

- 1 D
Ex. Geographical Indication (GI) tag is given as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. It is an act of the Parliament of India for the protection of geographical indications in India. It came into force in 2003.
- 2 C
Ex. Dara Shikoh, also known as Dara Shukoh (20 March 1615 - 30 August 1659) was the eldest son and heir-apparent of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. Dara Shikoh developed a friendship with the seventh Sikh Guru, Guru Har Rai. Dara Shikoh devoted much effort towards finding a common mystical language between Islam and Hinduism. Towards this goal he completed the translation of 52 Upanishads from their original Sanskrit into Persian in 1657 so that they could be studied by Muslim scholars. His most famous work, Majma-ul-Bahrain ("The Confluence of the Two Seas"), was also devoted to a revelation of the mystical and pluralistic affinities between Sufic and Vedantic speculation.] The book was authored as a short treatise in Persian in 1654-55. Dara was defeated by his younger brother Prince Muizzuddin (later, the Emperor Aurangzeb).
- 3 C
Ex. * Aral sea lake-which was called a sea due its sheer size and salinity-has reduced to a mere 25 percent of its original size. From being as big as the state of Punjab, it is now smaller than the size of Goa because of the re-routing of Amu Darya and Syr Darya to give impetus to cotton production. Although the Aral Sea disaster-a human-made environmental catastrophe-was realised in the late 1990s, its consequences are becoming even more evident today. * In the 1960s, the depth of the lake was 68 metres. Today, it is less than 10 metres. A relatively shallow water level spread across a large surface area has led to faster evaporation. This has caused over 90 per cent loss in the volume of water in the last six decades. Once the world's fourth-largest lake, it now hosts travellers who visit to witness the apocalyptic landscape.
- 4 B
Ex. Pearl millet is predominantly rainfed crop. Millet consumption can mitigate the risk of anaemia, high cholesterol and cancer.
- 5 B
Ex. Gandhiji asked government servants to openly declare their allegiance to the congress but not to resign. He asked the soldiers to refuse to fire on their own people and not to leave their posts. Further, Gandhiji asked the princes of the Princely states to accept the sovereignty of their own people.
- 6 A
Ex. The seats reserved for the depressed classes were increased from 71 to 147 in provincial legislatures and to 18 percent of the total in the Central Legislature.
- 7 C
Ex. Balram Jakhar served for two consecutive terms as seventh and eighth Lok Sabha speaker from 1980 to 1985 and 1985 to 1989 respectively.
- 8 D
Ex. Statutory liquidity ratio is to be kept in a non-cash form such as G-secs precious metals, approved securities like bonds. Every financial institution has to maintain this in the number of liquid assets.
- 9 D
Ex. In India, varada mudra is used in images of Avalokitesvara from the Gupta Empire (4th and 5th centuries). Varada mudra is extensively used in the statues of Southeast Asia.
- 10 B
Ex. The Sarkaria Commission recommended that the residuary power of legislation in regard to taxation remain with Parliament because, it said, the Constitution-makers did not include any entry relating to taxation in the Concurrent List so as to avoid Union-State frictions, double taxation and frustrating litigation.
- 11 D
Ex. The CAT was set-up on 1 November 1985. Today, it has 17 regular benches, 15 of which operate at the principal seats of High Courts and the remaining two at Jaipur and Lucknow. These Benches also hold circuit sittings at other seats of High Courts. In brief, the tribunal consists of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members. The Members are drawn, both from judicial as well as administrative streams so as to give the Tribunal the benefit of expertise both in legal and administrative spheres.
- 12 B
Ex. The REMOVAL OF a Supreme Court or High Court judge is governed by Articles 124 (4) and (5) and 217 (1) (b) and 218 of the Constitution on the ground of proven misbehaviour or incapacity. The words "misbehaviour" or "incapacity" have neither been defined nor clarified in the Constitution. The complaint about misbehaviour or incapacity against a judge has to be probed under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968.
- 13 A
Ex. Gandhiji's Harijan Campaign was determined to undo the divisive intentions of the Government's divide and rule policy. Gandhiji launched a campaign against untouchability - first from jail and after his release in August 1933 from the outside. While in jail, he had set up the All India Anti Untouchability League in September 1932 and had started the weekly Harijan in January 1933. Starting from Wardha, he conducted a Harijan tour of the country in the period from November 1933 to July 1934, collecting money for his newly set up Harijan Sevak Sangh. Gandhiji was attacked by orthodox and reactionary elements.
- 14 B
Ex. The 91st Amendment of the Indian Constitution which introduced Article 164 (1A) to the Constitution. Article 164 (1A) provides for limiting the number of ministers in the state cabinets. The total number of ministers including the Chief Minister, has to be within 15 per cent of the total number of members of the legislative assembly of the state.
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