

**43.** With reference to the Electoral Bonds, announced recently in the Union Budget, consider the following statements:

1. They are a financial instrument for making donations to political parties.
2. They cannot be purchased by paying cash.
3. They are issued by the Election Commission of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**44.** In which of the following states was India's first Floating Elementary School recently inaugurated?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Orissa

**45.** With reference to economy, what does the term soil rate refer to?

- (a) It is the rate of return on a real estate investment property based on the income that the property is expected to generate.
- (b) It is the rate at which notes are considered to be too damaged to use and have been returned to the central bank.
- (c) It is the benchmark lending rate for the agricultural sector.
- (d) It is the environmental cost of preparing a currency note.

**46.** With reference to the Food Legumes Research Platform (FLRP), consider the following statements:

1. It will enable India to harness the best of international science in meeting the emerging food security challenges.
2. It will focus on developing technologies for small farmers only.
3. It will be set up by NABARD.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**47.** What does the term 'Helicopter money' refer to?

- (a) Direct transfers into people's accounts by central bank as part of expansionary monetary policy.
- (b) Investments in an economy by foreign institutional investors.
- (c) Transfer payments made by subsidiaries to their parent companies.
- (d) The flow of capital from one country to another in order to earn a short-term profit on interest rate differences.

**48.** With reference to the recently set up India International Skill Centres (IISC), consider the following statements:

1. They will help to implement the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) for youth seeking global mobility for jobs.
2. They will be set up through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

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