv, d-i (B) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv
(C) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv (D) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i

Answer: A (a-iii, b-ii, c-iv, d-i)

Sherlocking Insight

Article 226 = High Court writ jurisdiction is the most familiar. Pins b-ii, narrows to A or C.

Article 280 = Finance Commission. Pins d-i, picks A over C.

Two known pairings give A.

Q71. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. Second Schedule of Indian ConsGtuGon b. Fifth Schedule of Indian ConsGtuGon c. Ninth Schedule of Indian ConsGtuGon d. Tenth Schedule of Indian ConsGtuGon

List II: i. AdministraGon of Scheduled Areas ii. Comptroller & Auditor General iii. AnG-defecGon laws iv. Land Reform Laws

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

- (A) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii (B) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv
(C) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Answer: C (a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii)

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Tenth Schedule = Anti-defection. Pins d-iii.

Ninth Schedule = Land reform laws, created to shield them from judicial review. Pins c-iv.

Both together give C.

Q72. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. OperaGon Ganga b. OperaGon Cactus c. OperaGon Maitri d. OperaGon Kaveri

List II: i. Ukraine EvacuaGon Mission ii. Relief and rescue in Nepal iii. Neutralizing aiempted Coup in Maldives iv. Sudan

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Choose the Correct Answer from the opGons given below:

- (A) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv (B) a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv
 (C) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Answer: B (a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv)

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Operation Ganga = Ukraine evacuation (2022). Pins a-i.
 Operation Kaveri = Sudan evacuation (2023). Pins d-iv. Together give B.

Q73. Consider the following statements:

1. Public Interest LiGgaGon is a legal acGon iniGated in a court of law for the enforcement of public interest.
2. PIL has reinforced the principle of locus standi.
3. Both ciGzens and organizaGons can file a PIL.
4. Supreme Court under ArGcle 32 and High Courts under ArGcle 226 of the ConsGtuGon of India can entertain PILs.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only
 (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: D (1, 3 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

S2: "Reinforced" locus standi is the opposite of what PIL did. PIL relaxed locus standi so anyone acting in public interest can approach the court.
 S1, S3, S4 are straightforward.
 S2 wrong. D.

Q74. Consider the following statements:

1. Privy purse referred to a specific sum of money that was payable annually to rulers of former princely states that signed the Instrument of Accession.
2. The payment of privy purse was a consGtuGonal obligaGon before 42nd Amendment.
3. The aboliGon of Privy Purse was jusGfied on the ground that it stood against the principle of egalitarianism enshrined in the ConsGtuGon.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S2: Privy purse was abolished by the 26th Amendment (1971), not the 42nd (1976). Wrong amendment number.
 S1 and S3 read coherent. S3's egalitarianism justification is the familiar reason given.
 S2 wrong. B.

Q75. Consider the following statements:

1. Parliament can legislate on maiers enumerated in the State List if two or more state legislatures pass resoluGons requesGng the Parliament to enact such laws.
2. A law so enacted will be equally applicable to all the states, irrespecGve of whether they passed such a resoluGon or not.
3. Such a law can be amended or repealed only by the Parliament.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
 (C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S2: "Equally applicable to all states irrespective" is wrong. The law under Article 252 applies only to states that passed the resolution. That's the whole point of the resolution mechanism.

S1 and S3 are straightforward.

S2 wrong. B.

Q76. Match List I with List II:

List I: a. 26th ConsGtuGonal Amendment b. 52nd ConsGtuGonal Amendment c. 86th ConsGtuGonal Amendment d. 103rd ConsGtuGonal Amendment

List II: i. ReservaGon for EWS ii. EducaGon as fundamental right iii. AboliGon of Privy Purse iv. AnG defecGon law

Choose the correct answer from the opGons given below:

(A) a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i (B) a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv

(C) a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii (D) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i

Answer: A (a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i)

Sherlocking Insight

26th Amendment = Privy Purse abolition, same fact as Q74. Pins a-iii.

86th Amendment = Right to Education as fundamental right. Pins c-ii.

Both give A directly.

Q77. Consider the followingpairs:

1. Consolidated Fund of India:Payment from the fund can be made without Parliamentary appropriaGon.
2. ConGgency Fund of India:Held by Finance Secretary on behalf of the President of India.
3. Public Account of India:ExecuGve requires Parliamentary approval to withdraw money from this account.

How many of the above pairsare correct?

(A) Only one pair (B) Onlytwopairs

(C) All three pairs (D) Noneofthe pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Consolidated Fund needs Parliamentary appropriation for every payment. "Without" is plainly wrong.

S3: Public Account is the one that doesn't need Parliamentary appropriation (provident funds, small savings etc. are paid out without appropriation). S3 inverts this.

S1 and S3 wrong. A by elimination.

Q78. Consider the followingpairs:

1. Equal JusGce and Free LegalAid : ArGcle 36 of ConsGtuGon
2. PromoGon of CooperaGveSocieGes : ArGcle 43B of ConsGtuGon
3. ParGcipaGon of WorkersinManagement of Industries : ArGcle 43A of ConsGtuGon

How many of the above pairsare correctly matched?

(A) Only one pair (B) Onlytwopairs

(C) All three pairs (D) Noneofthe pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Pair 1: Article 36 is just the definition clause for DPSPs ("State" means...). Equal Justice and Free Legal Aid is Article 39A. Wrong article number.

Pairs 2 and 3: 43B (Cooperatives) and 43A (Workers in management) are familiar.

Pair 1 wrong. B.

Q79. Consider the following pairs:

1. Right to adequate means of livelihood : Article 39(a) of the Constitution
2. Equal pay for equal work for both men and women : Article 39(e) of the Constitution
3. Right to work, education and public assistance : Article 41 of the Constitution

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

Article 39 sub-clause distinctions (39a vs 39d vs 39e) are not something you'd carry into the hall. Can't verify which sub-clause maps to which right.
Better left. Factually B.

Q80. Consider the following pairs:

1. Educational and economic interests of weaker sections : Article 45 of the Constitution
2. Educational and economic interest of SCs & STs : Article 46 of the Constitution
3. Organisation of agriculture and animal husbandry : Article 47 of the Constitution

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

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Pair 1: Article 45 is early childhood care/education (post-86th Amendment), not "weaker sections." That's Article 46.
Pair 3: Article 47 is nutrition and public health, not agriculture and animal husbandry (that's Article 48). Off by one.
Pairs 1 and 3 have the wrong article numbers (off by one each). Only pair 2 correct. A.

Q81. Consider the following pairs:

1. The Vice-President of India: Article 62 of the Constitution
2. Election of Vice President: Article 65 of the Constitution
3. Terms of office of President: Article 59 of the Constitution

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: D (None of the pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

All three article numbers are off. Article 62 is about filling presidential vacancy, not VP. Article 65 is VP acting as President, not election of VP. Article 59 is conditions of President's office, not term.
Unless you've memorised the exact article numbers in the 56-66 range, can't verify. All three are neighbouring articles being swapped.
Better left. Factually D.

Q82. Consider the following pairs:

1. Enlargement of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court : Article 138A of the Constitution of India.
2. Conferment on the Supreme Court of powers to issue certain writs : Article 139A of the Constitution of India.
3. Civil and judicial authority to act in aid of the Supreme Court : Article 144A of the Constitution of India.

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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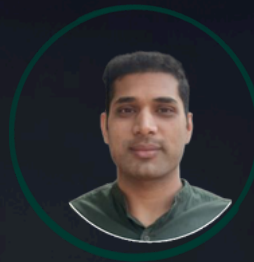
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- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: D (None of the pairs)

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All three articles have a fake "A" suffix. The real ones are 138, 139, and 144. No "A" variants exist for these. Better left. Factually D.

Q83. Consider the following pairs:

1. Dengue : Caused by mosquito and spreads through blood
2. Typhoid : Caused by bacteria and spreads through water
3. Ringworm : Caused by fungus and spreads through worms

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

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S3: "Ringworm" is a name-trap. It's a fungal infection, no worm involved. "Spreads through worms" is wrong.
S1: Dengue is transmitted by mosquito bite, not "through blood." Blood-borne transmission is HIV/Hepatitis territory.
S2: Typhoid = bacteria + water. Clean.
S1 and S3 out. A.

Q84. Consider the following statements regarding diabetes:

1. It is caused by the oversecretion of insulin by pancreas.
2. The glucose level increases in the blood.
3. The patient urinates frequently, loses weight and becomes lethargic.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: "Oversecretion" of insulin is the trap. Diabetes is the opposite, insufficient insulin or insulin resistance. Basic biology.
S2 and S3 are textbook diabetes symptoms.
S1 wrong. B.

Q85. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The blood arteries have thick and rigid walls.

Statement II: Arteries carry oxygen-rich blood from heart to various body organs under high pressure.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
(B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
(C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
(D) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

Answer: D (S1 incorrect, S2 correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Arteries have thick walls, yes, but "rigid" is wrong. Arteries are elastic to handle the pulsating blood pressure.
S2: Arteries carry oxygenated blood under high pressure. Correct.
S1 wrong on "rigid." D.

Q86. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: Hydrogen is considered as a clean automobile fuel for future.

Statement II: Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (D) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

Answer: B (Both correct, S2 not explanation for S1)

Sherlocking Insight

Both statements are true. The structural test: abundance doesn't explain why something is "clean." Hydrogen is clean because combustion produces only water. Being abundant in the universe is irrelevant to its cleanliness as a fuel. B by the structural test.

Q87. Consider the following pairs:

1. Ginning : Separation of cotton fibres from seeds
2. Weaving : Making yarn from fibres
3. Polyester : Melting and sticking to the body

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
- (C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

S2: Weaving makes fabric from yarn, not yarn from fibres. That's spinning.
 S3: Polyester melting and sticking to the body on fire is known.
 S1: Ginning = cotton fibres from seeds (cotton gin, NCERT science). 50-50 on recall.
 S2 wrong, S3 known. B.

Q88. Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The effect of ant bite can be neutralised by rubbing calamine solution.

Statement II: Calamine solution contains zinc carbonate which is basic in nature.

In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct but Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I.
- (C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect.
- (D) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct.

Answer: A (Both correct, S2 explains S1)

Sherlocking Insight

Both read coherent. S2 (calamine is basic) directly explains S1 (neutralises the bite), since bites are acidic and bases neutralise acids. The explanatory link is clear.
 A.

Q89. Consider the following pairs:

1. Plane mirror : Image of the same size as the object
2. Concave mirror : Rear view mirror in a vehicle
3. Convex mirror : Dentist

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

S₂ and S₃ are swapped. Rear view mirror = convex (wider field of view). Dentist = concave (magnifies).
S₁: Plane mirror = same size. Correct.
S₂ and S₃ out. A.

Q90. Consider the following pairs:

1. Quick lime : Manufacture of Cement
2. Slaked lime : Preparation of Soap
3. Plaster of Paris : Making Toys

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair (B) Only two pairs
(C) All three pairs (D) None of the pairs

Answer: B (Only two pairs)

Sherlocking Insight

S₂: Soap uses caustic soda (NaOH), not slaked lime. Slaked lime is for whitewashing. Most accessible elimination.
S₁ (quick lime in cement) and S₃ (plaster of Paris for toys) are NCERT science but 50-50 on recall.
S₂ wrong. B.

Q91. Take few drops of onion juice, dilute vanilla essence and clove oil in three different test tubes and consider the following statements:

1. The characteristic smell of onion vanishes upon addition of NaOH, however it persists with HCl.
2. The characteristic smell of vanilla is lost upon addition of HCl, however it persists with NaOH.
3. The characteristic smell of clove oil is lost upon addition of NaOH in it.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

How different smells react with NaOH vs HCl is niche chemistry. Not retainable.
Better left. Actually B.

Q92. Consider the following statements:

1. When pH of rain water lies in the range of 6 to 7, it is called acid rain.
2. Tooth enamel starts to corrode when pH of mouth is greater than 7.
3. Under acidic conditions farmers would treat the soil with quick lime.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement (B) Only two statements
(C) All three statements (D) None of the statements

Answer: A (Only one correct)

Sherlocking Insight

S₁: Acid rain is pH below 5.6. 6-7 is nearly neutral, not acid rain.
S₂: Tooth enamel corrodes in acidic conditions (below 5.5), not above 7. "Greater than 7" means basic, which is the opposite.

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S3: Acidic soil treated with quick lime (a base) to neutralise. Correct.
S1 and S2 get the acid-base direction wrong. A.

Q93. Consider the following statements:

1. Alkali is a base that dissolve in water.
2. $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ is not an example of alkali.
3. DissoluGon of a base in water is an exothermic process.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Only one statement is correct. (B) Only two statements are correct.
(C) All three statements are correct. (D) None of the statements is correct.

Answer: B (Only two correct)

Sherlocking Insight

Niche school chemistry. Not retainable.
Better left. Factually B.

Q94. Consider the following pairs:

1. Acid let by bee sGng of honey bee : HCl
2. Atmosphere of Venus : H_2SO_4
3. Antacid : Methanoic Acid

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- (A) Only one pair is correct. (B) Only two pairs are correct.
(C) All three pairs are correct. (D) None of the pairs is correct.

Answer: A (Only one pair)

Sherlocking Insight

S1: Bee sting is definitely not HCl. Wrong.
S3: Antacid is a base, not an acid. Pairing it with methanoic acid makes no sense.
S2: Venus + H_2SO_4 is 50-50 on recall.
S1 and S3 out, only S2 left. A regardless of whether you know the Venus fact.

Q95. Consider the following statements:

Touching a flame is an urgent and dangerous situaGon and we drag our hands involuntarily. This fast reacGon is aiributable to which of the following structures of the nervous system?

1. Spinal Cord
2. Motor Neuron
3. Brain
4. Sensory neuron

How many of the statementgiven above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (B) 1 and 2only
(C) 1, 2 and 4 only (D) 2,3and 4 only

Answer: C (1, 2 and 4 only)

Sherlocking Insight

Reflex action bypasses the brain, goes through the spinal cord. That's why it's involuntary and fast. Brain (S3) is out.
Spinal cord, motor neuron, sensory neuron are all part of the reflex arc.
S3 out. C.

Q96. Consider the following statements:

Which of the following functions is/are influenced by adrenalin?

1. Increase the heart beat
2. More Oxygen supply to muscles.
3. Increased supply of blood to the digestive system.
4. Breathing rate declines.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3 only (D) 1 only

Answer: B (1 and 2 only)

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Fight or flight response. Heart rate up (S1), oxygen to muscles up (S2). Both fit.
S3: Blood goes AWAY from digestion during fight or flight, not towards it. Opposite.
S4: Breathing rate increases, not declines. Opposite.
S3 and S4 are inverted. B.

Q97. Consider the following statements:

Anaerobic breakdown of glucose in cells results in formation of which of the following compounds?

1. Ethanol
2. Lactic Acid
3. Carbon dioxide
4. ATP

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3 only (D) 2 and 3 only

Answer: A (All four)

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Not retainable without biology revision. Ethanol and lactic acid as fermentation products are the most familiar, CO₂ and ATP less obvious. No clean elimination path.
Better left. Factually A.

Q98. Consider the following statements:

During Urine formation which of the following substances are selectively reabsorbed from the initial filtrate?

1. Glucose
2. Amino Acid
3. Salts
4. Water

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (B) 3 and 4 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3 only (D) 4 only

Answer: A (All four)

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Niche biology. Not retainable.
Better left. Factually A.

Q99. Consider the following statements:

Which of the following plant hormones helps in promoting growth in plants?

1. Auxins
2. Gibberellins
3. Cytokinins
4. Abscisic Acid

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (B) 1, 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 2 only (D) 1 only

Answer: B (1, 2 and 3 only)

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Plant hormone specifics. Not retainable.
Better left. Factually B.

Q100. Consider the following statements:

Statements-1: The length of the small intestine differs in various animals depending on the food they eat.

Statement-2: Herbivores need a longer small intestine to allow the cellulose to be digested.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (A) Both Statements are correct.
(B) Statement 1 is correct but Statement 2 is incorrect.
(C) Statement 1 is incorrect but Statement 2 is correct.
(D) Both statements are incorrect.

Answer: A (Both correct)

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Both read coherent. S2 (longer intestine for cellulose) explains S1 (length varies by diet). The explanatory link is clear even without specific biology recall.

A.

Maps expire.
The compass doesn't.
That's Sherlocking.
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All the Best!



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**Warm regards,
Neil Sir & the Unlock IAS Team**

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