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Questions (90)

1. On which part of the Thanjavur Big Temple did the ASI recently launch conservation works?
(A) Kalasam atop the vimana
(B) Upper rampart (wall)
(C) Nandi mandapam
(D) Keralantakan gopuram

2. Which Chola ruler built the Brihadeeswarar Temple at Thanjavur?
(A) Rajendra Chola I
(B) Rajaraja Chola II
(C) Kulothunga Chola I
(D) Rajaraja Chola I

3. Which of the following is NOT part of UNESCO's 'Great Living Chola Temples'?
(A) Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam
(B) Airavatesvara, Darasuram
(C) Gangaikondacholisvaram
(D) Brihadeeswarar, Thanjavur

4. Which festival, marking Rajaraja Chola I's birth, is celebrated at the Thanjavur Big Temple as a State Government function?
(A) Chithirai festival
(B) Aadi Perukku
(C) Karthigai Deepam
(D) Sathaya Vizha

5. Who founded the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?
(A) James Prinsep
(B) John Marshall
(C) Alexander Cunningham
(D) Mortimer Wheeler

6. Organic palmyra jaggery powder from Erode district was recently exported for the first time to which country?
(A) Bulgaria
(B) Romania
(C) Greece
(D) Croatia

7. APEDA functions under which Union Ministry?
(A) Commerce and Industry
(B) Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(C) Food Processing Industries
(D) Consumer Affairs

8. What is the botanical name of the palmyra, the State tree of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Cocos nucifera
(B) Phoenix sylvestris
(C) Borassus flabellifer
(D) Areca catechu

9. 'Udangudi Panangarupatti', which has a GI tag, belongs to which district of Tamil Nadu?
(A) Tirunelveli
(B) Ramanathapuram
(C) Kanniyakumari
(D) Thoothukudi

10. What is the unfermented sweet sap tapped from the palmyra tree called?
(A) Kallu (toddy)
(B) Nungu
(C) Pathaneer (neera)
(D) Panangkizhangu

11. Through which body is the 'WINDS' weather-data programme executed?
(A) IMD
(B) MNCFC (Mahalanobis Centre)
(C) NRSC
(D) Agriculture Insurance Co.

12. WINDS hyper-local weather data is mainly meant for computing claims under which scheme?
(A) PM Fasal Bima Yojana
(B) PM-KISAN
(C) PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
(D) Soil Health Card Scheme

13. What is cited as the main reason for the delay in installing automatic rain gauges under WINDS?
(A) Lack of satellite links
(B) Funds withheld
(C) Import ban on sensors
(D) Shortage of suitable land

14. Where is the IMD Regional Meteorological Centre serving Tamil Nadu located?
(A) Bengaluru
(B) Thiruvananthapuram
(C) Chennai
(D) Hyderabad

15. Which instrument in an automatic weather station measures wind speed?
(A) Barometer
(B) Hygrometer
(C) Hydrometer
(D) Anemometer

16. Which institution confers the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?
(A) Lalit Kala Akademi
(B) Sahitya Akademi
(C) ICCR
(D) Sangeet Natak Akademi

17. Ustad Bismillah Khan is associated with which musical instrument?
(A) Sarod
(B) Shehnai
(C) Sitar
(D) Santoor

18. Who was the first Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi?
(A) Rukmini Devi Arundale
(B) P. V. Rajamannar
(C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(D) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay

19. Who was the first musician to receive the Bharat Ratna?
(A) Lata Mangeshkar
(B) Pt Ravi Shankar
(C) M. S. Subbulakshmi
(D) Bismillah Khan

20. Which body confers the 'Kalaimamani' award on artists in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Music Academy, Chennai
(B) Tamil Isai Sangam
(C) Tamil Development Dept
(D) TN Eyal Isai Nataka Manram

21. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) functions under which Ministry?
(A) Women and Child Development
(B) Social Justice & Empowerment
(C) Home Affairs
(D) Health and Family Welfare

22. Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, stressed in CARA's recent directions, prohibits what?
(A) Sale of children
(B) Child labour
(C) Corporal punishment
(D) Disclosure of child's identity

23. CARA is India's 'Central Authority' for inter-country adoption under which international convention?
(A) Hague Convention
(B) Geneva Convention
(C) Vienna Convention
(D) Ramsar Convention

24. Under the JJ Act, which body declares a child 'legally free for adoption'?
(A) District Magistrate
(B) Child Welfare Committee
(C) Juvenile Justice Board
(D) State Women's Commission

25. In which district was Tamil Nadu's 'Cradle Baby Scheme' first launched in 1992 to curb female infanticide?
(A) Madurai
(B) Theni
(C) Salem
(D) Dharmapuri

26. The CIML, whose 61st meeting is held in New Delhi in Oct 2026, is a committee of which international body?

(A) ISO
(B) OIML
(C) IEC
(D) ITU

27. Where is the headquarters (BIML) of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)?

(A) Paris
(B) Geneva
(C) Vienna
(D) Brussels

28. Which Central department administers the Legal Metrology Act, 2009?

(A) Dept of Science & Technology
(B) Department of Consumer Affairs
(C) Department of Commerce
(D) Department of Legal Affairs

29. Which institution maintains and disseminates Indian Standard Time (IST)?

(A) ISRO
(B) India Meteorological Dept
(C) Bureau of Indian Standards
(D) CSIR–National Physical Lab

30. In Tamil Nadu, which State department enforces the Legal Metrology Act by checking weights and measures in shops?

(A) Labour Department
(B) Co-operation Department
(C) Commercial Taxes Department
(D) Revenue Department

31. Who was sworn in as the Governor of Uttarakhand in October 2026?

(A) Gurmit Singh
(B) Dhal Singh Bisen
(C) Braj Mohan Ram
(D) Dushyant Gautam

32. Which Article of the Constitution provides for the appointment of a State Governor by the President?

(A) Article 153
(B) Article 154
(C) Article 155
(D) Article 156

33. A State Governor holds office during the 'pleasure' of whom?

(A) Chief Minister
(B) President
(C) Parliament
(D) State Legislature

34. Which place has been declared the summer capital of Uttarakhand?

(A) Gairsain
(B) Nainital
(C) Mussoorie
(D) Almora

35. Who took charge as the full-time Governor of Tamil Nadu in October 2026?

(A) R.N. Ravi
(B) Rajendra Arlekar
(C) Om Prakash Mathur
(D) Banwarilal Purohit

36. Who normally administers the oath of office to a State Governor?

(A) President
(B) Vice-President
(C) Chief Minister
(D) Chief Justice of High Court

37. Following the Union Home Ministry's suggestion (2025), State 'Raj Bhavans' have been renamed as what?

(A) Jan Bhavan
(B) Seva Bhavan
(C) Lok Bhavan
(D) Praja Bhavan

38. The day Odisha became a separate province in 1936 is celebrated as what?
(A) Utkal Divas
(B) Nuakhai
(C) Bali Jatra
(D) Raja Parba

39. Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor to grant pardons and remit sentences?
(A) Article 72
(B) Article 123
(C) Article 161
(D) Article 213

40. The 2025 Supreme Court case 'State of Tamil Nadu v. Governor of Tamil Nadu' concerned which power of the Governor?
(A) Pardoning power
(B) Assent to Bills
(C) Issuing ordinances
(D) Dissolving the Assembly

41. Which magazine named SBI the 'World's Best Consumer Bank 2026'?
(A) Forbes
(B) The Banker
(C) Euromoney
(D) Global Finance

42. Which committee recommended converting the Imperial Bank of India into the State Bank of India?
(A) Kelkar Committee
(B) Narasimham Committee
(C) All India Rural Credit Survey
(D) Raja Chelliah Committee

43. Which of these was one of the three Presidency Banks that merged in 1921 to form the Imperial Bank?
(A) Indian Bank
(B) Bank of Madras
(C) Allahabad Bank
(D) Punjab National Bank

44. The Reserve Bank of India was set up on the recommendation of which commission?
(A) Hilton Young Commission
(B) Simon Commission
(C) Hunter Commission
(D) Lee Commission

45. Which Chennai-headquartered public sector bank was founded by M.Ct.M. Chidambaram Chettiar in 1937?
(A) Indian Bank
(B) Canara Bank
(C) Indian Overseas Bank
(D) City Union Bank

46. The National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC), launched in Oct 2026, belongs to which ministry?
(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Commerce and Industry
(D) NITI Aayog

47. In trade, what is 'SCOMET'?
(A) Dual-use export control list
(B) List of SEZs
(C) An MSME credit scheme
(D) A GST exemption list

48. Which body issues the Importer Exporter Code (IEC) in India?
(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) CBIC
(C) SEBI
(D) DGFT

49. Where is the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which replaced GATT?
(A) New York
(B) Paris
(C) Geneva
(D) Vienna

50. Which Tamil Nadu city is called India's 'knitwear capital'?
(A) Karur
(B) Salem
(C) Tiruppur
(D) Erode

51. The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) replaced which body in 2022?
(A) Board for Financial Supervision
(B) Banks Board Bureau
(C) FSDC
(D) Bank Investment Company

52. Who was appointed part-time Chairperson of the FSIB in Oct 2026?
(A) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
(B) S.C.L. Das
(C) Vinod Rai
(D) Arijit Basu

53. Which body gives final approval to FSIB's recommendations on heads of public sector banks?
(A) RBI Governor
(B) Parliament's Finance Committee
(C) Central Vigilance Commission
(D) Appointments Cttee of Cabinet

54. Which RBI committee recommended setting up a 'Banks Board Bureau'?
(A) P.J. Nayak Committee
(B) Urjit Patel Committee
(C) Bimal Jalan Committee
(D) Rangarajan Committee

55. Which public sector general insurance company is headquartered in Chennai?
(A) New India Assurance
(B) United India Insurance
(C) National Insurance
(D) Oriental Insurance

56. As per IARI-CREAMS data, which State recorded the most crop-residue burning between 15 Sept and 15 Oct 2026?
(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Punjab
(C) Haryana
(D) Uttar Pradesh

57. 'CREAMS', which tracks crop-residue burning by satellite, is an initiative of which institution?
(A) NRSC, Hyderabad
(B) India Meteorological Dept
(C) IARI, New Delhi
(D) Central Pollution Control Bd

58. What is the 'Pusa Decomposer' developed by IARI?
(A) A chemical herbicide
(B) A straw-baling machine
(C) A fungal microbial solution
(D) A biofertiliser for wheat

59. Which body enforces the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in Delhi-NCR?
(A) Central Pollution Control Bd
(B) CAQM
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Delhi Pollution Control Cttee

60. 'Kuruvai', 'Samba' and 'Thaladi' are paddy-growing seasons of which State?
(A) Kerala
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Karnataka
(D) Tamil Nadu

61. The 'YJ-21' anti-ship missile, recently shown being launched from an H-6K bomber, belongs to which country?
(A) Russia
(B) North Korea
(C) China
(D) Iran

62. Which missile is rocket-powered only in its initial phase and then follows a gravity-driven arc?
(A) Cruise missile
(B) Ballistic missile
(C) Air-to-air missile
(D) Torpedo

63. 'Mach number' is the ratio of an object's speed to the speed of what?
(A) Sound in that medium
(B) Light
(C) Earth's rotation
(D) Escape velocity

64. The name of the Indo-Russian 'BrahMos' missile is derived from which two rivers?
(A) Brahmaputra – Volga
(B) Brahmani – Moskva
(C) Brahmani – Volga
(D) Brahmaputra – Moskva

65. Which of the following is NOT a node of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor (TNDIC)?
(A) Chennai
(B) Hosur
(C) Madurai
(D) Coimbatore

66. Which statement about the 'SH1' class in para-shooting is correct?
(A) Needs a stand to hold the rifle
(B) Holds the gun without support
(C) Only visually impaired shooters
(D) Pistol events only

67. Who won the women's 10m air rifle SH1 gold with a Games record at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
(A) Mona Agarwal
(B) Avani Lekhara
(C) Rubina Francis
(D) Bhavina Patel

68. Where is the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC), which conducts the Asian Para Games, headquartered?
(A) Bonn
(B) Dubai
(C) Kuala Lumpur
(D) Tokyo

69. At which Paralympics did Avani Lekhara become the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold?
(A) Rio 2016
(B) London 2012
(C) Tokyo 2020
(D) Beijing 2008

70. Mariyappan Thangavelu, Paralympic high jump gold medallist (Rio 2016), hails from which Tamil Nadu district?
(A) Madurai
(B) Erode
(C) Tirunelveli
(D) Salem

71. JAXA's MMX mission aims to bring samples to Earth from which body?
(A) Phobos
(B) Deimos
(C) Titan
(D) Europa

72. Who discovered Phobos and Deimos, the moons of Mars?
(A) Galileo Galilei
(B) William Herschel
(C) Christiaan Huygens
(D) Asaph Hall

73. Japan's 'Hayabusa2' spacecraft brought back samples from which asteroid?
(A) Ryugu
(B) Itokawa
(C) Bennu
(D) Vesta

74. Which space agencies provide the 'IDEFIX' rover that MMX will deploy on Phobos?
(A) NASA and ESA
(B) CNES and DLR
(C) ISRO and CNES
(D) ESA and Roscosmos

75. Which Tamil Nadu scientist was the Programme Director of India's Mangalyaan (MOM)?
(A) K. Sivan
(B) A.S. Kiran Kumar
(C) Nambi Narayanan
(D) Mylswamy Annadurai

76. Para-shuttler Thulasimathi, who assured India's first medal at the 2026 Asian Para Games, is from which district?

(A) Madurai
(B) Tirunelveli
(C) Coimbatore
(D) Kancheepuram

77. The 'SU5' class in para-badminton is meant for which players?

(A) Wheelchair users
(B) Short stature
(C) Standing, upper-limb impaired
(D) Standing, lower-limb impaired

78. Where is the Badminton World Federation (BWF) headquartered?

(A) Lausanne
(B) Monaco
(C) Copenhagen
(D) Kuala Lumpur

79. At Paris 2024, when Thulasimathi won SU5 singles silver, which Tamil Nadu player won bronze in the same event?

(A) Manisha Ramadass
(B) Palak Kohli
(C) Manasi Joshi
(D) Parul Parmar

80. Which National Sports Award for 2024 was conferred on para-shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan?

(A) Arjuna Award
(B) Khel Ratna
(C) Dronacharya Award
(D) Dhyan Chand Award

81. Which body set up the High-Powered Enquiry Committee (HPEC) on the Jantar Mantar protest violence?

(A) Union Home Ministry
(B) Supreme Court of India
(C) NHRC
(D) Delhi High Court

82. Which Article of the Constitution guarantees the right to assemble peaceably and without arms?

(A) Article 19(1)(b)
(B) Article 19(1)(a)
(C) Article 19(1)(c)
(D) Article 21

83. Who built the 'Jantar Mantar' astronomical observatories at Delhi, Jaipur, Ujjain and other places?

(A) Akbar
(B) Sawai Jai Singh II
(C) Raja Man Singh I
(D) Maharana Pratap

84. Which of the following 'Jantar Mantar' observatories has been inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

(A) Delhi
(B) Ujjain
(C) Jaipur
(D) Varanasi

85. Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, where the Evershed effect was found, is run by which institute?

(A) ISRO
(B) Physical Research Laboratory
(C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(D) ARIES, Nainital

86. Where was the Indian Army's 'Akhand Prahar-II' combat exercise held in October 2026?

(A) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(B) Bhuj, Gujarat
(C) Leh, Ladakh
(D) Ambala, Haryana

87. The Indian Army's 'Konark Corps' (XII Corps), which oversaw the exercise, is headquartered at

(A) Bhopal
(B) Ambala
(C) Pune
(D) Jodhpur

88. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Army's Southern Command?

(A) Pune
(B) Jaipur
(C) Chennai
(D) Lucknow

89. What was the code name of India's first nuclear test, conducted at Pokhran in Jaisalmer district in 1974?

(A) Operation Shakti
(B) Smiling Buddha
(C) Operation Vijay
(D) Operation Meghdoot

90. The Regimental Centre of the Madras Regiment, the oldest infantry regiment of the Indian Army, is located at

(A) Chennai
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Secunderabad
(D) Wellington, Nilgiris

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Answers & explanations

1. (B) Upper rampart (wall) – The upper rampart – damaged by plant roots and rainwater stagnation; estimate ₹59 lakh. Monuments are protected under the AMASR Act, 1958.

2. (D) Rajaraja Chola I – Rajaraja Chola I – completed in 1010 CE; architect Kunjara Mallan Raja Raja Perunthachan. His son Rajendra I built the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple.

3. (A) Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam – Kampahareswarar, Thirubuvanam, is a Chola temple but not in this group. Thanjavur was inscribed in 1987, the other two added in 2004.

4. (D) Sathaya Vizha – Sathaya Vizha – Sathayam star in Aippasi; a Tamil Nadu Government function since November 2022. Rajendra I's birth anniversary (Aadi Thiruvathirai) has also been declared a State function.

5. (C) Alexander Cunningham – Alexander Cunningham (1861) – 'Father of Indian Archaeology'. Harappa–Mohenjo-daro were excavated under Director-General John Marshall; ASI is now under the Ministry of Culture.

6. (A) Bulgaria – Varna, Bulgaria – a Black Sea port city. Bulgaria became the 21st eurozone member on 1 Jan 2026.

7. (A) Commerce and Industry – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Dept of Commerce) – APEDA Act 1985. APEDA also runs the NPOP organic certification system used for exports.

8. (C) Borassus flabellifer – Borassus flabellifer. Cocos nucifera is coconut; Phoenix sylvestris the wild date palm; Areca catechu the areca nut palm.

9. (D) Thoothukudi – Thoothukudi district, Tiruchendur taluk – red sand-dune (theri) soil gives its taste. A GI registration under the 1999 Act is valid for 10 years.

10. (C) Pathaneer (neera) – Pathaneer – lime coating in the pot stops fermentation; boiled, it gives karupatti. Fermented sap is toddy; nungu is the tender fruit's jelly.

11. (B) MNCFC (Mahalanobis Centre) – WINDS = Weather Information Network and Data System. Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC) – under the Union Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; States install the sensors through private partners.

12. (A) PM Fasal Bima Yojana – PMFBY (2016) – farmer premium: kharif 2%, rabi 1.5%, commercial/horticulture 5%. The WINDS portal was launched under PMFBY in July 2023.

13. (D) Shortage of suitable land – Land shortage – many proposed sites were rejected in several States; on IMD advice rooftop rain gauges were capped at 10–15% (Dec 2025).

14. (C) Chennai – Chennai (Nungambakkam). IMD – founded 1875; under the Ministry of Earth Sciences; HQ New Delhi; six regional centres.

15. (D) Anemometer – Anemometer. Barometer – atmospheric pressure; hygrometer – humidity; hydrometer – specific gravity of liquids.

16. (D) Sangeet Natak Akademi – Sangeet Natak Akademi – since 2006, for artists under 40; 106 awardees for 2024–25. Lalit Kala covers fine arts; Sahitya, literature.

17. (B) Shehnai – Shehnai – a reed wind instrument, akin to Tamil Nadu's nadaswaram. Sarod – Amjad Ali Khan; santoor – Shivkumar Sharma.

18. (B) P. V. Rajamannar – Dr P. V. Rajamannar – former Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the Akademi on 28 Jan 1953.

19. (C) M. S. Subbulakshmi – M. S. Subbulakshmi (Madurai) – 1998. Then Ravi Shankar (1999), Lata Mangeshkar and Bismillah Khan (2001). M.S. also won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1974.

20. (D) TN Eyal Isai Nataka Manram – Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram – under the Dept of Art and Culture. The Music Academy, Chennai, gives 'Sangita Kalanidhi'; the Tamil Isai Sangam gives 'Isai Perarignar'.

21. (A) Women and Child Development – CARA was set up in 1990; Section 68 of the JJ Act 2015 made it a statutory body. HQ: New Delhi.

22. (D) Disclosure of child's identity – Name, photo, school, address or other identifying details cannot be published in media or social media; violation is punishable under Sec 74(3).

23. (A) Hague Convention – India ratified the 1993 Hague Convention in 2003. Ramsar – wetlands; Geneva – laws of war.

24. (B) Child Welfare Committee – The CWC declares it after inquiry; the adoption order is issued by the District Magistrate (since the 2021 amendment). JJ Board deals with children in conflict with law.

25. (C) Salem – Launched in Salem under CM Jayalalithaa; extended to Madurai, Theni, Dindigul and Dharmapuri in 2001.

26. (B) OIML – CIML is the governing committee of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML); India hosts it for the first time.

27. (A) Paris – OIML was set up in 1955; India has been a member since 1956 and in 2023 became the 13th country authorised to issue OIML certificates.

28. (B) Department of Consumer Affairs – It replaced the 1976 and 1985 weights-and-measures Acts and came into force in 2011. The Indian Institute of Legal Metrology is at Ranchi.

29. (D) CSIR–National Physical Lab – NPL, New Delhi is India's National Metrology Institute. IST = UTC + 5:30, based on the 82.5° E meridian.

30. (A) Labour Department – Assistant Commissioners of Labour and Labour Inspectors carry out checks under the 'Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011'.

31. (B) Dhal Singh Bisen – He is the 9th Governor and a former Lok Sabha MP from Balaghat (MP); he succeeds Lt Gen Gurmit Singh.

32. (C) Article 155 – Art 155 – appointment by warrant under hand and seal. Art 153 – a Governor for each State; Art 154 – executive power.

33. (B) President – Art 156 – normal term 5 years, but the President may remove earlier. There is no impeachment procedure for a Governor.

34. (A) Gairsain – Gairsain (Bhararisain) in Chamoli district was declared in 2020; Dehradun is the capital; the High Court sits at Nainital.

35. (B) Rajendra Arlekar – Kerala Governor holding additional charge since March 2026; he assumed charge at Lok Bhavan, Chennai on 15 Oct 2026. R.N. Ravi had moved to West Bengal.

36. (D) Chief Justice of High Court – Art 159; in the CJ's absence, the senior-most judge. Orissa HC CJ Harish Tandon administered the oath to Braj Mohan Ram.

37. (C) Lok Bhavan – Aim: drop the colonial association; UT 'Raj Niwas' became 'Lok Niwas'. West Bengal and Ladakh were among the first.

38. (A) Utkal Divas – 1 April – Utkal Divas; one of the first provinces formed on linguistic lines. Nuakhai is a harvest festival.

39. (C) Article 161 – Art 72 – President's pardoning power; a Governor cannot pardon court-martial sentences. Arts 123 and 213 – ordinances.

40. (B) Assent to Bills – Art 200; the 8 Apr 2025 ruling deemed assent to 10 Bills under Art 142. A Constitution Bench later gave its opinion on the Art 143 reference (Nov 2025).

41. (D) Global Finance – Global Finance (1987, New York). The ceremony was held in Oct 2026 during the IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings in Bangkok; SBI's second win in a row.

42. (C) All India Rural Credit Survey – The AIRCS committee headed by A.D. Gorwala; SBI was born on 1 July 1955 under the SBI Act, 1955. The Narasimham Committees (1991, 1998) dealt with banking reforms.

43. (B) Bank of Madras – Bank of Madras (1843); the others were the Bank of Bengal (Bank of Calcutta, 1806) and the Bank of Bombay (1840).

44. (A) Hilton Young Commission – The Hilton Young Commission (Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance, 1926); RBI Act, 1934; began work on 1 Apr 1935.

45. (C) Indian Overseas Bank – Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) – nationalised in 1969. Indian Bank (1907) is also headquartered in Chennai; Canara Bank is in Bengaluru.

46. (C) Commerce and Industry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry – developed by the Department of Commerce; Minister Piyush Goyal launched it at Vanijya Bhawan.

47. (A) Dual-use export control list – India's national export control list – Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies; exports need a licence (mostly DGFT; nuclear – DAE, munitions – DDP).

48. (D) DGFT – The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) – a 10-digit, PAN-based code. DGFT works under the Foreign Trade (D&R) Act, 1992.

49. (C) Geneva – Geneva, Switzerland; the WTO began on 1 Jan 1995 and India is a founding member. Paris hosts the OECD; Vienna hosts OPEC.

50. (C) Tiruppur – Tiruppur – a major hub of cotton knitwear exports. Karur is known for home-textile exports.

51. (B) Banks Board Bureau – The Banks Board Bureau (BBB, 2016). The FSIB recommends heads for public sector insurers as well as banks.

52. (B) S.C.L. Das – S.C.L. Das – retired IAS (1992, AGMUT); 3 years. Arijit Basu is a new member; Vinod Rai was BBB's first chairman.

53. (D) Appointments Cttee of Cabinet – The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by the PM. The FSIB was set up by a resolution of the Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Services (DFS).

54. (A) P.J. Nayak Committee – The P.J. Nayak Committee (2014) on governance of bank boards. It was implemented through the 'Indradhanush' plan (2015).

55. (B) United India Insurance – United India Insurance – Chennai. New India – Mumbai; National – Kolkata; Oriental – New Delhi.

56. (A) Madhya Pradesh – Madhya Pradesh (350); Punjab was second (185). MP also topped during the April 2026 wheat-harvest season.

57. (C) IARI, New Delhi – IARI (Pusa Institute), New Delhi – Division of Agricultural Physics. CREAMS = Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modelling from Space.

58. (C) A fungal microbial solution – A fungal microbial solution that rots straw into manure in the field. The 'Happy Seeder' sows wheat without removing the straw.

59. (B) CAQM – The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) – formed in 2020 (Act of 2021); it replaced the earlier EPCA. GRAP has 4 stages based on air quality.

60. (D) Tamil Nadu – Tamil Nadu – the Cauvery delta (Thanjavur) is its 'rice bowl'. The Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute is at Aduthurai.

61. (C) China – China – 'YJ' = 'Ying Ji' (Eagle Strike). It is a hypersonic ballistic missile aimed at aircraft carriers.

62. (B) Ballistic missile – Ballistic missile (e.g. Agni). A cruise missile is jet-powered throughout a low flight (e.g. BrahMos) – a concept asked in UPSC 2023.

63. (A) Sound in that medium – The speed of sound in that medium. Above Mach 5 = hypersonic; the YJ-21's terminal speed is claimed to be ~Mach 10.

64. (D) Brahmaputra – Moskva – Brahmaputra (India) + Moskva (Russia). Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam signed the 1998 agreement for India.

65. (C) Madurai – Madurai. Nodes – Chennai, Hosur, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli; launched at Tiruchi on 20 Jan 2019. The other corridor is in Uttar Pradesh.

66. (B) Holds the gun without support – SH1 – shooters who hold the gun unaided; both rifle and pistol. Those who need a stand are SH2 (rifle only).

67. (A) Mona Agarwal – Mona Agarwal (250.0); Avani Lekhara took silver (249.6). The previous record was Avani's 249.6 at Hangzhou 2022.

68. (B) Dubai – Dubai (UAE). Bonn (Germany) is the HQ of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The first Asian Para Games – 2010 Guangzhou.

69. (C) Tokyo 2020 – Tokyo 2020 (held in 2021). She won gold again at Paris 2024 – the first Indian woman with two Paralympic golds; Khel Ratna 2021, Padma Shri 2022.

70. (D) Salem – Salem – Periavadagampatti. Tokyo 2020 silver, Paris 2024 bronze; Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 2020.

71. (A) Phobos – Phobos – the larger, closer moon of Mars (~22 km). MMX will also observe Deimos remotely; Titan orbits Saturn, Europa Jupiter.

72. (D) Asaph Hall – Asaph Hall (USA, 1877). Galileo found Jupiter's four big moons; Huygens found Titan; Herschel found Uranus.

73. (A) Ryugu – Ryugu – the capsule landed in Australia in Dec 2020. Itokawa was the first Hayabusa's target; Bennu was NASA's OSIRIS-REx.

74. (B) CNES and DLR – CNES (France) + DLR (Germany); ~25 kg. NASA provides the MEGANE spectrometer.

75. (D) Mylswamy Annadurai – Mylswamy Annadurai (Kothavadi, Coimbatore) – also Project Director of Chandrayaan-1. MOM was launched by PSLV-C25 on 5 Nov 2013.

76. (D) Kancheepuram – Kancheepuram. She reached the women's doubles SL3–SU5 semi-finals with Manasi Joshi (17 Oct), assuring a medal.

77. (C) Standing, upper-limb impaired – SU = Standing Upper – standing, upper-limb impairment. WH1/WH2 – wheelchair; SL3/SL4 – lower limb; SH6 – short stature.

78. (D) Kuala Lumpur – Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). BWF has also governed para-badminton since 2011; Lausanne is the IOC's HQ.

79. (A) Manisha Ramadass – Manisha Ramadass – the two became the first Indian women to win Paralympic badminton medals. Nithya Sre Sivan won SH6 bronze.

80. (A) Arjuna Award – Arjuna Award (announced 2 Jan 2025) – also to Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre Sivan. 2024 Khel Ratna – D. Gukesh, Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar.

81. (B) Supreme Court of India – A bench led by CJI Surya Kant set it up on 18 Aug 2026; it is chaired by former SC judge R. Subhash Reddy.

82. (A) Article 19(1)(b) – 19(1)(a) is speech, 19(1)(c) is forming associations. Article 19(3) allows reasonable restrictions on assembly for public order.

83. (B) Sawai Jai Singh II – Sawai Jai Singh II of Amber built five; Delhi (1724) was the first. The name comes from 'yantra' (instrument) + 'mantra' (calculation).

84. (C) Jaipur – Jaipur's was inscribed in 2010; it holds the Samrat Yantra, the world's largest stone sundial.

85. (C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics – IIA, Bengaluru runs it; it succeeded the 1786 Madras Observatory. IIA also runs the Vainu Bappu Observatory at Kavalur (Javadhu Hills). Evershed effect – 1909.

86. (A) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan – The Black Mace Brigade and Battle Axe Division held it in the Thar Desert; the first edition (Nov 2025) was part of Exercise Trishul.

87. (D) Jodhpur – XII Corps was raised in 1987; its 12 Infantry Division is based at Jaisalmer. Bhopal hosts XXI Sudarshan Chakra Corps.

88. (A) Pune – The Army has 7 commands; Jaipur is South Western, Lucknow is Central. Chennai hosts Southern Command's Dakshin Bharat Area.

89. (B) Smiling Buddha – 18 May 1974, under Indira Gandhi. The 1998 Pokhran-II tests were 'Operation Shakti', marked by National Technology Day on 11 May.

90. (D) Wellington, Nilgiris – Its war cry is 'Veera Madrassi, Adi Kollu'. Chennai (Alandur) hosts the Officers Training Academy (OTA, 1963).

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