

**TEST – 1 (Textbook)**  
**( INSTA Prelims Test Series 2021 )**

**49. Consider the following about the order of these geographical features.**

1. Mahadeo hills appear North of Satmala hills.
2. Nilgiri hills lie South of Cardamom hills.
3. Aravalli range lies west of Vindhya ranges.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

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

**50. Which of the following factor(s) can worsen a Desert Locust swarm attack (in terms of locust numbers) in India?**

1. Unusually dry spells of weather in India and surrounding nations
2. Strong westerly winds
3. Improved breeding ground due to a denser vegetation

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**51. Consider the following with regards to payment mechanisms in India.**

1. National Financial Switch (NFS) is a network of Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
2. Cheque Truncation System (CTS) allows cheques to be electronically accepted all over the country.
3. National Automated Clearing House (NACH) facilitates interbank, high volume electronic transactions.
4. Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) System is used primarily to transfer benefits under various Central and state-sponsored schemes to their recipients.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**52. Identify the correct wind patterns are they occur around the globe:**

1. Polar westerlies
2. North-west trade winds
3. South-east trade winds

Which of the above are permanent winds?

- A. 1 only      B. 2 and 3 only      C. 3 only      D. None of the above

**53. Arrange these lakes/wetlands in India in an order from North to South:**

1. Pangong Tso
2. Tso Moriri
3. Gobind Sagar
4. Nizam Sagar

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

- A. 1234      B. 2143      C. 3124      D. 2134

**54. Buddha's teachings as uttered by him are preserved in the**

- A. Sutta pitaka      B. Vinaya pitaka      C. Abhidhamma pitaka      D. Nirgama pitaka

**55. Consider the following about moraines.**

1. A moraine is material left behind by a moving glacier.
2. Lateral moraines are usually found in matching ridges on either side of the glacier.
3. Moraine landscapes are rare and found only in the Eurasian and America continents.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

**56. With reference to PM Svanidhi, consider the following statements.**

1. It is a special micro-credit facility plan to provide affordable loan to street vendors.
2. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will manage credit guarantee provided to institutions engaged in lending to Micro and Small Enterprises.
3. It is a scheme of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**57. As per the Right to Information Act, 2005, "public authority" means any authority or body or institution of self-government that is**

1. Constitutional in nature
2. Statutory (whether Central or State) in nature
3. NGOs substantially financed by the Union, State or Local government

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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

**58. Consider the following about Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules of 2020 notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.**

1. Sale of drones is deregulated and any private entity can sell drones.
2. No unmanned aircraft (UA) system shall be operated without a valid third party insurance.
3. Nano-drones, currently, cannot be operated in India except by the armed forces.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

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