S1. Ans.(a)
Sol. The Chham Dance of Himachal Pradesh is also known as the Devil Dance. Chham dance, performed by Buddhists to ward off evil spirits, is a dance form of Himachal Pradesh.

S2. Ans.(b)
Sol. The principal tributaries joining Krishna are the Ghataprabha River, Malaprabha River, Bhima River, Tungabhadra River and Musi River.

S3. Ans.(c)
Sol. Malimath committee was established to propose reform in the criminal Justice System and constitutional provisions related to it.

S4. Ans.(c)
Sol. Tata Iron and Steel Company was founded by Jamsetji Tata and established by Dorabji Tata on 26 August 1907, and began producing steel in 1912 as a branch of Jamsetji's Tata Group. By 1939, it operated the largest steel plant in the British Empire.

S5. Ans.(a)
Sol. The Wadiyar dynasty (also spelt Wadiyar by the British) was an Indian royal dynasty that ruled the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947, until the independence of India from British rule and the subsequent unification of Indian dominion and princely states into the Republic of India.

S6. Ans.(c)
Sol. Indian National Association was the first declared Nationalist Organization founded in British India by Surendranath Banerjee and Anand Mohan Bose in 1876. It was originally established as Bharat Sabha and held its first annual conference in Calcutta. It merged in INC in 1885.

S7. Ans.(d)
Sol. The Chalukya dynasty was established by Pulakeshin I in 543. Pulakeshin I took Vatapi (modern Badami in Bagalkot district, Karnataka) under his control and made it his capital. Pulakeshin I and his descendants are referred to as "Chalukyas of Badami"

S8. Ans.(b)
Sol. Article 44 provides that the State shall endeavour to secure for all citizens a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territory of India.

S9. Ans.(b)
Sol. Vaishali was the capital city of Vajji. Vajji also housed popular ancient cities like Hatthigama, Bhoganagara, and Kundapura.
S10. Ans.(b)
Sol. The marriage of Chandragupta I was a turning point in the life. He got Pataliputra in dowry from the Lichhavis. From Pataliputra, he laid the foundation of his empire and started conquering many neighbouring states with the help of the Licchavis. He ruled over Magadha (Bihar), Prayaga and Saketa (East Uttar Pradesh).

S11. Ans.(c)
Sol. National Highway No 1 is called as Shershah Suri Marg. NH-1 is actually the Grand Trunk (GT) road that existed during the reign of Chandragupta Maurya, extending from the mouth of the Ganges to the north-western frontier of the Empire. It is the oldest route in India.

S12. Ans.(d)
Sol. The term 'big' is associated with running.

S13. Ans.(c)
Sol. Bhawaiya is a musical form or a popular folk music in Northern Bangladesh especially Rangpur District and in Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, part of Darjeeling and North Dinajpur district of West Bengal and Dhubri and Goalpara of Assam in India.

S14. Ans.(b)
Sol. In his last Indian campaign in 1024 CE, Mahmud of Ghazni reached the southern coast of Kathiawar along the Arabian Sea, where he sacked the city of Somnath and destroyed its famous Hindu temple to Shiva (whose mystical idol was apparently levitated by magnetic forces).

S15. Ans.(c)
Sol. Arbitrage occurs when a security is purchased in one market and simultaneously sold in another market at a higher price, thus considered to be risk-free profit for the trader. Arbitrage provides a mechanism to ensure prices do not deviate substantially from fair value for long periods of time.

S16. Ans.(c)
Sol. Article 105 deals with the 'Parliamentary Privileges' enjoyed by the Parliament as a whole and Members of Parliament (MPs) in their individual capacity.

S17. Ans.(c)
Sol. An avalanche moves down a slope it follows a certain pathway that is dependent on the slope's degree of steepness and the volume of snow/ice involved in the mass movement. The origin of an avalanche is called the Starting Point and typically occurs on a 30–45 degree slope.

S18. Ans.(c)
Sol. Chakri is one of the most popular types of traditional music played in Jammu & Kashmir. Chakri is a responsorial song form with instrumental parts, and it is played with instruments like the harmonium, the rubab, the sarangi, the nout, the geger, the tumbaknaer and the chimta.

S19. Ans.(d)
Sol. At present, twenty matters per day as per their priority in the ballot are allowed to be raised during "Zero Hour".
S20. Ans.(c)
Sol. After the Battle of Plassey in 1757, the British achieved political power in India. It marked a decisive victory of the British East India Company over the Nawab of Bengal and his French allies. The battle consolidated the Company’s presence in Bengal, which later expanded to cover much of India over the next hundred years.

S21. Ans.(d)
Sol. The iron ore deposits are found in Badampahar mines of Odisha. In Badampahar high grade hematite ores are found. The Kudremukh iron ore deposits are known to be one of the largest in the world.

S22. Ans.(d)
Sol. Sundari is a well-known species of trees in mangrove forests after which Sunderbans have been named.

S23. Ans.(b)
Sol. Justice V. Ramaswami has the dubious distinction of being the first judge against whom impeachment proceedings were initiated. In 1993, the motion was brought up in Lok Sabha, but it failed to secure the required two-thirds majority.

S24. Ans.(c)
Sol. Rani Durgavati died fighting with mughal armies while defending garha katanga in 1564. After the death of Rani Durgavati’s husband, she became the successor of the Gondwana kingdom and for about 15 years, she ruled in Gondwana.

S25. Ans.(a)
Sol. Baglihar Dam also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project is a run-of-the-river power project on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.

S26. Ans.(b)
Sol. Mithun, also known as 'Cattle of Mountain’ is an important bovine species of north-eastern hill region of India and also of China, Myanmar, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

S27. Ans.(c)
Sol. The festival of Marabats and Badgyas celebrated in Nagpur directly confronts social evils and criticise their perpetrators through a procession with effigies.

S28. Ans.(c)
Sol. The Nanda Devi peak is situated in the Garhwal region, in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand.

S29. Ans.(b)
Sol. If there is a lack of money supply in comparison to the supply of goods and services, then the possible consequence would be Deflation.

S30. Ans.(b)
Sol. The colourful art named Nandna block print, which uses graceful yet aligned arrangements of motifs on fabric, is practised in Tarapur village of Madhya Pradesh.