



DAILY PT MCQs-CRACK PRELIMS 2020 TEST-XII (CURRENT AFFAIRS)

1. Which of the following are parts of new methodology/changes to calculate Gross Domestic Product?

1. Changing the base year
2. Reducing the data pool by removing smaller companies not registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA21)
3. Changing from GDP at base year to calculating GDP measuring the Gross Value Added (GVA) at market prices

Select the correct code

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| a) 1 and 3 | b) 2 and 3 |
| c) 1, 2 and 3 | d) 1 and 2 |

2. Which of the following is incorrect about National Health Resource Repository (NHRR)?

- a) It's country's first ever-national healthcare facility registry of authentic, standardized and updated geo-spatial data of all public & private healthcare establishments.
- b) It shall enhance the coordination between central and state government for optimization of health resources.
- c) It is nodal agency to implement National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) and Central TB Division (CTD)

d) It shall also provide access to information on health service providers to the citizen of India for improved health outcome

3. Which of the following institution has started World Food Program initiative?

- a) United Nation
- b) International Food Policy Research Institute
- c) Food and Agriculture Organization
- d) UNESCO

4. Consider the following statements about RYTHU BANDHU scheme

1. It is the Farmer Investment Support Scheme started by Government of Telangana.
2. This is a first direct farmer investment support scheme in India, where the cash is paid directly
3. The scheme also covers horticulture.

Select the correct code

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| a) 1 and 2 | b) 3 only |
| c) 2 and 3 | d) 1, 2 and 3 |

5. Consider the following statements about States' Start-up Ranking 2018

1. The ranking has been framed by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).

2. The entire exercise was conducted for capacity building and to further the spirit of cooperative federalism.
Select the correct code:
a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None
6. **Consider the following statements about composite Water management Index**
1. It is released by NITI Aayog to assess and improve the performance in efficient management of water resources.
 2. India's annual per capita availability of water has increased and only less than 20% of the households don't have drinking water at their premise.
- Select the correct code
a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None
7. **The Security Council, acting unanimously recently adopted UNSC Resolution 2427. It is related to which of the following?**
- a) Crystallizing the protection of children in armed conflict and civil war.
 - b) Adopting a mechanism to protect exploitation of labour
 - c) Resolution to combat women trafficking and bonded labour.
 - d) Resolution to combat and curtail cyber security.
8. **Consider the following statements about recently launched 'Eat Right Movement'**
1. It is built on two pillars namely 'Eat Healthy' and 'Eat Safe'.
 2. It has been launched by World Health Organization.
 3. It's one of the objective is to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years.
- Select the correct code:
a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) 1 and 3 d) 1, 2 and 3
9. **Recently Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018). In this regard consider the following statements:**
1. Direct Observation of sanitation in public places and citizen's feedback on sanitation parameters forms the major weightage of survey.
 2. Quantitative and qualitative survey will be done by an independent survey agency.
- Select the correct code:
a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None
10. **The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) plans to enter the currency derivatives segment. Which of the following will not be the benefit of this move?**
- a) It would help in hedging for existing participants of the commodity markets.
 - b) It will help even those companies whose products are not exported to diversify their risk
 - c) This universal exchange would provide multiple opportunities for the participants.
 - d) Help in utilizing the excess currency derivatives, whose daily volume is in excess of 6,000 crore.
11. **Which of the following statement is incorrect regarding Golden Globe Race (GGR)?**
- a) The uniqueness of the race is that boat designs and technology newer than 1968 is not permitted.

- b) Route of the race include starting at Les Sables-d'Olonne and will lead around the world eastward, leaving Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn to port.
- c) It is being participated by commonwealth countries only.
- d) This year's race is being conducted by Sir Robin Knox Johnston of UK to commemorate 50 years since the world's first solo non-stop circumnavigation undertaken by him in 1968.

12. Consider the following statements about Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 (AMCDRR 2018) held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in July, 2018.

- 1. Theme of the AMCDRR 2018 was 'Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development'.
- 2. AMCDRR will frame a guideline which will replace guidelines of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
- c) Both d) None

13. The operation, code name 'NISTAR' relates to which of the following?

- a) An operation by Indian Navy for help of flood victims in Indonesia.
- b) An operation to evacuate Stranded Indians from Socotra, Yemen.
- c) An initiative by SAARC to combat illegal trafficking of wild animals in South Asia.
- d) An initiative of Ministry of Human Resource and Development to to

improve the conditions of Kasturba Gandhi Schools.

14. Consider the following statements about recently tested Agni-V missile.

- 1. It is an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile with payload capacity of 1500 kg and range of 5,000 km capable of reaching most parts of China.
- 2. It is equipped with very high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS), and the most modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) which improves the accuracy of the missile.
- 3. It does not have nuclear weapon delivery capability.

Select the correct code

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

15. Four species that are one step away from becoming extinct in the wild have been included in the Centre's Recovery Program for Critically Endangered Species. One species being Northern River Terrapin, which of the following is not among the four selected.

- a) Clouded Leopard
- b) Arabian Sea Humpback Whale
- c) Red Panda
- d) Hangul

16. Consider the following statements about recently held Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit held in Qingdao, China.

- 1. India coined SECURE strategy for comprehensive security in the SCO region.

2. India and China both are one of the founding members of SCO.
3. 'Joint Appeal to Youth' was launched to organize comprehensive educational, spiritual and moral education to counter attempts to involve young people in terrorism and extremism.

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

17. Consider the following statements about recently launched scheme Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

1. The overall coordination and implementation will be done by Krishi Vigyan Kendra.
2. It will be implemented in villages of only aspirational districts.

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

18. Which of the following statement is incorrect regarding Seva Bhoj Scheme?

- a) It has been launched by Ministry of Culture with an objective to reduce financial burden of Charitable Religious Institutions.
- b) It is applicable only to minority charitable religious institution.
- c) It envisages reimbursing the CGST and IGST of such Charitable Religious

Institutions who provide eatables free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.

- d) The ministry will register the eligible charitable religious institutions for a time period ending with finance commission period.

19. Consider the following statements about National Disaster Risk Index.

1. The Union ministry of home affairs with the support of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have prepared for the first time a Disaster Index for India.
2. The index has also framed guidelines for all types of hazard in line with National Disaster Response Force.

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

20. Consider the following about recently held Rim of Pacific Multinational Naval Exercise (RIMPAC) in Hawaii.

1. RIMPAC is world's largest set of international war exercise hosted by the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM).
2. Indigenously built stealth frigate, **INS Sahyadri**.
3. The theme of RIMPAC 2018 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners."

Select the correct code

- a) 1 and 2 only b) 2 and 3 only

- c) 1 and 3 only d) 1, 2 and 3

21. India has recently got access to Duqm port for logistics and support. In which of the following country, Duqm port is situated?

- a) Yemen b) Oman
c) Vietnam d) Sychelles

22. Consider the following about 'Institutions of Eminence (IoE)' scheme:

- Each Institution selected as 'Institution of Eminence' will get financial assistance up to Rs. 1000 Crore over the period of five years under this scheme.
- Institutions selected as IoE will get more autonomy in envisaging administration, syllabus and educational pattern.

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 only b) 2 only
c) Both d) None

23. Which of the following ministry has recently launched District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (DISHA)?

- a) Ministry of Rural Development
b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
d) Ministry of Home Affairs

24. Which of the following statement is incorrect about Formaline recently found in fishes in Tamil Nadu?

- a) It's a chemical derived from formaldehyde, which is very toxic and explosive.
b) Major reason for adding formaline in fishes is to remove the foul smell coming out from fish.
c) Continued exposure causes harm to kidney, liver and can cause cancer.
d) It is widely used in Cosmetics and fertilizer industry.

25. Supreme Court has given ruling to resolve the tussle between LG and Delhi government. Consider the following statements related to this.

- Parliament has the power to make laws for the NCT with respect to any matter in the State List and Concurrent List but The Delhi Legislative Assembly has the power to make laws on all subjects except land, police and law and order.
- SC held that unlike other state, Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi is not bound by the "aid and advice" of the popularly elected government.
- According to Article 239AA (4), in case of a "difference of opinion" between the LG and the Council of Ministers, the former have to refer the issue to the President.

Select the correct code

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

ANSWER

1. Ans- D

Explanation: There are three important changes made in the calculation of the GDP:

- Changing the base year
- Replacing factor costs with market prices
- Widening of the data pool

Change in base year

For the revised GDP calculations the Indian statisticians have changed the base year from 2004-05 to 2011-12. This means that the 'real' GDP will be counted by keeping the prices of 2011-12 as the base prices instead of referring to the prices of 2004-05

Replacing Factor Costs with Market Prices: the recent changes we have now shifted towards calculating the GDP by measuring the Gross Value Added (GVA) at market prices. Market prices mean the actual expenditure incurred by consumers

Widening of Data Pool

The new database draws from the five lakh odd companies registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA21). While the earlier data gave only a factory-level picture, the new data looks at the enterprise level.

2. SAns- C



3. Ans- A

Explanation: The **World Food Programm(WFP)** is the food-assistance branch of the United Nations and the world's largest humanitarian organization addressing hunger and promoting food security. According to the WFP, it provides food assistance to an average of 91.4 million people in 83 countries each year. From its headquarters in Rome and from more than 80 country offices around the world, the WFP works to help people who cannot produce or obtain enough food for themselves and their families. It is a member of the United Nations Development Group and part of its executive committee.

4. Ans- D

Explanation: **Rythu Bandhu scheme** also **Farmers' Investment Support Scheme (FISS)** is a welfare program to support farmer's investment for two crops a year by the Government of Telangana. The government is providing 58.33 lakh farmers, 1 4000 per acre per season to support the farm investment, twice a year, for rabi and kharif seasons. This is a first direct farmer investment support scheme in India, where the cash is paid directly. The scheme also covers horticulture.

5. Ans- C

Explanation: State's Start-up Ranking 2018 **The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)** announced results of the

first ever States' Start-up Ranking 2018 at an event in New Delhi today. DIPP began this exercise from January, 2016.

The key objective of the exercise was to encourage States and Union Territories to take proactive steps towards strengthening the Start-up ecosystems in their states. The methodology has been aimed at creating a healthy competition among States to further learn, share and adopt good practices.

The entire exercise was conducted for capacity development and to further the spirit of cooperative federalism. Awareness workshops in all States, knowledge workshops in leading incubators, pairing of States for intensive mentoring, international exposure visits to US and Israel and intensive engagement between the States with Start-up India team, and video conferencing have helped many States initiate effective measures to support Start-ups.

6. Ans- C

7. Ans- A

Explanation:UNSC Resolution 2427

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has adopted Resolution 2427 aimed at providing legal framework for mainstreaming protection, rights, well-being and empowerment of children throughout the conflict cycle. The resolution has won unanimous approval of the 15 members of the council.

The resolution strongly condemns recruitment and use of children in armed conflicts as well as their re-recruitment, killing and rape, maiming and other forms

of sexual violence and abductions. It also condemns attacks against schools and hospitals and denial of humanitarian access by parties to armed conflict and all other violations of international law committed against children in situations of armed conflict. It demands that all relevant parties immediately put end to such practices and take special measures to protect children. It also emphasizes responsibility of all states to put end to impunity and investigate and prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other egregious crimes perpetrated against children.

8. Ans- C

Explanation:The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched national campaign 'The Eat Right Movement' to improve public health and combat lifestyle diseases. FSSAI also launched Eat Right tool kit and Safe and Nutritious Food at Workplace campaign. It covers **eat healthy and eat safe.**

9. Ans- C

Explanation:Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) has launched Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018 (SSG 2018).

Weightage:

The SSG 2018 will assign 65% weightage to findings and outcome and 35% to service level parameters to be obtained from Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the MDWS.

The weights to different elements of SSG are direct observation of sanitation in public places (30%), citizen's feedback on

sanitation parameters (35%), service level progress on sanitation progress in the country as per SBMG-MIS (35%).

Survey:

The SSG 2018 will be conducted by independent survey agency in all districts from 1st to 31st August 2018. It will also take feedback from over 50 lakh citizens on SBM related issues through direct interaction as well as online feedback. The top performing states and districts are expected to be awarded on 2nd October 2018.

10. Ans- D

Explanation:

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), the country's largest commodity bourse in terms of market share, is planning to enter the currency derivatives segment.

Currency derivatives

- Currency derivatives are **exchange-based futures and options contracts** that allow one to hedge against currency movements.
- Simply put, one can use a currency future contract to exchange one currency for another at a future date at a price decided on the day of the purchase of the contract.
- In India, one can use such derivative contracts to hedge against currencies like dollar, euro, U.K. pound and yen. Corporates, especially those with a significant exposure to imports or exports, use these contracts to hedge against their exposure to a certain currency.
- While all such currency contracts are cash-settled in rupees, the **Securities and**

Exchange Board of India (SEBI), early this year, gave a go-ahead to start cross currency contracts as well on euro-dollar, pound-dollar and dollar-yen.

Why were such derivatives introduced on exchange platforms?

- Prior to the introduction of currency derivatives on exchanges, there was only the OTC – over the counter – market to hedge currency risks and where forward contracts were negotiated and entered into.
- It was kind of an opaque and closed market where mostly banks and financial institutions traded. Exchange-based currency derivatives segment is a regulated and transparent market that can be used by small businesses and even individuals to hedge their currency risks.

11. Ans- C

Explanation:The **2018 Golden Globe Race** is a sailing race around the world which started on 1 July 2018 from Les Sables-d'Olonne, France. This year's race celebrates the 50th anniversary of the original Sunday Times Golden Globe Race and features yachts similar to those used at that time. Except for safety equipment, no modern technology is allowed. The race started on 1 July 2018 in Les Sables-d'Olonne and will lead around the world eastward, leaving Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn to port. There will be several "film gates" along the route, where the skippers can be interviewed as they sail past without stopping and where they can pass over films and letters

12. Ans- A

Explanation:

- The Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018 (AMCDRR 2018) will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- It is convened by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the Government of Mongolia. (
- The conference will represent a key milestone for reflection on three years into the implementation of **the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030**. Specifically, the conference will enable governments and stakeholders to review progress made against the commitments at the AMCDRR 2016, i.e. the New Delhi Declaration, the Asia Regional Plan, and ten stakeholder voluntary action statements. (
- **Theme of the AMCDRR 2018:** ‘Preventing Disaster Risk: Protecting Sustainable Development’. (

13. Ans- B

Explanation:

- Around 38 Indians are stranded in and around Socotra Island in Yemen after a cyclone hit the area and the Indian Navy has launched an operation to rescue them.
- The Navy has already deployed its ship INS Sunayna as part of the ‘Operation Nistar’ to evacuate the Indians.
- A Navy spokesperson said INS Sunayna, which was deployed in Western Arabian Sea, is now heading towards Socotra for the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) operation.

14. Ans- C

Explanation:India’s longest-range ballistic missile, **Agni-V**, will be inducted into the **nuclear arsenal very soon**. It is a strategic asset which will act as a deterrent.

Agni-5 Ballistic Missile:

- It is a surface-to-surface missile which can carry nuclear warhead weighing 1.5 tonnes to a distance of over 5,000 km and is the longest missile in India’s arsenal capable of reaching most parts of China. (
- The missile features many new indigenously-developed technologies, including the very high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS), and the most modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) which improves the accuracy of the missile. (

15. Ans- D

Explanation:National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) recently added four species into the center’s recovery Programme for critically endangered species. This decision will lead to targeted conservation of these species whose population is on the decline.

The species are Northern River Terrapin, Clouded Leopard, Arabian Sea Humpback Whale and Red Panda.

What is Species recovery programme?

- o The species recovery programme of the Union Environment Ministry is implemented under **Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats**— a centrally sponsored umbrella scheme for management and conservation of parks, wildlife habitats and conservation.
- o Started in 2008-09, IDWH is meant for providing support to protected areas

(national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, conservation reserves and community reserves except tiger reserves), protection of wildlife outside protected areas and recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats.

16. Ans- A

Explanation:The **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**, or **Shanghai Pact**, is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance, the creation of which was announced on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, China by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan;

17. Ans- C

Explanation:Recently **Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan** was launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.

- It was launched with an aim to aid, assist and advice farmers to improve their farming techniques and raise their income.
- It has been launched from 1st June 2018 till 31st July 2018 during which various activities to promote best practices and enhance agriculture income will be undertaken in accordance with an action plan formulated by including **various departments of the Ministry such as Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW), Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries (DAHD&F) etc.**
- It will be undertaken in 25 villages with more than 1000 population each in **Aspirational District** as identified in consultation with the Ministry of Rural

Development in accordance with the guidelines of NITI Aayog.

- If the number of villages in a district is less than 25 with more than 1000 population then all the villages will be covered.
- The overall coordination and implementation will be done by **Krishi Vigyan Kendra**.

18. Ans- B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has introduced a new scheme namely '**SevaBhojYojna**' with a total outlay of Rs. 325.00 Crores for Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- The scheme envisages to reimburse the Central Government share of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) so as to lessen the financial burden of such Charitable Religious Institutions who provide Food/Prasad/Langar (Community Kitchen)/Bhandara free of cost without any discrimination to Public/Devotees.
- The Charitable Religious Institutions such as Temples, Gurudwara, Mosque, Church, Dharmik Ashram, Dargah, Matth, Monasteries etc. which have been in existence for at least five years before applying for financial assistance/grant and who serve free food to at least 5000 people in a month and such institutions covered under Section 10(23BBA) of the Income Tax Act or Institutions registered as Society under Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) or as a Public Trust under any law for the time being in force of statutory religious bodies constituted under any Act

or institutions registered under Section 12AA of Income Tax Act shall be eligible for grant under the scheme.

19. Ans- A

Explanation:The Union ministry of home affairs with the support of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have prepared for the first time a **national disaster risk index** for India.

Framed only index and ranking not guidelines



20. Ans- D

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy participated in the Rim of Pacific Multinational Naval Exercise (RIMPAC) in Hawaii.
- The 26th edition of RIMPAC, hosted by the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), **RIMPAC is the world's largest set of international maritime war games.** (The theme of RIMPAC 2018 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners.")
- Indigenously built stealth frigate, **INS Sahyadri**, participated in RIMPAC.
- China is absent this year as it was dis-invited from participating by the U.S., citing China's military actions in (the South China Sea.

21. Ans- A

Explanation:



22. Ans- B

Explanation:The Government has shortlisted Six Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) including 3 from Public Sector and 3 from Private Sector. An Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) in its report recommended selection of 6 institutions (3 from public sector and 3 from private sector) as Institutions of Eminence. The details of these Institutions are as under: Each **public** Institution selected as 'Institution of Eminence' will get financial assistance up to Rs. 1000 Crore over the period of five years under this scheme.

23. Ans- A

Explanation:Ministry of Rural Development recently launched the DISHA dashboard.

Important Points

- It has been developed to facilitate data driven decision making.
- Currently, 18 schemes are covered; the ultimate plan is to integrate all 42 Central schemes which are already (monitored by DISHA or District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees.
- Currently, the tool is available to legislators and government officials, but soon some of its features will be (available online to the public.
- It will make it easier to monitor governance by geography in real time and overcome geographic mismatches.

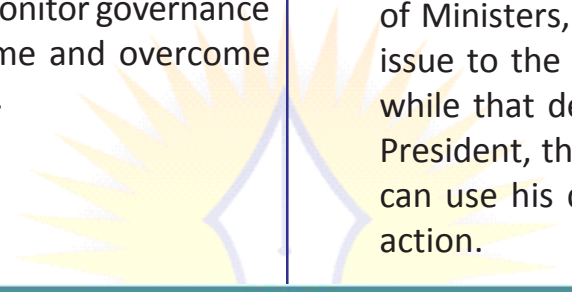
24. Ans- B

Explanation:Formaline

- It's **toxic, colourless solution** derived from **formaldehyde gas**, a highly (reactive and flammable gas, in water.
- Used to preserve fish, manufacture pesticide, fertilizer glue etc.
- Cancer inducing chemical.
- Continued exposure causes **harm to kidney, liver and can cause cancer.**

25. Ans- D

Explanation:Article 239AA (4), which mandates that in case of a **“difference of opinion”** between the LG and the Council of Ministers, the former have to refer the issue to the President. In the meanwhile, while that decision is pending before the President, the L-G, if the matter is urgent, can use his discretion to take immediate action.



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