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TEST BOOKLET

**Subject : Test 15 – INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**Question Paper**



**Time Allowed : Two Hours**  
**Marks : 200**

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5. You have to mark all your responses ONLY on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.

6. All items carry equal marks

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(iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

1. With reference to Somaliland, consider the following statements:

1. Somaliland has been internationally recognised by the United Nations as a sovereign state.
2. It is located along the Gulf of Aden in the Horn of Africa.
3. Berbera Port is strategically significant for landlocked Ethiopia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

2. With reference to the United States military operation in Venezuela (2026), consider the following statements:

1. The operation resulted in the capture of President Nicolás Maduro and his wife.
2. The United States obtained explicit authorization from the United Nations Security Council for its military action.
3. The operation was conducted under the name Operation Absolute Resolve.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

3. With reference to Head of State immunity under international law, consider the following statements:

1. A sitting head of state enjoys absolute immunity from foreign criminal jurisdiction under customary international law.
2. The International Criminal Court can prosecute a sitting head of state without regard to immunity under domestic or foreign law.
3. Functional immunity continues to protect former leaders for all acts performed during their tenures.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

4. With reference to India–U.S. institutional collaborations, consider the following statements:

1. INDUS-X focuses on co-development and co-production in defence technologies.
2. The TRUST Framework upgraded the iCET to strengthen cooperation in semiconductors and AI.
3. SeaVision integration enhances India's maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. With reference to recent U.S. withdrawals from international bodies, consider the following statements:

1. The U.S. has proposed withdrawal from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
2. UNCTAD focuses on trade and development issues of developing countries.
3. The International Solar Alliance is a UN-affiliated body headquartered in New York.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

6. With reference to Socotra Island, consider the following statements:

1. It is located near the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait in the north-west Indian Ocean.
2. It is part of Oman and lies west of the Horn of Africa.
3. It is recognised as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a Ramsar Site.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

7. With reference to grasslands and climate policy, consider the following statements:

1. Grasslands store a majority of their carbon in above-ground biomass.
2. The United Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.
3. India's climate plans currently under NDCs largely focus on forests over grasslands.

Which of the given above are correct?

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

8. Which of the following best explains Greenland's exceptional mineral and hydrocarbon wealth?

- a) Exclusive volcanic origin
- b) Only sedimentary basin formation
- c) Convergence of mountain building, rifting, and volcanism
- d) Continuous glaciation preventing erosion

9. The proposed Gaza 'Board of Peace' primarily aims to:

- a) Monitor ceasefire violations through UN peacekeepers
- b) Supervise elections in Gaza immediately after the war
- c) Manage post-war governance transition and coordinate reconstruction funding
- d) Replace the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

10. With reference to the High Seas Treaty (BBNJ), consider the following statements:

1. It is the first legally binding agreement focused on biodiversity conservation in areas beyond national jurisdiction.
2. It enables the creation of Marine Protected Areas in the high seas.
3. It regulates oil and gas exploration within the Exclusive Economic Zones of countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

11. With reference to 'small tables diplomacy', consider the following statements:

1. It prioritises flexible coalitions over universal consensus-based forums.
2. It limits India's ability to shape global norms due to smaller participation.
3. It can help India de-risk trade and supply chains.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

12. The Chagos Archipelago was detached from Mauritius in 1965 primarily to:

- A. Establish an independent state free from colonial rule
- B. Create a strategic airport to support Indian Ocean trade
- C. Form British Indian Ocean Territory for military purposes
- D. Support regional anti-piracy operations

13. With reference to the 'Carney Doctrine', consider the following statements:

1. It advocates a third path for middle powers outside rigid U.S.-China alignment.
2. It supports economic diversification to reduce dependency leverage.
3. It endorses isolationism as the safest route to preserve sovereignty.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

14. With reference to Antarctica and polar governance, consider the following statements:

1. The Antarctic Treaty allows mineral mining for commercial purposes under national laws.
2. National laws are a key instrument through which states implement obligations under the Antarctic Treaty System.
3. India's Antarctic activities are regulated domestically under the Indian Antarctic Act, 2022.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

15. Consider the following events and match them correctly:

Event	Country
A. Camp Viking	1. Norway
B. Ream Naval Base	2. Cambodia
C. Redzikowo Missile Site	3. Poland
D. Santa Ana EDCA Site	4. Philippines

Choose the correct match:

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

16. Which of the following statements correctly differentiates between QUAD, AUKUS, and IPEF?

1. QUAD is a strategic dialogue focusing on security and non-military cooperation, while AUKUS is a military technology-sharing pact.
2. IPEF includes a legally binding free trade agreement among its members.
3. AUKUS aims to provide nuclearpowered submarines to Australia, while IPEF focuses on clean economy and digital trade.
4. India is a member of both QUAD and IPEF, but not of AUKUS.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

17. Which of the following countries border Mediterranean sea

1. Spain
2. France
3. Italy
4. Egypt

Select the answer from the codes given below

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

18. Which of the following rebel groups are matched correctly with reference to the country

1. Houthi rebels – Palestine
2. Hamas rebels – Yemen
3. Taliban rebels – Afghanistan
4. Kurds – Iran & Iraq

Select the answer from the below codes

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

19. Salar de Uyuni (Bolivia) is recently in news for

- a) the largest Lithium deposit
- b) protest against the metro taxation
- c) first place to make all type of public transport free
- d) world frequent volcanic eruption

20. Match the following pairs:

Conflict Zone	Country	Description
A. El Geneina	1. Sudan	i. Captured by RSF in April 2023, severe violence
B. Paramaribo	2. Suriname	ii. Protests against rising living expenses
C. Paktika Province	3. Afghanistan	iii. Pakistani airstrikes increased tensions
D. Port of Berbera	4. Somaliland	iv. MoU with Ethiopia caused Somalia's diplomatic concern

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21. With reference to recent developments in global geopolitics, consider the following statements:

1. Ethiopia recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Somaliland to access the port of Berbera, prompting diplomatic tension with Somalia.
2. The Republic of Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, ceased to exist after Azerbaijan launched a military offensive.
3. Transnistria, a breakaway region of Moldova, has been officially recognized by the United Nations.
4. The city of Lysychansk is situated near the strategic Snake Island in the Black Sea and has been the site of Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

22. Which of the following regions has recently seen a constitutional suspension due to military coups or political crises?

1. Niger
2. Kuwait
3. Tunisia
4. Switzerland

Choose from the below options

- (a) 1 and 2 only
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24. Consider the following lakes known for their limnic eruptions or potential to release CO<sub>2</sub> suddenly ("exploding lakes"):

1. Lake Nyos
2. Lake Kivu
3. Lake Victoria
4. Lake Ngozi

Which of the above are scientifically recognized as dangerous "exploding lakes"?

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

25. Which of the following cities was the first district-level capital captured by resistance forces in Myanmar during Operation 1027?

- (a) Myitkyina
- (b) Sagaing
- (c) Kawlin
- (d) Sittwe

26. Which port city in Mozambique has been a strategic stronghold of Islamist insurgents due to offshore gas reserves?

- (a) Beira
- (b) Nacala
- (c) Maputo
- (d) Mocímboa da Praia

27. Which of the following cities in Sudan is located in North Kordofan and saw a prolonged siege by RSF lifted in February 2025?

- (a) El Fasher
- (b) El Obeid
- (c) Babanusa
- (d) Wad Madani

28. With reference to global refugee settlements, consider the following statements:

1. Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site is the world's largest refugee camp by population.

2. Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Uganda hosts primarily Syrian refugees.

3. Moria Refugee Camp in Greece was destroyed by fire in 2020 after exceeding its capacity.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

29. With reference to the UK–Rwanda asylum agreement, consider the following statements:

1. Under the deal, the UK plans to send certain asylum seekers to Rwanda for processing and potential resettlement.

2. The agreement has been ruled fully constitutional by the UK Supreme Court.

3. The policy has drawn criticism from human rights organizations and international bodies.

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- d) world frequent volcanic eruption

34. Consider the following statements:

1. The Groningen gas field in the Netherlands is being shut down due to concerns about seismic activity.

2. Lake Kivu, located in Tanzania, is one of the "exploding lakes" identified due to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Earth's mantle.

3. Lake Nyos in Cameroon is a known site of CO<sub>2</sub>-related lake explosions.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

36. Which of the following countries recently withdrew from OPEC?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Libya
- (c) Angola
- (d) Algeria

37. Which of the following countries had constitutional suspensions or dissolutions of parliament in 2024–25?

1. Syria
2. Gabon
3. Kuwait
4. Tunisia

Select the answer from the below options

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

38. Which of the following countries faced economic crisis due to winding down of a dual-currency system?

- (a) Cuba
- (b) Syria
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Myanmar

39. Match the following rebel groups with the country they are active in:

Group	Country
A. Fano	1. Ethiopia
B. Arakan Army (AA)	2. Myanmar
C. SPLM–North	3. Sudan
D. M23 Rebels	4. DR Congo

Choose the correct match:

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

40. Which of the following regions is the strategic exclave of Azerbaijan bordering Armenia, Iran, and Turkey?

- (a) Lachin Corridor
- (b) Syunik Province
- (c) Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic
- (d) Zangezur Corridor

41. Which of the following countries announced suspension of contributions or withdrawal from major international organizations like WHO, UNHRC, and UNESCO in recent years?

- (a) Russia
- (b) United States
- (c) India
- (d) Iran

42. Which of the following pipeline projects is designed to transport oil or gas across multiple West African countries into Europe?

- (a) Nord Stream 2
- (b) EastMed Gas Pipeline
- (c) West African Gas Pipeline Extension
- (d) Trans-Mediterranean Gas Pipeline

43. In which of the following regions did an earthquake occur in 2025, compounding an already tense political and resistance environment?

- (a) Kachin State, Myanmar
- (b) Mandalay Region, Myanmar
- (c) Shan State, Myanmar
- (d) Chin State, Myanmar

44. With reference to the AUKUS security partnership, consider the following statements:

1. AUKUS is a trilateral defense alliance between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

2. One of the key components of AUKUS is to provide Australia with nuclearpowered submarines.

3. AUKUS replaces the existing Five Eyes intelligence-sharing alliance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

45. Interbank Local Currency Credit Line Agreement in news is associated with

- a) BIMSTEC
- b) BRICS
- c) IMF
- d) ADB

46. Recently 5 Littoral states signed a *Convention on Legal Status of Caspian Sea* which of the following country is not part of Littoral state in Caspian sea

- 1. Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan,
- 2. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan
- 3. Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan
- 4. Uzbekistan and Ukraine

Select the answer from the below codes

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

47. Which of the following countries share boundary with all the South American country except Ecuador?

- a) Argentina
- b) Venezuela
- c) Brazil
- d) Colombia

48. Although Amazon rainforest (lungs of the planet) is spread across Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.

However the large part of it spread across four countries. Arrange the following four in the descending order of Amazon forest area

- a) Brazil -- Peru -- Columbia -- Venezeula
- b) Brazil -- Venezeula -- Columbia -- Peru
- c) Venezeula -- Brazil -- Peru -- Columbia
- d) Peru -- Columbia -- Venezeula -- Brazil

49. Which of the following correctly explains the significance of Snake Island in the Russia-Ukraine war?

- (a) It is a large oil-producing island in Crimea.
- (b) It hosts Ukraine's only aircraft carrier base.
- (c) It is strategically located in the Black Sea and defines territorial waters.
- (d) It was the launch site for NATO operations.

50. Consider the following statements about recent insurgencies:

1. The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has targeted Pakistani military and paramilitary forces.

2. The M23 rebel group in DR Congo is reportedly backed by Uganda.

3. The Arakan Army in Myanmar seeks greater autonomy for the Rakhine people.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

51. The Galápagos yellow warbler was recently studied for its reaction to:

- (a) Illegal fishing
- (b) Oil spills
- (c) Plastic ingestion
- (d) Traffic noise

52. Consider the following disputed maritime areas and their respective countries:

Disputed Area	Countries Involved
1. South China Sea	China and Philippines
2. Second Thomas Shoal	Philippines and China
3. Berbera Port Access	Ethiopia and Somaliland
4. Strait of Hormuz	Iran and Qatar

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched?

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

53. Which pipeline project is also known as Petroline and connects Abqaiq to the Red Sea port of Yanbu?

- (a) Sumed Pipeline
- (b) East-West Crude Oil Pipeline
- (c) TAP Pipeline
- (d) TransMed Pipeline

54. Which of the following cities was the scene of a violent jailbreak in DR Congo in 2024, leading to over 120 deaths?

- (a) Kananga
- (b) Kinshasa
- (c) Bukavu
- (d) Bunia

55. Which Sudanese city near the Nile was seized by RSF in November 2023 and is a key strategic crossing point?

- (a) Bahri
- (b) Jebel Aulia Dam
- (c) Gedaref
- (d) Nyala

56. Which of the following refugee camps are correctly matched with their host countries and major refugee populations?

Refugee Camp	Host Country	Major Refugee Group
1. Zaatari Refugee Camp	Jordan	Syrians
2. Dadaab Refugee Complex	Ethiopia	South Sudanese
3. Nyarugusu Refugee Camp	Tanzania	Congolese and Burundians
4. Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement	Uganda	South Sudanese

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

57. With reference to the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD), consider the following statements:

1. QUAD is a formal military alliance with a collective defense clause similar to NATO's Article 5.
2. QUAD countries conduct joint naval exercises under the Malabar Exercise framework.
3. The QUAD has launched initiatives in areas like vaccine distribution, critical technologies, and climate change.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

58. Consider the following places: *Cox's Bazaar, Rakhine Province, Kuttapalong and Nayapara*. These are all places associated with

- a) Rohingya Crisis
- b) Zimbabwe Crisis
- c) North Korea Crisis
- d) Afghanistan Crisis

59. Which of the following pipeline projects does NOT involve Russia?

- (a) Nord Stream
- (b) Caspian Pipeline Consortium
- (c) Power of Siberia 2
- (d) TAPI Pipeline

60. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?

Region	Conflict/Crisis
1. Transnistria	Border tensions involving Moldova and Ukraine
2. Essequibo	Territorial claims by Brazil over Guyana
3. Chagos Archipelago	Sovereignty dispute between UK and Mauritius

Select from the below options

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

61. Which of the following countries recently withdrew from both the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)?

- 1. Mali
- 2. Niger
- 3. Burkina Faso
- 4. Senegal

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

62. Which of the following countries has recently witnessed violent inter-agency conflict between the police, military, and paramilitary forces?

- 1. Ethiopia
- 2. Kosovo
- 3. Pakistan
- 4. Turkey

Select the answer from the below options

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

63. Match the following coups with the leader or group involved: Coup

Country	Leader/Group Involved
A. Niger	1. General Abdourahamane Tchiani
B. Gabon	2. General Brice Oligui Nguema
C. Guinea	3. Colonel Mamady Doumbouya
D. Chad	4. Mahamat Idriss Déby

Choose the correct match:

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

64. Which of the following South American countries faced protests after the death of a former controversial leader?

- (a) Bolivia
- (b) Venezuela
- (c) Suriname
- (d) Colombia

65. In which African country did the Senate approve the shutdown of a major gas field due to seismic risk?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Algeria
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) Cameroon

66. Why has the Sahel region recently drawn significant international attention in 2024–25?

- (a) Withdrawal of Sahel countries from the Francophonie and rejection of French military presence
- (b) Rising tensions over water-sharing in the Niger River basin
- (c) Russian and Chinese naval bases being built in Mali
- (d) Discovery of rare earth elements in Mauritania

67. With reference to NATO, consider the following statements:

1. Finland and Sweden formally became members of NATO in 2023.
  2. NATO operates on the principle of collective defense as per Article 5 of the Washington Treaty.
  3. Ukraine is a founding member of NATO.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

68. Recently the term "One country, two systems" is government system associated with

- a) Israel and Palestine
- b) Britain and Ireland
- c) China and Hongkong
- d) United States and Alaska

69. Which of the following countries border Black sea

1. Romania
2. Bulgaria
3. Moldova
4. Russia

Select the answer from the codes given below

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

70. "Panmunjom declaration" recently in news was very popular which ended a war as well as a conflict between two nations. Panmunjom is a village located nearest to the

- a) Durand Line
- b) 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel Line
- c) 48<sup>th</sup> Parallel Line
- d) 17<sup>th</sup> Parallel Line

71. Regional Anti- Terrorist Structure (RATS) is a committee associated with which of the following international organization.

- a) Interpol
- b) Financial Action Task Force
- c) Shangai Cooperation Organization
- d) Nuclear Supplier Group

72. Which of the following cities were seized or heavily targeted by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the Sudan conflict?

1. El Geneina
2. Nyala
3. Wad Madani
4. Addis Ababa

Select answer from below codes

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

73. Which of the following statements about Gaza's Netzarim Corridor is/are correct?

1. It bisects the Gaza Strip and has been used by Israel for tactical separation of territories.
2. Hamas has supported Israeli proposals to retain control over this corridor.
3. It has been a critical point of contention in ceasefire negotiations.

Select the answer from the below options

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

74. Which of the following locations has recently been at the epicenter of a rare mosque discovery dating back 1,200 years?

- (a) Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- (b) Isfahan, Iran
- (c) Negev, Israel
- (d) Cairo, Egypt

75. Which one of the following correctly describes the significance of the Kerch Strait?

- (a) It connects the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea.

- (b) It links the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov and is a site of conflict.

- (c) It forms the maritime border between Greece and Turkey.

- (d) It is the narrow passage near the Strait of Hormuz used by Russian oil ships.

76. The city of Khan Yunis, often in the news, is located in:

- (a) Southern West Bank
- (b) Northern Israel
- (c) Southern Gaza Strip
- (d) Sinai Peninsula

77. Which of the following cities fell to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) during the 2023–25 Sudan conflict?

1. Wad Madani
2. El Fasher
3. El Obeid
4. Khartoum

Select answer from the below options

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

78. The Xinjiang–Guangdong Pipeline is a strategic project within China to:

- (a) Transfer oil from Russia to China
- (b) Transmit coal via rail corridors
- (c) Supply synthetic natural gas to eastern China
- (d) Divert floodwaters from the Yangtze River

79. Which region in DR Congo is a hotspot of ethnic conflict between the Hema and Lendu communities?

- (a) Ituri
- (b) Katanga
- (c) Tanganyika
- (d) Bas-Congo

80. Which of the following countries are part of the newly formed "Alliance of Sahel States (AES)"?

1. Mali
2. Niger
3. Burkina Faso
4. Senegal

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

81. With reference to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), consider the following statements:

1. IPEF is a formal free trade agreement (FTA) among the Quad countries and ASEAN.
2. India is a founding member of IPEF but opted out of its trade pillar.

3. IPEF includes cooperation in clean energy, supply chain resilience, and digital economy. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

82. The term Novichok Agent was recently associated with

- a) Binary chemical warfare
- b) Herbicide warfare
- c) Biological warfare agent
- d) Radio-active warfare

83. Which among the following countries have experienced multiple military coups between 2020 and 2025?

1. Burkina Faso
2. Mali
3. Zimbabwe
4. Nigeria

Select answer from below options

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

84. Consider the following pairs regarding energy pipelines and their respective routes:

Pipeline	Origin & Destination
1. Sumed Pipeline	Red Sea → Mediterranean Sea
2. Trans Adriatic Pipeline	Russia → Italy via Balkans
3. East African Crude Oil	Uganda → Tanzania → Indian Ocean Port

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

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

85. Which of the following explains the significance of the Lachin Corridor in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict?

- (a) Oil transit route from Azerbaijan to Iran
- (b) Major Russian military base in the Caucasus
- (c) Mountain pass connecting Armenia with Nagorno-Karabakh
- (d) Fertile agricultural basin contested between Georgia and Armenia

86. Which conflict-ridden region saw an offensive by the Southern Transitional Council (STC) seeking secession from the North?

- (a) Tigray, Ethiopia
- (b) Southern Governorates, Yemen
- (c) Balochistan, Pakistan
- (d) Eastern Libya

87. Which of the following cities has historically served as the capital of the selfproclaimed Republic of Artsakh (NagornoKarabakh)?

- (a) Shusha (Shushi)
- (b) Martuni
- (c) Stepanakert (Khankendi)
- (d) Lachin

88. The strategic Philadelphi Corridor is located along the border between:

- (a) Israel and Lebanon
- (b) Egypt and Gaza Strip
- (c) Israel and Syria
- (d) Gaza Strip and Jordan

89. Which of the following districts was recaptured by SAF in 2025 during a counteroffensive in Sudan's Gezira state?

- (a) Gedaref
- (b) Jebel Aulia Dam
- (c) Haj-Abdallah
- (d) Omdurman

90. Which two districts in Azerbaijan near the Iranian border were recaptured during the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict?

- (a) Martakert and Hadrut
- (b) Lachin and Shusha
- (c) Zangilan and Gubadli
- (d) Stepanakert and Kalbajar

91. Which of the following are correct with reference to BRICS initiatives and institutions?

- 1. The BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) aims to provide support to members facing balance-of payment pressures.
  - 2. The New Development Bank (NDB) only funds infrastructure projects in BRICS countries.
  - 3. BRICS launched the BRICS Pay initiative to explore a unified digital payment system.
- Select the answer from the below options
- (a) 1 and 2 only
  - (b) 1 and 3 only
  - (c) 2 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3

92. Which of the following places in news are correctly matched with the country

- 1. Ghouta - Iran
- 2. Mashhad - Syria
- 3. Crimea - Ukraine
- 4. Marawi - Philippines

Select the answer from the below codes

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

93. Which of the following ports was central to an MoU between Somaliland and Ethiopia, providing Ethiopia with access to the Red Sea?

- (a) Port of Merca
- (b) Port of Djibouti
- (c) Port of Berbera
- (d) Port of Assab

94. The Sahel region stretches across Africa from west to east. Which of the following geographical features define or border the Sahel region?

- 1. Sahara Desert to the north
- 2. Ethiopian Highlands to the south
- 3. Sudanian Savanna to the south
- 4. Red Sea to the west

Select the answer from the below codes

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

95. Which of the following statements are true with reference to CDRI (Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure)

1. CDRI was launched by Indian Prime Minister in 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.
2. CDRI focusses on disaster-resilience in ecological, social, and economic infrastructure
3. CDRI is a coalition of countries, organizations, private sector and academic institutions.

Which of the above statements are true

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

96. Which region in Myanmar saw the TNLA rebel group attack junta positions in 2024, especially at Tawngkhkam village?

- (a) Chin State
- (b) Kachin State
- (c) Shan State
- (d) Rakhine State

97. Which of the following explains the reason behind Zimbabwe's past extreme inflation and economic collapse?

- (a) Collapse of diamond exports
- (b) Military occupation of mines
- (c) Land reforms and mismanagement
- (d) Sanctions over nuclear testing

98. Which one of the following is a disputed territory claimed by Venezuela and recently the center of heightened tensions?

- (a) Falkland Islands
- (b) Essequibo region
- (c) Golan Heights
- (d) South Ossetia

99. "Asian Premium" a term which was recently in news associated with Energy sector is

- a) The quality of solar panels sold to Asian countries
- b) Extra charge being collected by OPEC from Asian countries while selling oil.
- c) Premium gasoline used in flights while flying in Asian continent
- d) A tariff provided for selling electricity from India to its Asian neighbors.

100. Which of the following cities in Ukraine is home to Europe's largest nuclear power plant and a focal point of safety concerns during the war?

- (a) Kherson
- (b) Zaporizhzhia
- (c) Luhansk
- (d) Mykolaiv