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Maximum Marks: 200 / 100

Time Allowed: 120 - 180 Minutes

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(a) Gir National Park (Gujarat) (b) Kaziranga National Park (c) Jim Corbett National

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(a) Gujarat (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Maharashtra

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(a) 8 States (b) 7 States (c) 6 States (d) 9 States

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(a) Kanchenjunga (b) Nanda Devi (c) Anamudi (d) Kamet

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(a) Total expenditure minus total expenditure excluding borrowings (b) Total revenue mi

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(a) World Bank (b) International Monetary Fund (IMF) (c) World Economic Forum (d)

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(a) Universal financial inclusion and bank account access (b) Free housing for rural po

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(a) Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (b) Credit Risk Allocation Requirement (c)

Q91. Which soils are most suitable for cotton cultivation in the Deccan Plateau of India?

(a) Black Soil (Regur) (b) Alluvial Soil (c) Laterite Soil (d) Red Soil

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(a) 2011-12 (b) 2004-05 (c) 2015-16 (d) 2018-19

Q94. Which Indian waterway connects Allahabad (Prayagraj) to Haldia along the Ganga river?

(a) National Waterway 1 (NW-1) (b) National Waterway 2 (NW-2) (c) National Waterway

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(a) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI (b) Ministry of Finance (c) NITI Aayog

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