

Test Name : MASTER CURRENT 2021 Test - 11
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Difficulty Level : medium
Test Type : Free

Total Questions : 100
Total Marks : 200.00
Duration : 120.00 mins

Instruction :
Please read the instructions carefully

1. Total duration of examination is 120 minutes.
2. Total Number of the questions is 100
3. Each Question carries 2 Marks for correct answer and .667 Marks for incorrect answer
4. Maximum Marks is 200 Marks
5. The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer in the top right corner of screen will display the remaining time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. You will not be required to end or submit your examination.
6. The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:

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 You have answered the question, but marked it for review.

Q.1 Consider the following statements:

1. Messenger RNA (mRNA) is a single-stranded RNA molecule that is complementary to one of the DNA strands of a gene.
2. The mRNA is an RNA version of the gene that leaves the cell nucleus and moves to the cytoplasm where proteins are made.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Messenger RNA (mRNA) is a single-stranded RNA molecule that is complementary to one of the DNA strands of a gene. The mRNA is an RNA version of the gene that leaves the cell nucleus and moves to the cytoplasm where proteins are made. During protein synthesis, an organelle called a ribosome moves along the mRNA, reads its base sequence, and uses the genetic code to translate each three-base triplet, or codon, into its corresponding amino acid.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/coronavirus-pfizer-biontech-begin-global-study-of-lead-vaccine-candidate/article32208801.ece>

Q.2 Consider the following statements:

1. William Johnson, a civil servant with the Survey of India proposed the "Johnson Line" in 1935, which put Aksai Chin in Kashmir.
2. McMahon Line, frontier between Tibet and Assam in British India, was negotiated between Tibet and Great Britain at the end of the Shimla Conference.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

In 1865, W. H. Johnson, a civil servant with the Survey of India proposed the "Johnson Line", which put Aksai Chin in Kashmir. Although Chinese never accepted this line, it was well accepted as the border between India and China by the international communities. In 1913, representatives of Great Britain, China and Tibet attended a conference in Shimla regarding the borders between Tibet, China and British India. McMahon Line, frontier between [Tibet](#) and

[Assam](#) in British [India](#), negotiated between Tibet and Great Britain at the end of the [Shimla Conference](#) (October 1913–July 1914) and named for the chief British negotiator, Sir Henry McMahon. It runs from the eastern border of [Bhutan](#) along the crest of the [Himalayas](#) until it reaches the great bend in the [Brahmaputra River](#) where that river emerges from its Tibetan course into the Assam Valley.

<https://www.thehindu.com/books/books-reviews/the-mcmahon-line-a-century-of-discord-review-the-disputed-frontier/article28585896.ece>

Q.3 Consider the following statements:

1. Every zoo in the country is required to obtain recognition from the Central zoo authority.
2. Exchange of animals between Indian and foreign zoos is approved by Animals welfare board.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

Every zoo in the country is required to obtain recognition from the Central zoo authority. Exchange of animals between Indian and foreign zoos is approved by Central zoo authority.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ministry-reconstitutes-central-zoo-authority/article31964930.ece>

Q.4 Consider the following statements:

1. The [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#) (UNCLOS) is an international treaty which was adopted and signed in 1982.
2. It provides the international legal basis for the protection and use of only living resources of the world's oceans.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

The [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#) (UNCLOS) is an international treaty which was adopted and signed in 1982. It provides the international legal basis for the protection and use of living and non-living resources of the world's oceans.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/cm-questions-centres-handling-of-marines-case/article31990439.ece>

Q.5 Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'.
2. The UNCAC is the ever-first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument.
3. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.
4. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 2 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : C,

Solution :

The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted by General Assembly resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, is the main international instrument in the fight against transnational organized crime. The Convention is further supplemented by three Protocols, which target specific areas and manifestations of organized crime: the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air; and the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition. Countries must become parties to the Convention itself before they can become parties to any of the Protocols. The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Corruption is the inclusion of a specific chapter on asset recovery, aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners, including countries from which they had been taken illicitly. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/fourth-highest-opium-seizure-in-2018-reported-from-in-dia-world-drug-report/article32005672.ece>

Q.6 Consider the following statements:

1. The immune system protects the body from possibly harmful substances by recognizing and responding to antibodies.
 2. Antigens are substances (usually proteins) on the surface of cells, viruses, fungi, or bacteria.
- 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

Answer : B,

Solution :

The immune system protects the body from possibly harmful substances by recognizing and responding to antigens. Antigens are substances (usually proteins) on the surface of cells, viruses, fungi, or bacteria. Non-living substances such as toxins, chemicals, drugs, and foreign particles (such as a splinter) can also be antigens.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/rapid-antigen-tests-for-pourakarmikas/article32225121.ece#!>

Q.7 'Enrica Lexie', recently seen in news is

- A. new variety of fish found in Andaman.
- B. a butterfly species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh
- C. ship used by Italian mariners
- D. none of the above

Answer : C,

Solution :

India losing jurisdiction over its maritime zones in the Enrica Lexie case has left the fishing community disappointed and enraged.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/enrica-lexie-verdict-leaves-fishers-enraged/article31984474.ece>

Q.8 Consider the following statements:

1. Compulsory licensing is for patents when the authorities license companies or individuals other than the patent owner to use the rights of the patent.

2.It is allowed under the IMF's TRIPS (intellectual property) Agreement provided certain procedures and conditions are fulfilled.

3.Compulsory licensing allows to make, use, sell or import a product under patent (i.e. a patented product or a product made by a patented process) — without the permission of the patent owner.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 1 and 3 only

Answer : D,

Solution :

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/why-are-re-purposed-medicines-expensive/article32154508.ece>

Q.9 Consider the following statements related to 'International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor':

- 1. ITER will be the first fusion device to produce [net energy](#).
- 2. The tokamak is an experimental machine designed to harness the energy of fusion.

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

Answer : C,

Solution :

The tokamak is an experimental machine designed to harness the energy of fusion. Inside a tokamak, the energy produced through the fusion of atoms is absorbed as heat in the walls of the vessel. Just like a conventional power plant, a fusion power plant will use this heat to produce steam and then electricity by way of turbines and generators. ITER will be the first fusion device to produce [net energy](#). ITER will be the first fusion device to maintain fusion for

long periods of time. And ITER will be the first fusion device to test the integrated technologies, materials, and physics regimes necessary for the commercial production of fusion-based electricity.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/It-despatches-cryostat-lid-for-20-billion-global-fusion-project/article31957496.ece>

Q.10 In which one of the following country is 'Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary' located?

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

Answer : D,

Solution :

China recently staked claim over the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary in Bhutan at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council and opposed funding to the project.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-cannot-threaten-countries-and-bully-them-in-the-himalayas-pompeo/article32158023.ece>

Q.11 With reference to 'Global Environment Facility', which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. It serves as financial mechanism for 'Convention on Biological Diversity' and 'United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change'.
- B. It undertakes scientific research on environmental issues at global level.
- C. It is an agency under OECD to facilitate the transfer of technology and funds to underdeveloped countries with specific aim to protect their environment.
- D. Both a and b

Answer : A,

Solution :

GEF funds are available to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to meet the objectives of the international environmental conventions and agreements. GEF support is provided to government agencies, civil society organizations, private sector companies, research institutions, among the broad diversity of potential partners, to implement projects and programs in recipient countries. GEF funds are available to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to meet the objectives of the international

environmental conventions and agreements.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-cannot-threaten-countries-and-bully-them-in-the-himalayas-pompeo/article32158023.ece>

- Q.12 In which one of the following countries is UNESCO Site '**Hagia Sophia**' recently seen in news located?
- A. Iran
 - B. Turkey
 - C. Iraq
 - D. Israel

Answer : B,

Solution :

An Eastern Orthodox patriarchal cathedral for about 900 years, an imperial mosque for 482 years and then a museum and a famed tourist spot starting 1935. This is the short history of Hagia Sophia, the sixth century Byzantine structure that has survived natural calamities, imperial invasions, crusades and a World War.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/hagia-sophia-the-museum-of-conflicts/article32049589.ece>

- Q.13 Consider the following statements:
1. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes Headquartered in Beijing
 2. AIIB will provide or facilitate financing to only its member countries.
- 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

Answer : A,

Solution :

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes Headquartered in Beijing AIIB will "provide or facilitate financing to any member, or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, or any entity or enterprise operating in the territory of a member, as well as to

international or regional agencies or entities concerned with economic development of the Asia region.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/aiib-to-look-at-indias-project-proposals-from-economic-view/article32225257.ece>

Q.14 Consider the following:

1. Airborne
2. Direct contact with infected
3. Indirect contact

Which of the above are modes of transmission for COVID?

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : D,

Solution :

Modes of transmission for COVID- Airborne; Direct contact with infected; Indirect contact; Droplet

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/the-hindu-explains-is-airborne-transmission-of-covid-19-a-risk/article32053924.ece>

Q.15 The term "two-state solution" is sometimes mentioned in the news in the context of the affairs of

- A. China
- B. Israel
- C. Iraq
- D. None of the above

Answer : B,

Solution :

The term "two-state solution" is for Israel and Palestine dispute.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-24-hours-palestine-faces-an-existential-threat/article31948506.ece>

- Q.16 In the context of any country, which one of the following would be considered as part of its social contract?
- A. an agreement between employees and owner of private industry
 - B. an agreement between the people of a state and the government of a state.
 - C. rules to be followed by students in school
 - D. obedience of son to his father

Answer : B,

Solution :

Social contract arguments typically posit that individuals have consented, either explicitly or tacitly, to surrender some of their freedoms and submit to the authority (of the ruler, or to the decision of a majority) in exchange for protection of their remaining rights or maintenance of the social order.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-social-contract-needs-to-be-rewritten/article32025342.ece>

- Q.17 'Spratly island' recently seen in news is disputed between
- 1. China
 - 2. Taiwan
 - 3. Malaysia
 - 4. Philippines
 - 5. Vietnam
 - 6. Japan
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1,2,3,4 and 6 only
 - B. 1,2,3,4 and 5 only
 - C. 1,2,3 and 4 only
 - D. 1,2,3,4,5 and 6

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Spratly Islands dispute is an ongoing territorial dispute between China, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam, concerning "ownership" of the Spratly Islands, a group of islands and associated "maritime features" (reefs, banks, cays, etc.) located in the South China Sea.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-conducts-drills-in-south-china-sea/article32233114.ece>

- Q.18 An agreement to construct a rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan is between Iran and
- A. India
 - B. Afghanistan
 - C. China
 - D. None of the above

Answer : D,

Solution :

Four years after India and Iran signed an agreement to construct a rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan, along the border with Afghanistan, the Iranian government has decided to proceed with the construction on its own, citing delays from the Indian side in funding and starting the project.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/iran-drops-india-from-chabahar-rail-project-cites-funding-delay/article32072428.ece>

- Q.19 Consider the following statements related National Green Tribunal to :
- 1. An advocate is not necessary to approach the National Green Tribunal.
 - 2. National Green Tribunal decisions are binding.
- 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

Answer : C,

Solution :

An advocate is not necessary to approach the National Green Tribunal. National Green Tribunal decisions are binding.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/ngt-directs-indian-oils-panipat-refinery-to-pay-25-crore/article32196761.ece>

- Q.20 Meteor and Scalp recently seen in news are
- A. Asteroid
 - B. Missile
 - C. Comet

D. None of the above

Answer : B,

Solution :

MBDA's Meteor beyond visual range air-to-air missile and Scalp cruise missile will be the mainstay of the weapons package of the Rafale jets.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rafale-jets-ambala-induction/article32218590.ece>

Q.21 The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between.

- A. the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman
- B. the Gulf of Aden and the Gulf of Oman
- C. the Gulf of Aden and the Persian Gulf(d
- None of the above

Answer : A,

Solution :

The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/iran-moves-mock-aircraft-carrier-to-sea-amid-us-tensions/article32201036.ece>

Q.22 Consider the following statements:

1. Judicial review is permissible at a stage prior to the making of a decision by the Speaker.
2. The court cannot intervene unless an MLA has been disqualified.

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

Answer : B,

Solution :

Judicial review is not permissible at a stage prior to the making of a decision by the Speaker. The court cannot intervene unless an MLA has been disqualified.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/judicial-review-cant-be-available-prior-to-speakers-dec>

[ision/article32106036.ece](https://www.writetobeias.com/revision/article32106036.ece)

- Q.23 Consider the following statements related to vaccine trials:
1. In an immune response, the human body produce virus specific antibodies.
 2. It should show a neutralising effect, preventing the virus from multiplying.
- 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

Answer : C,

Solution :

In an immune response, the human body produce virus specific antibodies. It should show a neutralising effect, preventing the virus from multiplying.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/uk-scientists-to-immunise-hundreds-with-coronavirus-vaccine/article32235442.ece>

- Q.24 Consider following:
1. India
 2. Australia
 3. Japan
- Which of the country are **NOT** part of Malabar Exercise given?
Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 2 only
 - B. 1 and 2 only
 - C. 3 only
 - D. 1 and 3 only

Answer : A,

Solution :

Australia is not part of Malabar Exercise.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/make-the-right-call-on-malabar-going-quad/article32132584.ece>

- Q.25 Which one of the following is related to the term "Equalisation Levy" sometimes seen in news ?
- A. taxing of digital transaction
 - B. carbon tax
 - C. tax rate over 1 crore
 - D. None of the above

Answer : A,

Solution :

Equalisation Levy was introduced in India in 2016, with the intention of taxing all digital transactions, to keep an eye on services provided by foreign companies over the internet and utilized by businesses located in India.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/equalisation-levy-tread-with-caution/article9679019.ece>

- Q.26 Consider the following statements:
- (1) Free ration provided under the PMGKAY is in addition to the subsidised grains given through Public Distribution System (PDS) under the National Food Security Act.
 - (2) The PMGKAY has been extended for another six months till December.
 - (3) All expenses on the extended PMGKAY will be borne by the central government and state government in the ratio of 50:50.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- A. 1 and 2 only
 - B. 2 and 3 only
 - C. 1 only
 - D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan today held a media briefing through video conference to provide details of provision, preparedness and necessary steps taken by the ministry for providing additional food grains @ /month 5kg/person free of cost to all beneficiaries (AAY and PHH) covered under Targeted Public Distribution System as per provision of NFSA (including those covered under DBT).

The PMGKAY has been extended for another five months till November. All expenses on the extended PMGKAY will be borne by the central government.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635691>

Q.27 Consider the following statements:

- (1) Operation Magar Setu was launched by the Navy as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (2) The Navy has previously undertaken similar evacuation operations as part of Operation Sukoon in 2006 (Beirut) and Operation Rahat in 2015 (Yemen).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Operation Samudra Setu, which was launched by the Navy on May 5 as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic, has culminated after successfully bringing back 3,992 individuals, the Navy said on Wednesday.

Landing Platform Dock INS Jalashwa and Landing Ship Tanks INS Airavat, Shardul and Magar participated in this operation that lasted over 55 days.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/navy-concludes-samudra-setu/article32025596.ece#:~:text=Operation Samudra Setu, which was,the Navy said on Wednesday.>

Q.28 Consider the following statements:

- (1) ASHA must primarily be a woman resident of the village married/ widowed/ divorced, preferably in the age group of 25 to 45 years.
- (2) The ASHAs in Jharkhand, known as "Sahiyas", have been supporting delivery of health care services to the last mile, especially in the tribal areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Jharkhand's ASHAs, or Sahiyas, who have demonstrated their commitment in addressing maternal, newborn, and child health have arisen to the occasion in supporting COVID 19 related activities.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635562>

Q.29 Consider the following statements:

(1) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is a Comprehensive Scheme for Prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-Integration of Victims of Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

(2) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched on May 1st, 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) aims to safeguard the health of women & children by providing them with a clean cooking fuel - LPG, so that they don't have to compromise their health in smoky kitchens or wander in unsafe areas collecting firewood. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 1st, 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635546>

Q.30 Consider the following statements:

(1) Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has launched a new scheme called 'Accelerate Vigyan' (AV) to provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs, and workshops across the country.

(2) The primary objective of this inter-ministerial scheme is to give more thrust on encouraging high-end marine research and aquatic manpower.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

To provide a single platform for research internships, capacity building programs, and workshops across the country, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) has launched a new scheme called 'Accelerate Vigyan' (AV). The primary objective of this inter-ministerial scheme is to give more thrust on encouraging high-end scientific research and preparing scientific manpower.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635591>

- Q.31 Locust Warning Organisation (LWO) comes under :-
- A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare
 - B. India Meteorological Department
 - C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer : A,

Solution :

Locust Warning Organisation (LWO), established in 1939 and amalgamated in 1946 with the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage (PPQS) of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The main objective of LWO is protection of standing crops and other green vegetation from the ravages of Desert locust which is one of the most dangerous pests occurring in desert areas throughout the world.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637040>

- Q.32 The Ministry of Culture has taken up the project of reprinting of 108 volumes of Mongolian Kanjur under the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM). Mongolian Kanjur is-
- A. Jain Text
 - B. Buddhist Text
 - C. Muslim Text
 - D. Christian Text

Answer : B,

Solution :

Mongolian Kanjur, the Buddhist canonical text in 108 volumes is considered to be the most important religious text in Mongolia. In the Mongolian language 'Kanjur' means 'Concise Orders'- the words of Lord Buddha in particular. It is held in high esteem by the Mongolian Buddhists and they worship the Kanjur at temples and recite the lines of Kanjur in daily life as a sacred ritual. The Kanjur are kept almost in every monastery in Mongolia.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637551>

Q.33 Which of the following are tributaries of Ganga?

1. The Damodar River
 2. The Mahananda River
 3. The Ramganga River
- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : D,

Solution :

- left Ramganga, Garra, Gomti, Ghaghara, Gandak, Burhi Gandak, Koshi, Mahananda, Bramhaputra
- right Yamuna, Tamsa (also called Tons), Sone, Punpun, Falgu, Kiul, Karamnasa, Chandan, Ajoy, Damodar, Rupnarayan

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637593>

Q.34 Consider the following statements:

1. Human activities are allowed to a limited extent in the wildlife sanctuaries, but in case of national parks, they are strictly prohibited by the authorities.
2. Boundaries of wildlife sanctuaries are not sacrosanct. However, the national parks have clearly marked boundaries.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The All India Tiger Estimation done quadrennially is steered by the National Tiger Conservation Authority with technical backstopping from the Wildlife Institute of India and implemented by State Forest Departments and partners. The latest results of 2018 had shown that India now has an estimated 2967 tigers out of which 2461 individual tigers have been photo captured, a whopping 83 % of the tiger population, highlighting the comprehensive nature of the survey.

National Park	Wildlife sanctuary
A national park is a more restricted area as compared to wildlife sanctuary. Random access to people is not allowed.	Wildlife sanctuary is not a very restricted area. It is open to general public.
Tickets or permissions are required to enter into a national park.	Tickets or permissions are not required to visit a wildlife sanctuary.
A national park has a definite boundary.	A wildlife sanctuary does not have a specific boundary.
General public cannot use the park for collecting any materials like fruits, firewood.	General public cannot use the park for collecting any materials like fruits, firewood.
Example: Jim Corbett national park (Gujarat)	Example: Krishna wildlife sanctuary (Andhra Pradesh)

<https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=210034>

Q.35 Consider the following statements:

1. International Solar Alliance (ISA) was announced by India and France.
2. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was conceived as a coalition of countries which lie completely between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

The launch of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was announced by H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and H.E. Mr. Francois Hollande, former Hon'ble President of France on 30th November 2015, at the 21st session of United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-21) in Paris, France. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was conceived as a coalition of solar-resource-rich countries (which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn) to address their special energy needs.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637746>

Q.36 Consider the following statements:

1. PM KUSUM Scheme has been launched by Ministry of Environment and Forest.
2. The scheme aims to add solar and other renewable capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme for farmers for installation of solar pumps and grid connected solar and other renewable power plants in the country.

The scheme aims to add solar and other renewable capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022 with total central financial support of Rs. 34,422 Crore including service charges to the implementing agencies.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637712>

Q.37 Consider the following statements:

1. Jal Jeevan Mission, a central government initiative under the Ministry of Environment and Forest.
2. It aims to ensure access of piped water for every household in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Jal Jeevan Mission, a central government initiative under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, aims to ensure access of piped water for every household in India. Jal Jeevan Mission, a central government initiative under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, aims to ensure access of piped water for every household in India.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1638013>

Q.38 Consider the following statements:

1. The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. The Atal Innovation Mission has two core functions namely Entrepreneurship promotion through Self-Employment and Talent Utilization and Innovation promotion.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the NITI Aayog to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across the length and breadth of the country. AIM's objectives are to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country at school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels. The Atal Innovation Mission has following two core functions: Entrepreneurship promotion through Self-Employment and Talent Utilization, wherein innovators would be supported and mentored to become successful entrepreneurs. Innovation promotion: to provide a platform where innovative ideas are generated.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1637998>

Q.39 Consider the following statements in respect of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:

1. There will be a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops.
2. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, the premium to be paid by farmers will be only 5%.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The new Crop Insurance Scheme is in line with One Nation – One Scheme theme. It incorporates

the best features of all previous schemes and at the same time, all previous shortcomings / weaknesses have been removed. The PMFBY will replace the existing two schemes National Agricultural Insurance Scheme as well as the Modified NAIS. There will be a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops. In case of annual commercial and horticultural crops, the premium to be paid by farmers will be only 5%.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1638347>

Q.40 Consider the following statements:-

1. Ophiocordyceps sinensis has been placed in the 'critically endangered' category of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.
2. The reason is "its spread has declined by at least 30% over the past 15 years as a result of overharvesting.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Ophiocordyceps sinensis -- also known as 'Himalayan Viagra', which sells in international markets for upwards of Rs 20 lakh per kg, has entered the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species, the world's most comprehensive information source on the global conservation status of animal, fungi and plant species. The list, which was released on July 9, has placed the fungus, known for its aphrodisiac and rejuvenation properties in the 'vulnerable' category. The list has nine categories — not evaluated, data deficient, least concern, near-threatened, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild and extinct. Citing the reason for placing the fungus in the vulnerable category, IUCN said that "its spread has declined by at least 30% over the past 15 years as a result of overharvesting.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/himalayan-viagra-which-sells-for-rs-20-lakh-a-kg-now-in-iucns-red-list-as-vulnerable-species/articleshow/76927963.cms>

Q.41 Consider the following statements:-

1. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation releases Index of Eight Core Industries.
2. Refinery Products has highest weight in the Index.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade is releasing Index of Eight Core Industries for the Month of June, 2020. The growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries for June 2020 declined by 15.0 % (provisional) compared to decline of 22.0 % (revised) in previous month of May 2020. Its cumulative growth during April to June, 2020-21 was -24.6 %.

Growth Rates (in per cent)											
Sector	Weight	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Apr-Jun 2019-20	Apr-Jun 2020-21
Coal	10.3335	3.2	1.0	8.0	4.8	3.2	2.6	7.4	-0.4	2.6	-15.0
Crude Oil	8.9833	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9	-1.4	-2.5	-0.9	-4.1	-5.9	-6.8	-6.5
Natural Gas	6.8768	-14.4	-12.9	-5.3	-4.7	-1.0	2.9	0.8	-5.6	-1.0	-16.2
Refinery Products	28.0376	7.2	1.4	0.2	4.9	4.9	4.6	3.1	0.2	-2.4	-18.2
Fertilizers	2.6276	-3.3	1.5	1.3	7.0	0.2	0.03	0.3	2.7	-1.1	2.8
Steel	17.9166	7.9	7.3	5.1	-1.3	10.7	5.6	5.1	3.4	12.4	-51.7
Cement	5.3720	7.5	3.7	5.9	4.6	-1.2	6.3	13.3	-0.9	1.0	-38.3
Electricity	19.8530	4.0	6.1	14.8	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	0.9	7.3	-16.1
Overall Growth	100.0000	3.8	2.6	4.9	3.0	4.8	4.3	4.4	0.4	3.4	-24.6

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642586>

Q.42 Consider the following statements:-

1. Bal Gangadhar Tilak wrote the book "[The Arctic Home in the Vedas](#)".
2. Mahatma Gandhi called him "The Maker of Modern India".

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

In 1903, Tilak wrote the book "The Arctic Home in the Vedas". In it, he argued that the Vedas could only have been composed in the Arctics, and the Aryan bards brought them south after the onset of the last ice age.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642663>

Q.43 Consider the following statements:-

1. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation releases Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of the retail prices of selected items.
2. Pan, Supari, Tobacco & Intoxicants are part of this Index.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Labour Bureau, an attached office of the M/o Labour and Employment, has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of the retail prices of selected items collected from 289 markets spread over 78 industrially important centres in the country. The index is compiled for 78 centres and All-India and is released on the last working day of succeeding month.

All-India Group-wise CPI-IW

Sr. No.	Groups	June, 2019	May, 2020	June, 2020
I	Food Group	328	342	346
II	Pan, Supari, Tobacco & Intoxicants	389	401	404
III	Fuel & Light	277	295	297
IV	Housing	421	450	450
V	Clothing, Bedding & Footwear	225	229	229
VI	Miscellaneous Group	252	256	257
	General Index	316	330	332

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642599>

Q.44 Consider the following statements:-

1. Government launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on 25th December, 2000 to provide all-weather access to unconnected habitations.
2. Under PMGSY phase II, the roads already built for village connectivity was to be upgraded to enhance rural infrastructure.
3. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways along with state governments is responsible for the implementation of PMGSY.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 1 and 2 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Ministry of Rural Development along with state governments is responsible for the implementation of PMGSY.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642578>

<https://vikaspedia.in/social-welfare/rural-poverty-alleviation-1/schemes/pradhan-mantri-gram-sadak-yojana>

Q.45 Consider the following statements:-

1. The 66th SKOCH 2020 Competition was entitled “INDIA RESPONDS TO COVID THROUGH DIGITAL GOVERNANCE”.
2. Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has received SKOCH Gold Award for its “Empowerment of Tribals through IT enabled Scholarship Schemes” project of Scholarship Division of the Ministry, integrating all 5 Scholarship Schemes with DBT Portal under the guidance of DBT Mission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Both are correct.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642669>

Q.46 Case fatality rate is –

- A. The proportion of people who die from a specified disease among all individuals diagnosed with the disease.
- B. The proportion of people who die from a specified disease among population of specified region.
- C. The proportion of people diagnosed with a specified disease among population of specified region.
- D. The sum of the proportion of people diagnosed with a specified disease and the proportion of people who die from a specified disease among population of specified region.

Answer : A,

Solution :

Case fatality rate, also called case fatality risk or case fatality ratio, in epidemiology, the proportion of people who die from a specified disease among all individuals diagnosed with the disease over a certain period of time. Case fatality rate typically is used as a measure of disease severity and is often used for prognosis (predicting disease course or outcome), where comparatively high rates are indicative of relatively poor outcomes. It also can be used to evaluate the effect of new treatments, with measures decreasing as treatments improve. Case fatality rates are not constant; they can vary between populations and over time, depending on the interplay between the causative agent of disease, the host, and the environment as well as available treatments and quality of patient care.

<https://www.britannica.com/science/case-fatality-rate>

Q.47 Consider the following statements:-

- 1. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- 2. Packaged food and toothpaste products sold in India are required to be labelled with a mandatory mark in order to be distinguished between lacto-vegetarian and non-lacto-vegetarian, under aegis of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India. Packaged food and toothpaste products sold in India are required to be labelled with a mandatory mark in order to be distinguished between lacto-vegetarian and non-lacto-vegetarian. The symbol is in effect following the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Act of 2006, and got a mandatory status after the framing of the respective regulations (Food Safety and Standards [Packaging and Labelling] Regulation) in 2011. According to the law, vegetarian food should be identified by a green symbol and non-vegetarian food with a brown symbol.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642820>

Q.48 Consider the following statements:-

1. A genome is an organism's complete set of DNA, including all of its genes.
2. Genome India Project aims are to ultimately build a grid of the Indian "reference genome", to understand fully the type and nature of diseases and traits that comprise the diverse Indian population.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Every organism's genetic code is contained in its Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid (DNA), the building blocks of life. The discovery that DNA is structured as a "double helix" by James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953, for which they won a Nobel Prize in 1962, was the spark in the long, continuing quest for understanding how genes dictate life, its traits, and what causes diseases. A genome is an organism's complete set of DNA, including all of its genes. Genomics is an interdisciplinary field of science focusing on the structure, function, evolution, mapping, and editing of genomes. Genomics also involves the sequencing and analysis of genomes through uses of high throughput DNA sequencing.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642869>

Q.49 Consider the following statements:-

1. A rapid antigen test (RAT) directly detects the presence or absence of an antibody (antibody tests).
2. A rapid antigen test (RAT) is different from other medical tests that detect nucleic acid (nucleic acid tests).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only

- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

A rapid antigen test (RAT) is a rapid diagnostic test suitable for point-of-care testing that directly detects the presence or absence of an antigen. This distinguishes it from other medical tests that detect antibodies (antibody tests) or nucleic acid (nucleic acid tests), of either laboratory or point of care types. Rapid diagnostic tests (RDT) detect the presence of viral proteins (antigens) expressed by the COVID-19 virus in a sample from the respiratory tract of a person. If the target antigen is present in sufficient concentrations in the sample, it will bind to specific antibodies fixed to a paper strip enclosed in a plastic casing and generate a visually detectable signal, typically within 30 minutes.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639100>

Q.50 Consider the following statements:-

1. Red Color Number Plate is used for the Prime Ministers of India and Chief Ministers of various states.
2. Black number plate with yellow lettering is used by commercial vehicles available on rent for self-drive.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Red Color Number Plate: This type of plate is used for the President of India and Governors of various states. In such vehicles, the license number is replaced by the "Emblem of India". It is important to mention here that the number plate of Prime Minister of India's car is of white color, like a common men's car. Yellow Color Plate: If the number of vehicle is written with a black ink on a yellow plate, then such vehicle is called a commercial vehicle. Black number plate with yellow lettering-These are commercial vehicles available on rent for self-drive. These cars can be put to any commercial purpose without the limitation of the driver having to own a commercial driving permit.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639062>

Q.51 Consider the following statements:-

1. NISHTHA is training program for teacher launched by Ministry of Human resource and Development.

2. It is targeted at elementary stage education.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

NISHTHA is a National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement at the elementary stage under Samagra Shiksha -a flagship programme of MHRD to improve learning outcomes. Thereafter, 33 states/UTs have launched this programme in their states/UTs in collaboration under Samagra Shiksha, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. In 29 States/UTs, the NISHTHA training programme has been completed by the NCERT at the state level.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639103>

Q.52 Consider the following statements:-

1. The UN Charter did not established Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1945 as one of the six main organs of the United Nations.

2. At the 2005 World Summit, Heads of State and Government mandated the Economic and Social Council with ensuring the follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and to hold annual ministerial-level substantive reviews (AMRs) to assess progress.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Economic and Social Council is at the heart of the United Nations system to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental. It is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. It is also responsible for the follow-up to major UN conferences and summits. The UN Charter established ECOSOC in 1945 as one of the six main organs of the United Nations.

At the 2005 World Summit, in paragraph 155 of the World Summit Outcome Document, Heads

of State and Government mandated the Economic and Social Council with ensuring the follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the internationally agreed development goals, and to hold annual ministerial-level substantive reviews (AMRs) to assess progress, drawing on its functional and regional commissions and other international institutions, in accordance with their respective mandates.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1638986>

Q.53 Consider the following statements:-

1. As per SDG, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) target is of 70/ lakh live births by 2020.
2. As per National Health Policy (NHP) of India, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) target is of 100/ lakh live births by 2030.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan, speaking on the success achieved by India on the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), said, "Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India has declined by 9 points in one year as per the Special Bulletin on MMR released by the Registrar General of India. The ratio has declined from 122 in 2015-17 to 113 in 2016-18 (7.4 % decline)." He highlighted that the country has been witnessing a progressive reduction in MMR from 167 in 2011-2013, 130 in 2014-2016, 122 in 2015-17, and to 113 in 2016-18. : Speaking on India's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "With this persistent decline, India is on track to achieving the SDG of 70/ lakh live births by 2030 and National Health Policy (NHP) target of 100/ live births by 2020.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639376>

Q.54 Consider the following statements:-

1. India is continuously witnessing progressive reduction in MMR from 2011.
2. Punjab, Bihar and Odisha have achieved the SDG target of 70/ lakh live births.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Speaking on India's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, "With this persistent decline, India is on track to achieving the SDG of 70/ lakh live births by 2030 and National Health Policy (NHP) target of 100/ live births by 2020. The number of states which have achieved the SDG target has now risen from 3 to 5 viz. Kerala (43), Maharashtra (46) Tamil Nadu (60), Telangana (63) and Andhra Pradesh (65). There are eleven (11) States that have achieved the target of MMR set by the NHP which includes the above 5 and the states of Jharkhand (71), Gujarat (75), Haryana (91), Karnataka (92), West Bengal (98) and Uttarakhand (99)."

Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that three states (Punjab (129), Bihar (149), Odisha (150)) have MMR in between 100-150, while for 5 states namely, Chhattisgarh (159), Rajasthan (164), Madhya Pradesh (173), Uttar Pradesh (197) and Assam (215), MMR is above 150.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639376>

Q.55 Consider the following statements:-

1. PM SVANidhi is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to facilitate street vendors to access affordable working capital loan for resuming their livelihoods activities, after easing of lockdown.
2. The objectives of the Scheme are to facilitate working capital loan up to Rs.10,00,000 at subsidized rate of interest; to incentivize regular repayment of loan; and to reward digital transactions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

This is a Central Sector Scheme to facilitate street vendors to access affordable working capital loan for resuming their livelihoods activities, after easing of lockdown. The objectives of the Scheme are to facilitate working capital loan up to Rs.10,000 at subsidized rate of interest; to incentivize regular repayment of loan; and to reward digital transactions.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639363>

Q.56 Consider the following statements:-

1. For implementation of Namami Gange Programme, there is National Ganga Council under chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation).

2. Bio-Diversity and Ganga Gram among main pillars of the Namami Gange Programme.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Act envisages five tier structures at national, state and district level

1. National Ganga Council under chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
2. Empowered Task Force (ETF) on river Ganga under chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation).
3. National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG).
4. State Ganga Committees and
5. District Ganga Committees in every specified district abutting river Ganga and its tributaries in the states.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639424>

Q.57 Consider the following statements:-

1. As per latest amendments in CMVR 1989, Tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) and Tyre Repair Kit has been prescribed.
2. The requirement of the additional tyres has been done away with in such vehicles if provided with the Tyre repair kit and TPMS has been provided.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide GSR 457 (E) dated 20th July 2020, has made following amendments in CMVR 1989 -The specification for the Tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) for vehicles up to maximum mass of 3.5 Tonnes which monitors the inflation pressure of the tyre or its variation, while the vehicle is running and transmits the information to the driver, thereby providing advance information to the driver and enhancing road safety has been

provided if fitted in the Vehicle. Tyre Repair Kit has been prescribed: During incident of tyre puncture (tubeless tyre), with the use of repair kit, the sealant poured into the tyre along with the air seals the punctured spot in the tyre tread. The requirement of the additional tyres has been done away with in such vehicles if provided with the Tyre repair kit and TPMS has been provided. This is as per the international standards which will enable more space which may accommodate batteries for EVs etc.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640350>

Q.58 Consider the following statements:-

1. 1st August is a day which made Muslim women free from social evil of Triple Talaq and is celebrated in the country's history as "Muslim Women Rights Day".
2. Egypt was the first Muslim nation which abolished this social evil of Triple Talaq in 1929.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

1st August is a day which made Muslim women free from social evil of Triple Talaq; 1st August has been recorded in the country's history as "Muslim Women Rights Day". Egypt was the first Muslim nation which abolished this social evil in 1929. Sudan in 1929, Pakistan in 1956, Bangladesh in 1972, Iraq in 1959, Syria in 1953, Malaysia in 1969 had abolished the practice of Triple Talaq.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640352>

Q.59 Consider the following statements:-

1. Comet Neowise' was first spotted by ISRO.
2. Big Dipper (*Ursa Major*) are known as *Saptarishi*, the seven stars in the sky.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

'Comet Neowise' was first spotted by NASA's spacecraft mission Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) on 27 March 2020 and hence the name NEOWISE. Those trying to observe the Comet should first locate the constellation Big Dipper (*Ursa Major*) or *Saptarishi*, the seven stars in the sky.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640443>

Q.60 Consider the following statements:-

1. 'MANODARPAN is a platform that will provide psychosocial support to students, parents and families for their mental health and emotional well-being.
2. The MANODARPAN initiative was a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

MANODARPAN is a platform that will provide psychosocial support to students, parents and families for their mental health and emotional well-being. As a part of the initiative, the HRD Minister also launched a national toll-free helpline number (8448440632). The MANODARPAN initiative aims to facilitate a sustainable psychological support system for the students as well as their families and teachers. The initiative is expected to be of great importance during post-COVID times as well with proactive and preventive mental health and well-being services integrated into the mainstream of learning processes. The Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched MANODARPAN initiative to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being on July 21, 2020 in New Delhi. The MANODARPAN initiative was a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The initiative aims to strengthen human capital and increase productivity and efficiency through reforms and initiatives in the education sector.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640013>

Q.61 Consider the following statements:-

1. E-Commerce has been covered under Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
2. State Consumer Protection Councils (CCPC) has been provided under new Act.

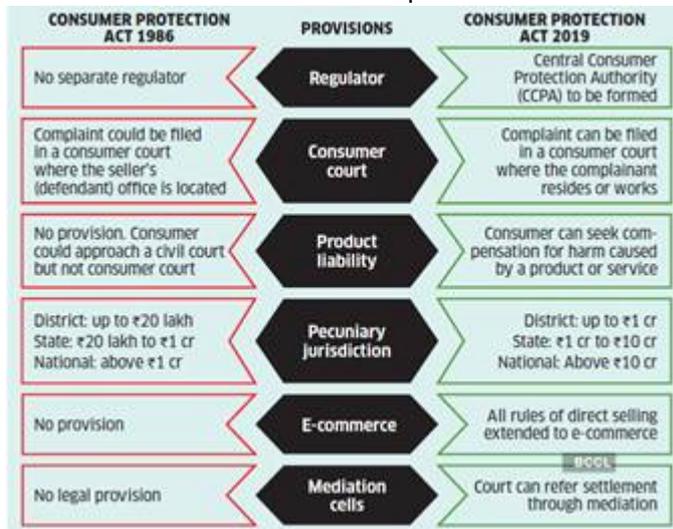
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Central Consumer Protection Council (CCPC). It will be an advisory body on consumer issues, headed by the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution with the Minister of State as Vice Chairperson and 34 other members from different fields.



<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639925>

Q.62 Consider the following statements:-

1. Chandrshekar Azad was one of the founding fathers of the Deccan Education Society.
2. Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HRSA) was reorganized from HRA by Lokmanya Tilak.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

Shri Naidu lauded Azad for supreme leadership skills and organizational ability which helped him reorganize HRA as Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HRSA) and strengthen it. Lokmanya was one of the founding fathers of the Deccan Education Society created in 1884.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640655>

Q.63 Consider the following statements:-

1. 'SMOKING KILLS: Tobacco causes cancer' with image is the new warning that is to be displayed on all tobacco products w.e.f. 01.12.2020.
2. Violation is punishable under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Violation of the above mentioned provision is a punishable offence with imprisonment or fine as prescribed in Section 20 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003. 'Tobacco causes painful death' with image has to be displayed on all tobacco products w.e.f. 01.12.2020.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640749>

Q.64 Consider the following statements:-

1. The Ministry of HRD conducted the first ever Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT) Test 2020.
2. Ind-SAT is an exam for selecting candidates who will be trained in ISRO.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

The Ministry of HRD conducted the first ever Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT) Test 2020 under its 'Study in India' programme yesterday. Ind-SAT is an exam for grant of scholarships and admissions to foreign students for studying in select Indian universities under the Study in India programme.

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Q.65 Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana has been launched by-

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Small Industries Development bank of India
- D. Khadi Village Industries Commission

Answer : D,

Solution :

Kumbhar Sashaktikaran Program is an initiative of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) for empowerment of potters community in the remotest of locations in the country. This program provides the following support to potters.

Training for advanced pottery products

Latest, new technology pottery equipments like the electric Chaak

Market linkages and visibility through KVIC exhibitions

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641022>

Q.66 Consider the following statements:-

1. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAYG), was earlier known as Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY).
2. The construction cost of the houses will be shared in a 50:50 ratio between the Central and State governments in plain areas.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

The selection of beneficiaries through a three stage validation (Socio Economic Caste Census 2011, Gram Sabha, and geo-tagging) has ensured selection of the poorest of the poor under PMAY-G. The construction cost of the houses will be shared in a 60:40 ratio between the Central and State governments in plain areas

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641011>

Q.67 Consider the following statements:-

1. Currently only 2% of total cargo traffic moves through waterways.
2. Govt. has levied waterway usage charges on the industries to use the national waterways with immediate effect.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

Ministry of Shipping has decided to waive waterway usage charges with immediate effect considering the Government of India's vision to promote inland waterways as a supplementary, eco-friendly and cheaper mode of transport. The charges are waived initially for three years.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1640881>

Q.68 Consider the following statements:-

1. The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Environment and Forest.
2. The scheme is being implemented by Self Help Groups (SHGs).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It was launched on 14th April, 2018 and seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products. The scheme will be implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs as Nodal Department at the Central Level and TRIFED as Nodal Agency at the National Level. Under Van Dhan, 10 Self Help Groups of 30 Tribal gatherers is constituted. The establishment of "Van Dhan Vikas Kendra" is for providing skill upgradation and capacity building training and setting up of primary processing and value addition facility.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641191>

Q.69 Consider the following statements:-

1. The Government of India responded with Operation Vijay during Kargil War with Pakistan in 1999.
2. Vijay Diwas is commemorated to Indian military's victory over Pakistan in Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 for the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Vijay Diwas (Hindi: विजय दिवस, lit. Victory Day) is commemorated every 16 December in India, to Indian military's victory over Pakistan in Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 for the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan. **Kargil Vijay Diwas** is a holiday observed in India on the 26th of July. On this date in 1999 India successfully took command of the high outposts. The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days and ended on 26 July 1999. The Government of India responded with Operation Vijay, a mobilization of 200,000 Indian troops. The war came to an official end on July 26, 1999, thus marking it as Kargil Vijay Diwas.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641327>

Q.70 The National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) is a -

- A. Infrastructure project for Oil Companies
- B. Investment Plan for enhancing infrastructure
- C. Nation-wide Gas Pipe Line Infrastructure for clean fuel
- D. National Plan to reduce import dependence on oil

Answer : B,

Solution :

The National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), an investment plan unveiled by the central government for enhancing infrastructure in identified sectors is a first-of-its-kind exercise to provide world-class infrastructure across the country and improve the quality of life for all citizens. The endeavour of the NIP would be to make this happen in an efficient manner. The benefits of NIP are envisaged to be immense- more inclusive economic growth through equitable access to infrastructure, job creation and improved standards of living; higher quality expenditure, increased government revenue and enhancement in economic activity; better-prepared projects and increased efficiency in delivery as well as enhanced access to sources of finance for developers; and increased investor confidence.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641841>

<https://www.investindia.gov.in/team-india-blogs/building-new-india-national-infrastructure-pipeline>

Q.71 Consider the following statements:-

1. Padhai Tunhar duvaar (Education at your doorstep) is a digital education initiative by Rajasthan State Govt.
2. Mission Buniyaad is a digital education initiative by NCT of Delhi Govt.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

Some of the major digital initiatives by State Governments are SMILE (Social Media Interface for Learning Engagement) in Rajasthan, Project Home Classes in Jammu, Padhai Tunhar duvaar (Education at your doorstep) in Chhattisgarh, Unnayan Initiatives in Bihar through portal and mobile application, Mission Buniyaad in NCT of Delhi, Kerala's own educational TV channel (Hi-Tech school programme), E-scholar portal as well as free online courses for teachers in Meghalaya. Telangana has online certificate programs for teachers on 'Management of mental well-being during COVID'.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1641850>

Q.72 Consider the following statements:-

1. Under National Education Policy 2020, A new National Assessment Centre, PARAKH, will be set up as a standard-setting body .
2. States/UTs will set up independent State School Standards Authority (SSSA).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

Under National Education Policy 2020, A new National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development), will be set up as a standard-setting body.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642049>

- Q.73 Who can join Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, UBA of MoHRD?
- A. Any registered Self Help Group in India
 - B. Any registered Society in India
 - C. Any registered Minority Educational Institution in India
 - D. Any registered Educational Institution in India

Answer : D,

Solution :

Any registered Educational Institution in India can join Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, UBA. The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT, Delhi) has been designated as the National Coordinating Institute (NCI) for the UBA scheme.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642066>

- Q.74 Consider the following statements:-
1. Under Article 47 of Constitution, the state shall endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs, which are injurious to health.
 2. Drug De-addiction Programme (DDAP) is operated by Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A,

Solution :

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare operates a Drug De-Addiction Programme (DDAP) by providing financial grants for augmenting post abuse treatment facilities in selected Central Government Hospitals/ Institutions and the Government Hospitals/ Institutions in North-East States. Under this programme, a National Nodal Centre, the "National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), Ghaziabad (U.P.)", has been established under the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642039>

- Q.75 Consider the following statements:-

1. Jharkhand, Gujarat and Haryana have achieved the target of MMR set by the NHP of 100/ live births.
2. For Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Assam, MMR is between 100-150.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

There are eleven (11) States that have achieved the target of MMR set by the NHP which includes the above 5 and the states of Jharkhand (71), Gujarat (75), Haryana (91), Karnataka (92), West Bengal (98) and Uttarakhand (99)."

Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that three states (Punjab (129), Bihar (149), Odisha (150)) have MMR in between 100-150, while for 5 states namely, Chhattisgarh (159), Rajasthan (164), Madhya Pradesh (173), Uttar Pradesh (197) and Assam (215), MMR is above 150.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1639376>

Q.76 Which of the following is/are mandatory component(s) of National Ayush Mission:-

1. AYUSH Services
2. AYUSH Educational Institutions
3. Quality Control of ASU &H Drugs
4. Medicinal Plants

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. All of above

Answer : D,

Solution :

Mandatory Components-AYUSH Services, AYUSH Educational Institutions, Quality Control of ASU &H Drugs, Medicinal Plants.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642404>

Q.77 Consider the following statements:

1. "Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar" is given for excellence in the field of Disaster Management.
2. Both individual and institution can be nominated for the award.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Government of India invites nominations for the "Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar" for excellence in the field of Disaster Management. The Government of India has instituted Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskaar to recognise the excellent work done by the individuals and institutions in the field of disaster management. In addition to a certificate, these awards carry a cash award of Rs 51 lakhs for an Institution and Rs 5 lakhs for an Individual. An individual can apply for the award as well as nominate other person or institution. The nominated individual or institution should have worked in any area of disaster management like Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Rescue, Response, Relief, Rehabilitation, Research, Innovation or early warning in India.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642249>

Q.78 Consider the following statements:

1. The acronym BRIC was coined by Goldman Sachs in 2001 to indicate the emerging powers that would be, alongside the United States.
2. India will assume the BRICS Presidency in 2021.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The acronym BRIC was coined by Goldman Sachs in 2001 to indicate the emerging powers that would be, alongside the United States, the five largest economies of the world in the 21st

century. In 2006, BRIC countries started their dialogue, which since 2009 takes place at annual meetings of heads of state and government. In 2011, with South Africa joining the group, the BRICS reached its final composition, incorporating a country from the African continent.

Since the beginning of their dialogue, in 2006, these countries have sought to establish fairest international governance, one that would be more suitable to their national interests. This goal would be achieved, for example, through the reform of the International Monetary Fund quota system, which came to include, for the first time, Brazil, Russia, India, and China amongst the top ten largest shareholders.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642513>

Q.79 Consider the following statements:

1. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is sub-scheme of National Bamboo Mission (NBM).
2. Half of the growing stock of bamboo is located in the North-Eastern States.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

With a view to harness the potential of bamboo crop, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in which National Bamboo Mission (NBM) is being implemented as a sub scheme. Bamboo is a versatile group of plants which is capable of providing ecological, economic and livelihood security to the people. Till recently, it has remained confined to the forests (12.8% of forest cover); two third of the growing stock located in the North-Eastern States.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642355>

Q.80 Consider the following statements:

1. Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has been established under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
2. The objective of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) is to promote, protect and

enforce the rights of consumers as a class.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 has come into force from 20th July, 2020. As provided in section 10 of the Act, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has been established w.e.f. 24th July, 2020. The objective of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) is to promote, protect and enforce the rights of consumers as a class. It will be empowered to conduct investigations into violation of consumer rights and institute complaints / prosecution, order recall of unsafe goods and services, order discontinuation of unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements, impose penalties on manufacturers/endorsers/publishers of misleading advertisements.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642422>

Q.81 Consider the following statements:

1. As per revised definition of MSME, the government has included exports turnover in the aggregate turnover for eligibility purposes.
2. The government has increased the limit on investment in plant and equipment for medium companies from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 50 crore.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B,

Solution :

The revised definition of MSME will also encourage exports as the government has excluded exports turnover from the aggregate turnover for eligibility purposes resulting in more companies

qualifying for MSME status. The increased limit on investment in plant and equipment for medium companies, from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 50 crore, will encourage adoption of more

advanced technology in manufacturing which is the key to competitiveness in exports. MSME Definition Revised

Micro Investment in P&M/Equipment Not More than Rs. 1 crore & Annual Turnover Not more than Rs. 5 Crore

Small - Investment in P&M/Equipment Not More than Rs. 10 crore & Annual Turnover Not more than Rs. 50 Crore

Medium - Investment in P&M/Equipment Not More than Rs. 50 crore & Annual Turnover Not more than Rs. 250 Crore

<http://yोजना.gov.in/>

Q.82 Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) aims to bring-

- A. White Revolution
- B. Green Revolution
- C. Blue Revolution
- D. None of above

Answer : C,

Solution :

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), PMMSY is a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India under two components namely, Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

<http://yोजना.gov.in/>

Q.83 Consider the following statements:

1. Recently, Govt of India has placed the 'Agarbatti' item from "Restricted" trade to "Free" trade in the import policy.
2. Recently, Govt of India has reduced the import duty from 25% to 10% on 'round bamboo sticks' used for manufacturing of Agarbatti.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

After two major decisions by Govt of India i) placing the 'Agarbatti' item from "Free" trade to "Restricted" trade in the import policy and ii) enhancing the import duty from 10% to 25% on 'round bamboo sticks' used for manufacturing of Agarbatti, this decision will help to boost the indigenous production of 'Agarbatti' and will pave way to generate rural employment. This will also start the process of mitigating the gap between the indigenous 'production and demand' and will reduce import of 'Agarbatti' in the country.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1642601>

- Q.84 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana is being implemented by
- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare
 - B. Ministry of MSME
 - C. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 - D. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer : C,

Solution :

The Central Sector Scheme - SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) was approved by the cabinet in May 2017 for the period of 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle. The scheme has now been renamed as the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)". Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

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- Q.85 Which of the following is not a farmer welfare scheme:-
- A. The 'KALIA' scheme, of Odisha
 - B. Rythu Bandhu of Telangana
 - C. 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)'
 - D. Aditya

Answer : D,

Solution :

India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya, which became an icon on the Vaikom-Thavanakadavu route in Kerala, is among 12 such ferries that have been shortlisted for the Gustave Trouvé Award.

<http://yojana.gov.in/>

- Q.86 Which of the following disease(s), for which vaccines are covered under National Immunization Program-
- A. Diphtheria
 - B. Pertussis
 - C. Tetanus
 - D. All of above

Answer : D,

Solution :

Under UIP, immunization is providing free of cost against 12 vaccine preventable diseases:

Nationally against 9 diseases - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Rubella, severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and Meningitis & Pneumonia caused by Hemophilus Influenza type B

Sub-nationally against 3 diseases - Rotavirus diarrhoea, Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Japanese Encephalitis; of which Rotavirus vaccine and Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine are in process of expansion while JE vaccine is provided only in endemic districts.

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- Q.87 Consider the following statements:
1. Laser Land Levelling is the decision-making process for determining when to irrigate the crops and how much water to apply so as to supply the plants with sufficient water while minimising loss to deep percolation or runoff
 2. Irrigation Scheduling increases the water application efficiency which leads to higher yields as well as rise in water use efficiency.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 only
 - B. 2 only
 - C. Both 1 and 2
 - D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

1. Laser Land Levelling - It increases the water application efficiency which leads to higher yields as well as rise in water use efficiency. It also has a direct impact on the nutrient use efficiency.

2. Irrigation Scheduling - Irrigation scheduling is the decision-making process for determining when to irrigate the crops and how much water to apply so as to supply the plants with sufficient water while minimising loss to deep percolation or runoff.

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Q.88 Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) is related to-

- A. Missile Launching
- B. Crop Irrigation
- C. Soil Levelling
- D. Sub-marine operation

Answer : B,

Solution :

Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) offers a more efficient alternative. In this system the water is delivered to the crops from drop tubes that extend from the sprinkler's arm. LEPA can achieve efficiencies as high as 95 percent. Since this method operates at low pressure, it also saves as much as 20 to 50 percent in energy costs compared with conventional systems.

Q.89 Consider the following statements:

- 1. 89 percent of groundwater extracted in India is used by industry making it the highest category user in the country.
- 2. 9 percent of groundwater extracted in India is used for irrigation making it the second highest category user in the country.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

89 percent of groundwater extracted in India is used for irrigation making it the highest category user in the country. Household use comes second with 9% share of the extracted groundwater followed by industry that uses only 2% of it.

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Q.90 Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) launched by amalgamating-

1. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP)
2. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP)
3. On Farm Water Management (OFWM)
4. Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM)

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

Answer : A,

Solution :

In 2015, the union govt. launched the scheme with the dual aim of 'Har Khet Ko Pani' and improving water use efficiency 'More crop per drop' in a focused manner. PMKSY was formulated by amalgamating the then-running schemes like Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) of Department of Land Resources (DoLR) and the On Farm Water Management (OFWM) of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC).

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Q.91 Recently in the news, iFLOWS is-

- A. Integrated Financial Window System
- B. Integrated Farming Working System
- C. Integrated Flood Warning System
- D. None of Above

Answer : C,

Solution :

iFLOWS, a state-of-the-art Integrated Flood Warning System will help make Mumbai become more resilient, by providing early warning for flooding especially during high rainfall events and cyclones. Using this, it will be possible to have an estimate of the flood inundation 3 days in advance, along with 3 hours-6 hours Nowcast (immediate weather updates).

<http://yojana.gov.in/july20>

Q.92 SWAYAM Prabha, a recent initiative taken by Government in the field of -

- A. Education
- B. Health
- C. Agriculture
- D. Self-Employment

Answer : A,

Solution :

SWAYAM Prabha, which consists of a bouquet of 32 DTH educational TV channels, was launched in 2017 to telecast high- quality educational programs round the clock. Considering the success of SWAYAM Prabha channels and the fact that they have a large catchment area, the government has decided to start 12 educational TV channels on DD platforms for classes; dedicating one channel for each class.

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Q.93 E-Sanjeevani is a -

- A. Educational TV channel
- B. Mobile Ambulance Service
- C. Digital portal to avail health subsidy
- D. Teleconsultation service

Answer : D,

Solution :

E-Sanjeevani is the Indian teleconsultation service launched by MoHFW during this pandemic.

<http://yojana.gov.in/july20>

Q.94 Which of the following is/are purpose(s) of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban

Transformation (AMRUT) :-

1. Ensure that every household has access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection
2. Increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well-maintained open spaces
3. Reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorised transport
4. To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

Answer : A,

Solution :

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) The purpose of AMRUT is to (i) ensure that every household has access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection; (ii) increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well-maintained open spaces (e.g. parks); and (iii) reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorised transport.

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Q.95 Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) relates to -

- A. Smart Cities Mission
- B. Jal Shakti Mission
- C. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- D. Swachh Bharat Mission

Answer : A,

Solution :

Many smart cities in India have started to use the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) built under the Smart Cities Mission to fight against COVID-19.

<http://yojana.gov.in/july20>

Q.96 Pentavalent vaccine, part of Indradhanush, includes:-

1. Diphtheria
2. Pertussis
3. Tetanus
4. Haemophilus influenzae type b [Hib]

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. All of Above

Answer : D,

Solution :

Pentavalent vaccine (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Haemophilus influenzae type b [Hib] and Hepatitis B).

<http://yojana.gov.in/july20>

Q.97 Consider the following statements:

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-dhan Yojana provide income support to all Small and Marginal landholding farmer families.
2. A Small and Marginal landholder farmer family is defined as “a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children who collectively own cultivable land upto 5 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT”.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-dhan Yojana(PM-KMY)?It is an old age pension scheme for all land holding Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) in the country. It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for the entry age group of 18 to 40 years with a provision of payment of Rs. 3000/-monthly pension on attaining the age of 60 years, subject to certain exclusion criteria.

A Small and Marginal landholder farmer family is defined as “a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children who collectively own cultivable land upto 2 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT”.

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Q.98 Consider the following statements:

1. Govt. Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is an old age pension scheme for all land holding Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) in the country.
2. Under the scheme, eligible beneficiaries shall be provided a benefit of Rs.6000 per annum per family payable in three equal installments, every four months.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D,

Solution :

The Government has launched a new Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to provide income support to all Small and Marginal landholding farmer families to supplement their financial needs for procuring various inputs related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the scheme, Landholder Farmer families with total cultivable holding upto 2 hectares shall be provided a benefit of Rs.6000 per annum per family payable in three equal installments, every four months. A Small and Marginal landholder farmer family is defined as "a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children who collectively own cultivable land upto 2 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT".

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Q.99 Consider the following:

1. Contact tracing
2. Syndromic mapping
3. Self-assessment
4. World-wide COVID-19 cases

Which of the above are features/functions of Arogya Setu App?

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 4 only
- D. All of Above

Answer : A,

Solution :

Aarogya Setu is an Indian open-source CoVID-19 "Contact tracing, Syndromic mapping and Self-assessment" digital service, primarily a mobile app, developed by the National Informatics Centre under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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Q.100 The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) represents a significant step towards the fulfilment of the Directive Principles in

- A. Article 38
- B. Article 39
- C. Article 40
- D. Article 41

Answer : D,

Solution :

The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) represents a significant step towards the fulfilment of the Directive Principles in Article 41 and 42 of the Constitution recognizing the concurrent responsibility of the Central and the State Governments in the matter. In particular, Article 41 of the Constitution of India directs the State to provide public assistance to its citizens in case of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement and in other cases of undeserved want within the limit of its economic capacity and development.

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