18. **Consider the following statements about the tenure of the Lok Sabha:**
    1. The tenure of Lok Sabha cannot be extended beyond the 5 years limit except during the National Emergency.
    2. The tenure of Lok Sabha cannot be curtailed before the completion of five years except the situation of Hung Assembly.
    Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
    (a) 1 only   (b) 2 only   (c) Both 1 and 2   (d) Neither 1 Nor 2

19. **Consider the following statements about the Office of Speaker in the Lok Sabha:**
    1. Any Member of Lok Sabha can become the Speaker of the Lok Sabha provided if that person becomes the member of that House within in six months after being elected as Speaker.
    2. Whenever the Lok Sabha is dissolved, the Speaker also vacates his/her office.
    Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
    (a) 1 only   (b) 2 only   (c) Both 1 and 2   (d) Neither 1 Nor 2

20. **With reference to the Parliamentary proceedings in India, consider the following statements:**
    1. The Parliament shall meet minimum three times a year without fail.
    2. Each Session must be conducted for 7 working days at the minimum.
    Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
    (a) 1 only   (b) 2 only   (c) Both 1 and 2   (d) Neither 1 nor 2

21. **The recent events of custodial violence coming to light are violative of which of the following article(s) of the Indian Constitution?**
    1. Article 14   2. Article 19   3. Article 21
    Select the correct answer using the code given below.
    (a) 2 only   (b) 2 and 3 only   (c) 3 only   (d) 1, 2 and 3

22. **Consider the following statements about the GST Council of India:**
    1. It is a constitutional body chaired by the Union Finance Minister.
    2. Every decision of this Council shall be taken by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the weighted votes of the members present and voting.
    3. In the Voting procedure, the Central Government will have the upper hand over the votes of all the State Governments taken together.
    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

23. **The Joint Public Service Commission for two or more states can be established by**
    (a) an amendment to the Constitution   (b) an ordinary law by the parliament
    (c) an ordinary law by the respective states   (d) an Executive order by the President

24. **The "2+2" engagement, often seen in the news, is related to which one of the following?**
    (a) International engagement between nations on the level of foreign and defence ministers
    (b) The initiative of the United Nations Security Council to collaborate between the nuclear-powered nations on a bilateral basis
    (c) Reciprocal trade preferences are given by Nations to each other under the World Trade Organisation framework
    (d) The initiative of Facebook to connect couples looking for adoption to International Adoption Agencies

25. **Which of the following statements holds true when an incumbent Indian Prime Minister dies in office?**
    1. The majority party elects a new leader and the President must appoint him/her as the Prime Minister.
    2. The President can use his discretion to appoint the Prime Minister even if the majority party elects a new leader.
    3. The Council of Ministers is dissolved by the President.
    4. The President dissolves the Lok Sabha.
    Select the correct answer using the code given below:
    (a) 1 and 4 only   (b) 2 and 4 only   (c) 2 and 3 only   (d) 1 and 3 only

26. **Consider the following statements:**
    1. It is the chief policy formulating body of the central government.
    2. It is an advisory body to the President of India.
    3. Its functions and role are not elaborated in the constitution but based on parliamentary conventions.
    4. It deals with major legislative and financial matters of the government.
    Which of the following is being described the statements given above?
    (a) The Prime Minister's Office   (b) The Cabinet
    (c) The Council Of Minister   (d) The Cabinet Secretariat