



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

1. Union cabinet approved new arrangement of North East Council; consider the following related to this.

1. Under the new arrangement, Prime Minister shall be the Chairman and Home Minister as Vice Chairman and all the Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States will be Member.

2. North East Council is a constitutional body created under schedules V and schedule VI.

Select the correct code

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

2. Consider the following about National Digital Library launched recently

1. It is a project of the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

2. NMEICT is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to leverage the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process in Higher Education Institutions.

Select the correct code

- a) 1 only b) 2 only

c) Both d) None

3. Which of the following are the locations of Strategic Petroleum Reserve in India?

1. Visakhapatnam
2. Bombay High
3. Digboi
4. Mangalore
5. Udupi
6. Chandikhol (Odisha)

Select the correct code

- a) 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 b) 2 and 3 only
c) 3, 4, 5 and 6 d) 1, 4, 5 and 6

4. Consider the following statements about recently selected 10 new places as Swachh Iconic Places.

1. These 10 sites are part of 3rd phase of SIP whose selection criteria is to be cities situated on bank of river Ganga.
2. Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) is an initiative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission.
3. SIP is a collaborative project with three other central Ministries: Urban Development, Culture, Tourism; all levels in the concerned States and Public Sector and Private companies as 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

5. What does the 'Epic Planet', often seen in news, mean?

- a) It is a term given by NASA to Pluto after not being accepted as planet.
b) It's the first planet spotted by ISRO, which is six times bigger than Earth and revolves around Sun.
c) A term coined by NASA to describe blood moon during total lunar eclipse.
d) The first Earth-size planet orbiting a star in the "habitable zone", zone where liquid water might pool on surface of planet, discovered by NASA's Kepler Mission

6. The 'Startup India Yatra' initiative is referred to which of the following?

- a) A month long rallies across various university to aware students about startup India initiative.
b) Development of start up culture and ecosystem around agriculture and food processing.
c) Collaboration with South Korea to create a hub of students and give them world class start up facilities.
d) Travels to Tier 2 and Tier-3 cities of India to search for entrepreneurial talent and help develop Startup ecosystem.

7. Consider the following statements related to India-Mongolia relationship,

currently seen in news.

1. Mongolia is constructing its first strategically important refinery, which will be funded by India.
2. Mongolia and Russia share lake Baikal and Mongolia and Kazakhstan share lake Balkhash.
3. Joint India-Mongolia exercise 'Khan Quest' is held annually and India also has border patrolling agreement with Mongolia.

Select the correct code

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

8. Consider the following regarding Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, passed recently by parliament.

1. Giving a bribe has been included as an offence, punishable by 7 years prison term.
2. Now sanction is needed for prosecuting former officials for offence done while in office, earlier sanction required only for serving officer.
3. Although India signed United Nations Convention against Corruption, in the year 2011 but have not ratified it.

Select the correct code

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

9. A decline in India's Foreign Exchange Reserve has been observed. Consider the following related to foreign exchange reserve.

1. Foreign exchange reserves of India consist of Foreign Currency Assets, Gold, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and Reserve Trench Position only.
2. Foreign Currency Asset constitute largest share of India's Forex Reserve.
3. Increase in Middle East crisis has no impact on forex reserve except impact due to volatility in oil price.

Select the correct code

- a) 1 and 3 only b) 3 only
 c) 2 and 3 only d) None

10. Consider the following statement about an animal often seen in news.

1. Inhabits in open montane grassland habitats at high elevation in Western Ghat.
2. Listed in Schedule I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Endangered on IUCN Red List.
3. It's a state animal in one of the state.
4. As per recent study, this species could lose approximately 60% of their habitats from the 2030s on.

Which animal is referred in above statements?

- a) Indian Bison or Gaur
 b) Sangai Deer
 c) NilgiriTahr
 d) Lion Tailed Macaque

11. AWSAR initiative launched recently is related to which of the following?

- a) Providing monetary support to farmers for cultivating produce through organic farming for one year.
 b) Initiative by Odisha government to

utilize indigenous skills of tribal to give them employment opportunities.

- c) Scheme launched by Ministry of Home Affairs to persuade Naxali to surrender in lieu of government support to their family.
 d) An scheme by Department of Science & Technology (DST) to encourage popular science writing through newspapers, magazines, blogs, social media etc. by young PhD scholars and post-doctoral fellows during the course of their higher studies.

12. Which of the following are the rights of migrant offered by International Labour organisation?

1. Freedom of association
2. Elimintation of forced begging.
3. Abolition of discrimination of untouchability.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1
 b) Only 2 and 3
 c) All of the above
 d) None of the above

13. Which of the following statement is right related to recent report of IMF titled "How to Manage the Fiscal Costs of Natural Disasters"

1. According to World metereological Organisation, for Indian subcontinemnt, 2018 was the most expensive year on record because of severe weather.
2. Sendai Framework for disaster risk reducation aims for indirect supplementary measures for

reducing economic loss in relation to GDP by 2030.

Select the correct code

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

14. Which of the following statements are right about the National Disaster risk index?

1. It was released by Min. of Environment And Forest Conservation.
2. It is the 3rd time such index has been released.
3. It is in collaboration with UNDP.
4. The people migrating due to environment disaster are treated as refugee in international law.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1,2 & 3
c) Only 3 d) All of the above

15. Which of the following are correct about the off-shore wind power energy in India?

1. India currently has the 4th largest installed wind energy in the world.
2. India has huge scope for developing wind farm off shore because of ample study and availability of Bathymetric data.
3. The participation of people is less in Feed in tariff route for supporting off shore wind power.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1,2 and 3
c) Only 1 and 3 d) All of the above

16. Which of the following are correct in relation to India ambitious targets set in relation to promoting green and

alternative energy resources, apart from oil?

1. India has set targets to cut oil imports by 10% by 2022.
2. Min. of New and Renewable Energy has medium- and long-term targets of 5GW by 2020 and 30 GW by 2022.

Select the correct code

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

17. In view of the recent amendments by some states for allowing sand imports to meet the rising demand, which of the following are reason for not using desert and sea sand as alternative?

1. In deserts, Sand grains are too light and has less density, so it is not suitable for infrastructure purpose.
2. Desert sands are too round and hence not suitable for making strong intra bond.
3. Sea sand is unfeasible because of high cost of dredging and transporting from the shore to the inland's states, so importing in bulk is easier.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 2 b) Only 1,2 and 3
c) Only 1 and 3 d) None of the above

18. In view of the recently launched Ensemble Prediction System by Indian Meteorological Dept, which of the following are true?

1. The area of spatial resolution will be 12 Km instead of 23 Km earlier.
2. The new systems use 8 petaflops high resolution computing systems.
3. The India is now as par the USA in

terms of resolution radius area for accurate prediction and only behind, which has 8 Km resolution capacity.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1 and 2
c) Only 2 and 3 d) All of the above

19. Recently RBI allow voluntary transition of the UCB into SFB, which of the following are true regarding co-operative societies?

1. They work on the principle of 'No profit, No Loss'.
2. SLR and CRR doesn't applies to them.
3. Priority Sector Lending Criteria is less in compare to usual Banks.
4. They are administered by both States as well as RBI, under Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1,2 and 3
c) Only 1 and 4 d) All of the above

20. The Rural Electrification Corp. has recently announced the plan 'PARIWARTAN'. Which of the following are true regarding it?

1. It is launched for the structural transformation of the organization in order to increased the efficiency and better delivery of its service by increasing transparency.
2. It's objective matches with the SAMADHAN scheme of SBI.

Select the correct code

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

21. In view of the recently launched 'National Viral Hepatitis Control Program', consider the following statements:

1. Among all the strains of Hepatitis, the Hepatitis A & C are most responsible for mortality.
2. The vaccine is available for Hepatitis C but not for B.

Select the correct code

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

22. Which of the following are correct regarding the GLASS initiative by WHO?

1. GLASS refers to Global Classification of Diseases.
2. Recently WHO released its 11th edition of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)
3. All members of the UN are members of the WHO.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1,2 and 3
c) Only 1 and 2 d) All of the above

23. Which of the following statements are right about Happy School Projects?

1. It was launched by UNESCO.
2. It is the 1st UNESCO specialized education institute in India.
3. It is launched in view of increasing stress ambience and suicidal tendencies among students because of flaws in the education system.

Select the correct code

- a) Only 1 b) Only 1 and 3
c) Only 1 and 2 d) All of the above

24. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. The theme of world Environment Day is “Beat Plastic Pollution”.
2. In India, Nitrogen has replaced methane as the 2nd largest GHG from Indian agriculture.

Select the correct code

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

25. Consider the following about recent changes made by Reserve Bank of India relating to non-banking financial corporations.

1. Now, CRAR requirements for private NBFCs have been made same as that

applicable to government NBFCs .

2. Government Systemically Important Non-Deposit Taking NBFCs, will be allowed to perform Deposit insurance facility and accept demand deposit.
3. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) also known as capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio is a measure of a bank’s available capital expressed as a percentage of a bank’s risk-weighted credit exposures.

Select the correct code

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

ANSWER

1. Ans- D

Explanation:North East Council

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) for the nomination of the **Union Home Minister as ex-officio Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC)**. The Cabinet has also approved that Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of DoNER would serve as Vice Chairman of the Council.

Under the new arrangement, Home Minister shall be the Chairman and Minister of DoNER as Vice Chairman, NEC and all the Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States will be Members.

NEC was established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971 as an apex level body for securing balanced and coordinated development and facilitating coordination with the States.

2. Ans- C

Explanation:National Digital Library

National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a project of the **Ministry of Human Resource Development under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT)**. It is developed by IIT Kharagpur.

Objective : The objective of NDLI is to make digital educational resources available to all citizens of the country to empower, inspire and encourage learning.

- The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been envisaged as a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme to leverage** the potential of ICT, in teaching and learning process for the benefit of all the learners in Higher Education Institutions in any time anywhere mode.
- The Mission has two major components – providing connectivity, along with provision for access devices, to institutions and learners; and content generation.

3. **Ans- D**

Explanation:The Union Cabinet has approved establishment of additional 6.5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) facilities at **two locations, i.e. Chandikhol in Odisha and Padur in Karnataka, including construction of dedicated SPMs (Single Point Mooring) for the two SPRs.**

To ensure energy security, the Government of India had decided to set up 5 million metric tons (MMT) of strategic crude oil storages at three locations namely, **Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur (near Udupi).**

4. **Ans- B**

Explanation:Swachh Iconic Place

Context: The government has selected ten new iconic sites under Phase III of the flagship project **Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) of the Swachh Bharat Mission.**

Phase III includes RaghavendraSwamy Temple (Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh);

Hazardwari Palace (Murshidabad, West Bengal); Brahma Sarovar Temple (Kurukshetra, Haryana); VidurKuti (Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh); Mana village (Chamoli, Uttarakhand); Pangong Lake (Leh-Ladakh, J&K); Nagvasuki Temple (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh); ImaKeithal/market (Imphal, Manipur); Sabarimala Temple (Kerala); and Kanvashram (Uttarakhand).

Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) is an initiative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission. I SIP is a truly collaborative project with three other central Ministries: **Urban Development, Culture, Tourism; all levels in the concerned States and more importantly, Public Sector and Private companies as partners.**

5. **Ans- B**

Explanation:Scientists from ISRO have spotted for the first time a **distant planet six times bigger than Earth and revolving around a Sun-like star about 600 light years away, called Epic Planet**

About Epic Planet.

- The planet has been named EPIC 211945201b (or K2-236b). The host star is named EPIC 211945201 or K2-236.
- The planet is smaller in size than Saturn and bigger than Neptune. Its mass is about 27 times Earth's and six times that of Earth at radius. The scientists estimate that over 60% of its mass could be made up of heavy elements like ice, silicates and iron.

- With this discovery India has joined a handful of countries which have discovered planets around stars.
- The discovery was made using a PRL-designed spectrograph, PARAS, to measure and confirm the mass of the new planet.

6. Ans- D

Explanation:Start-up Yatra

- The Startup India Yatra is an initiative that travels to Tier 2 and Tier-3 cities of India to search for entrepreneurial talent and help develop Startup ecosystem.
- The StartupYatras have covered the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha where more than 18000 young entrepreneurs were supported through mentorship.
- StartupYatra in Uttarakhand has recently been started on 2 April.

7. Ans- A

Explanation:

India-Mongolia Relation

Defence Cooperation: There is India-Mongolia Joint Working Group for Defence cooperation which meets (annually. Joint India-Mongolia exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' is held annually and India is a regular participant in the multilateral exercise 'Khan Quest' held in Mongolia. There is also an agreement for cooperation for border patrolling between the two countries.



8. Ans- A

Explanation:

In 2011, India ratified the **United Nations(Convention against Corruption**, and agreed(to bring its domestic laws in line with the Convention that covers giving and taking a bribe, illicit enrichment and possession of disproportionate assets by a public servant as offences, addresses bribery of foreign public officials, and bribery in the private sector.

9. Ans- D

10. Ans- C

Explanation:NilgiriTahr

- The Nilgiritahr inhabits the **open montane (grassland habitats** at elevations from 1200 to 2600 m (generally above 2000 m) of the South Western Ghats. (
- Their range extends over 400 km from north to south, and Eravikulam National Park is home to the largest population. (
- Listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection)

Act, 1972 and as **Endangered on IUCN Red List.** (

- Adult males develop a light grey area or “saddle” on their backs and are hence called “saddlebacks”. (
- It is state animal of Tamil Nadu. (

11. **Ans- D**

Explanation:

- The scheme has been initiated by **National Council of Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC)**, Department of Science & Technology (DST) to encourage, empower and endow popular science writing through newspapers, magazines, blogs, social media etc. by young PhD scholars and post-doctoral fellows during the course of their higher studies. (
- Under the scheme best articles which would be selected would be provided monetary incentive (
- **Significance**
- Increase supply of informed science writing Encourage the students to write about their work and help them secure the resources tap the potential of young scholars

12. **Ans- A**

Explanation: Elimination of forced begging, Abolition of discrimination of untouchability are not the rights of migrants offered by International Labour Organization.

13. **Ans- D**

14. **Ans- C**

Explanation: UNDP and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has no role to play in the index.

15. **Ans. A**

Explanation: Recently Min. of New and Renewable Energy announced the intention for establishing the 1 GW wind farm, off the Gulf of Khambhat and this is by far the largest project in wind sector undertaken.

The participation of people is more in Feed in tariff route for supporting off shore wind power.

16. **Ans- C**

17. **Ans. B**

Explanation: Desert sand being round, is unable to stick together.

Sea sand can be used but the challenge with them is that they have salt and alkalinity within them and hence, this might corrode the steel or other infrastructure projects.

18. **Ans. D**

Explanation: The less area of resolution, 12 km from 23 Km, means more accurate prediction of any geo-spatial entity with prediction about micro factors of weathers related to that region.

19. **Ans. C**

Explanation: SLR and CRR are mandatory for all including Co-operatives.

There is no Priority Sector lending for co-operatives.

20. **Ans. C**

Explanation: The similarity between both the SAMADHAN and PARIWARTAN is that ‘they intend to resolve the financial stress faced by their respective assets, so they are

restructuring their whole assets in order to utilize them when the market price is good for them.

21. **Ans. D**

Explanation:The most lethal strain is B and C.

The vaccine is available for B and not for C.

22. **Ans. C**

Explanation:Not all members of UN are members of WHO. Exception is Liechtenstein.

23. **Ans- B**

Explanation:The Happy Schools Project was launched in June 2014 in the aim of promoting learner well-being and holistic development in schools. The 2016 report - **Happy Schools! A Framework for Learner**

Well-being in the Asia-Pacific— is one of the main outcomes of the project and features 22 criteria for a happy school as well as promising and innovative practices based on voices from the school level. In light of today’s competitive, stress-fueled and test-focused world, the Happy Schools Project aims to offer an alternative notion of the quality of education that values and nurtures learners’ diverse talents and strengths.

24. **Ans- C**

Explanation:Nitrogen is mainly sourced from agriculture, it is indiscriminately used by farmers and also the govt subsidy on ammonia, the only fertilisers to be subsidised, is used in unscientific manner.

25. **Ans- D**



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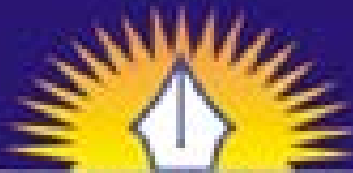
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