

Q51. According to the latest Reserve Bank of India study on State finances, capital spending is maximum on

- (a) rural development
- (b) water supply and sanitation
- (c) urban development
- (d) education

Q52. According to the World Bank's Doing Business Report, 2018, India's ranking has improved in 2018 as compared to 2017 in which of the following areas?

- 1. Paying taxes
- 2. Resolving insolvency
- 3. Starting a business
- 4. Getting electricity

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q53. The Fourteenth Finance Commission assigned different weights to the following parameters for distribution of tax proceeds to the States:

- 1. Income distance
- 2. Population
- 3. Demographic changes
- 4. Area

Arrange the aforesaid parameters in descending order in terms of their weights?

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

Q54. The natural rate of unemployment hypothesis was advocated by

- (a) Milton Friedman
- (b) A. W. Phillips
- (c) J. M. Keynes
- (d) R. G. Lipsey

Q55. The Harappan site at Kot Diji is close to which one of the following major sites of that civilization?

- (a) Harappa
- (b) Mohenjo-daro
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Kalibangan

Q56. The story Gandatindu Jataka was written in which language?

- (a) Sanskrit
- (b) Telugu
- (c) Tamil
- (d) Pali

Q57. According to the Tamil Sangam texts, who among the following were the large landowners?

- (a) Gahapatis
- (b) Uzhavars
- (c) Adimais
- (d) Vellalars

Q58. According to the Manusmriti, women can acquire wealth through which of the following means?

- (a) Purchase
- (b) Investment
- (c) Token of affection
- (d) Inheritance

Q59. The dialogue on Varna between King Avantiputta and Kachchana, a disciple of Buddha, appears in which one of the following Buddhist texts?

- (a) Majjhima Nikaya
- (b) Samyutta Nikaya
- (c) Anguttara Nikaya
- (d) Ambattha Sutta

Q60. In the first century AD, which among the following was **not a major item of Indian exports to Rome?**

- (a) Pepper
- (b) Spikenard
- (c) Tortoiseshell
- (d) Nutmeg

Q61. Which of the following statements relating to the Government of India Act, 1858 is/are correct?

1. The British Crown assumed sovereignty over India from the East India Company.
2. The British Parliament enacted the first statute for the governance of India under the direct rule of the British.
3. This Act was dominated by the principle of absolute imperial control without any popular participation in the administration of the country.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q62. Which of the following statements relating to the Indian Councils Act, 1861 is/are correct ?

1. The Act introduced a grain of popular element by including non-official members in the Governor-General's Executive Council.
2. The members were nominated and their functions were confined exclusively to consideration of legislative proposals placed before it by the Governor-General.
3. The Governor-General did not have effective legislative power.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q63. Which of the following statements relating to the historic Objectives Resolution, which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly, is/are correct ?

1. The Objectives Resolution inspired the shaping of the Constitution through all its subsequent stages.
2. It was not just a resolution. but a declaration, a firm resolve and a pledge.
3. It provided the underlying philosophy of our Constitution.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Q64. The 2+2 Bilateral Dialogue was held in September 2018 between

- (a) External Affairs and Defence Ministers of India with their US counterparts
- (b) Finance and Defence Ministers of India with their Russian counterparts
- (c) Home and Defence Ministers of India and their counterparts in Pakistan
- (d) External Affairs and Defence Ministers of India with their counterparts in Pakistan

Q5. Who is the Chairman of the Defence Planning Committee set up in April 2018 ?

- (a) The Prime Minister
- (b) The National Security Advisor
- (c) The Defence Minister
- (d) The Chief of the Army Staff

Q66. 'Tejas' is the name of which one of the following ?

- (a) Main battle tank
- (b) Nuclear submarine
- (c) Light combat aircraft
- (d) Aircraft carrier

Q67. As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment is permitted in the defence sector under the automatic route up to which one of the following limits ?

- (a) 26 percent
- (b) 74 percent
- (c) 51 percent
- (d) 49 percent

Q68. The policy on strategic partnerships in defence was approved by the Ministry of Defence in May 2017. Which of the following is not among the four segments identified by the Ministry for acquisition through the strategic partnership route ?

- (a) Artillery guns
- (b) Fighter aircraft and helicopters
- (c) Submarines
- (d) Armoured fighting vehicles and main battle tanks

Q69. The acronym 'CAATSA' refers to a piece of legislation enacted by which one of the following countries ?

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) United States of America
- (c) Russia
- (d) India

Q70. Who among the following is the Convener of the 'Task Force' set up in November 2017 by the Government of India to review the Income-tax Act and draft a new direct tax law?

- (a) Girish Ahuja
- (b) Mukesh Patel
- (c) Arbind Modi
- (d) Mansi Kedia

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S51. Ans.(d)

Sol. According to the latest Reserve Bank of India study on State finances, capital spending is maximum on education.

S52. Ans.(d)

Sol. India ranked 77th among 190 countries by leapfrogging 23 ranks in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) 2018 ranking. In the 2017 rankings, India ranked 100th and had jumped 30 places. Rank as per world bank doing business report 2018 increase in Resolving insolvency, Starting a business and getting electricity from 183,156 and 29 in 2017 to 108,137 and 24 in 2018

S53. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Fourteenth finance commission assigned weights to Income distance-50, Population-17.5, Demographic changes-10, Area-15

S54. Ans.(a)

Sol. The natural rate of unemployment is the name that was given to a key concept in the study of economic activity. Milton Friedman and Edmund Phelps, tackling this 'human' problem in the 1960s, both received the Nobel Prize in economics for their work, and the development of the concept is cited as a main motivation behind the prize

S55. Ans.(b)

Sol. Kot Diji is situated at a distance of 100 miles north-east of Amri on the left bank of the Indus and was excavated in and after 1955 by the Pakistan Archaeological department. Located about 24 kilometers south of Khairpur in the province of Sindh, Pakistan, it is on the east bank of the Indus opposite Mohenjodaro

S56. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Jatakas were written in Pali around the middle of the first millennium CE. One story known as the Gandatindu Jataka describes the plight of the subjects of a wicked king; these included elderly women and men, cultivators, herders, village boys and even animals

S57. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vellalar: Large landowners were called vellalars.

Uzhavar: Ordinary ploughmen were called uzhavars.

Kadaiyyar and adimai: Landless labourers and slaves were known as kadaiyyar and adimai.

S58. Ans.(c)

Sol. Manusmriti declares six means for women of acquiring wealth These are: What was given in front of the fire (marriage) or the bridal procession, or as a token of affection, and what she got from her brother, mother or father. In addition, any subsequent gift and whatever her affectionate husband might give her

S59. Ans.(a)

Sol. The story, based on a Buddhist text in Pali known as the Majjhima Nikaya, is part of a dialogue between a king named Avantiputta and a disciple of the Buddha named Kachchana. While it may not be literally true, it reveals Buddhist attitudes towards varna.

S60. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tortoiseshell was not a major item of Indian exports to Rome.

S61. Ans.(a)

Sol. Government of India Act 1858 provided that India was to be governed directly and in the name of the crown. The office of secretary of state was vested with complete authority and control over Indian administration, thus he was now the political head of the India.

S62. Ans.(a)

Sol. The executive council of Governor General was added a fifth finance member. For legislative purpose, a provision was made for an addition of 6 to 12 members to the central executive. At least half of the additional members were to be non-officials. Governor –General had the power of making rules and regulations for the conduct of business of executive council.

S63. Ans.(c)

Sol. Objectives Resolution (the resolution that defined the aims of the Assembly) was moved by Nehru in 1946. This resolution enshrined the aspirations and values behind the Constitution making. his made the moral commitment to establish a government that will fulfil the many promises that the nationalist movement held before the people of India.

S64. Ans.(a)

Sol. The first edition of 2+2 dialogue between India-US held in New Delhi. In the inaugural meeting, Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman hosted US Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and US Secretary of Defence James Mattis.

S65. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union Government has formed Defence Planning Committee (DPC), a new integrated institutional mechanism that will drive country's military and security strategy and guide defence equipment acquisitions. It will be under the chairmanship of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

S66. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tejas is an Indian single-seat, single-jet engine, multirole light fighter designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.

S67. Ans.(d)

Sol. As per the extant FDI policy, foreign investment up to 49% is permitted under the automatic route, foreign investment beyond 49% and upto 100% is permitted through Government approval, wherever it is likely to result in access to modern technology or for other reasons to be recorded.

S68. Ans.(a)

Sol. The policy on strategic partnerships in defence was approved by the Ministry of Defence in May 2017. The following four segments have been identified for acquisition under Strategic Partnership (SP) route:

Fighter Aircraft,

Helicopters

Submarines

Armoured Fighting Vehicles (AFVs) / Main Battle Tanks (MBTs).

S69. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, CAATSA (H.R. 3364, Pub.L. 115-44), is a United States federal law that imposed sanctions on Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

S70. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Centre has embarked on re-writing the decades-old Income Tax Act, 1961. During the Rajaswa Gyan Sangam held in September this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had observed that the Income Tax Act, 1961 was drafted more than 50 years ago and needs to be re-drafted. The convenor of the eight-member committee will be Arbind Modi, Member, Central Board of Direct taxes (CBDT).