

25. Consider the following pairs:

**Trade Agreement in Country/Region
news**

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| 1. ASEAN | : | South East Asian region |
| 2. South Asian Free Trade Area Agreement | : | SAARC countries |
| 3. MERCOSUR | : | Africa |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

26. In the context of electoral reforms, the 'constitutional right of citizens to cast a negative vote in elections' was upheld in which of the following cases?

- (a) Jan Chowkidar Case, 2004
- (b) Lily Thomas Case, 2013
- (c) People Union of Civil Liberty Case, 2004
- (d) LIC of India case, 1995

27. With reference to the 'General consent to CBI', consider the following statements:

- 1. It is given to CBI to investigate cases of corruption against central government employees in the concerned state.
- 2. Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal authority to grant consent.

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

28. Which of the following are the functions of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?

- 1. To advise the Government on top-level appointments at Public Sector Banks.
- 2. To advise the Government on the formulation of a code of conduct for managerial personnel in PSEs.
- 3. To build a data bank containing data relating to the performance of PSEs and its officers.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

29. With reference to Law Commission of India, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is re-constituted in every five years.
- 2. The recommendations of the Commission are binding upon the government.

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

30. With reference to the office of Lokpal, consider the following statements:

- 1. The salary, allowances and other conditions of service of the Lokpal chairperson are same as that of the Chief Justice of India.
- 2. The administrative expenses of the Lokpal are charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India.

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