



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

1. Which of the following is/are part of National Mission for Clean Ganga?

1. Urja Ganga
2. Ganga Gram
3. Sewage Treatment Infrastructure.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

2. Which of the following schemes and respective state to launch it is incorrectly matched?

- | Scheme/Program | State |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| a) Star Rating Program | Odisha |
| b) SwachhaDhara | Andhra Pradesh |
| c) Swayangsiddha Scheme | West Bengal |
| d) PasuSanjeevani | Uttar Pradesh |

3. According to recent judgment of Supreme Court, which of the following is are the aspect covered in four-fold test to determine proportionality in a privacy case?

1. A measure restricting a right must have a legitimate goal (legitimate goal stage).

2. It must be a suitable means of furthering this goal (suitability or rationale connection stage).

3. There must not be any less restrictive but equally effective alternative (necessity stage).

4. The measure must not have a disproportionate impact on the right holder (balancing stage).

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

4. Which of the following is correct regarding NOTA used in the election?

- a) According to Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, once NOTA receive maximum number of votes among the entire candidate, fresh election has to be conducted.
- b) NOTA has given the citizen, ' Right to Reject'
- c) NOTA is not used in local body election and RajyaSabha election.
- d) Recently, State Election Commission of Haryana has ordered that all the contesting candidates who individually receive lesser votes than NOTA shall not be eligible to re-file the nomination/contest the re-election.

5. Which of the following **cannot** be considered as the reason for current easing of relationship of Israel and Saudi Arabia?
- Iran as a common enemy
 - Preventing the democratization of Arab states.
 - Israel's desire to open Arab state's economy for Israel's trade.
 - Common ground on Palestinians issue.
6. Consider the following statements relating to Non-Performing Asset as reported by Reserve Bank of India's Financial Stability Report
- The NPA to loan ratio across all scheduled commercial banks has eased to 10.8% as of end-September 2018, from 11.5% in March, with both public sector and private sector lenders posting drops in the key indicator of bad loans.
 - State-owned banks continue to have higher levels of bad loans than their private sector peers.
- Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both
 - None
7. Operation Thunderbird and Operation Save Kurma is initiative of which of the following?
- Wildlife Crime Control Board
 - Indian Air Force
 - United Nation Development Program
 - United Nation Peace Keeping Force
8. Retired functionaries of which of the following government bodies is not bared from reappointment or any further appointment by the government?
- Member of the Union Public Service Commission
 - Comptroller and Auditor General
 - Chairman of Finance Commission
 - Attorney General
- Correct code is
- 1, 2 and 3
 - 1, 3 and 4
 - 2 and 4
 - 2 and 3
9. Which of the following incorrectly matched about recently opened university and their location?
- | University | Location |
|---|----------------------|
| a) India's first Sports University | Manipur |
| b) India's first Cyber University | Maharashtra |
| c) National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) for Women | Mohali, Punjab |
| d) India's First Skill University | Bengaluru, Karnataka |
10. The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) highlights some important characteristics that need to be in place for currency internationalization. Which one of the following is most important among the four given below?
- Exporters, whether from the country concerned or others, must be able to invoice their exports in that currency.
 - A range of entities including private and official companies and banks as well as individuals, should be able to hold the amounts they desire.
 - The issuing country must have no restrictions on purchase or sale of that currency by any entity.
 - Both domestic and foreign firms and

institutions should be able to issue marketable instruments in that country's currency, irrespective of place of issue.

11. Which of the following statements is incorrect about 'IOWave18'?

- a) It is a mock exercise, which will simulate tsunami situation warning in the Indian Ocean.
- b) The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO organized it.
- c) Hyderabad based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service will be the nodal participating agency.
- d) The exercise also led to establishment of Tsunami Early Warning Center at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service.

12. Strait of Gibraltar, often seen in news due to internal conflict of Morocco, connects which of the following?

- a) Red Sea and Persian Gulf
- b) Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
- c) North Atlantic Ocean and North Pacific Ocean.
- d) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea

13. Which of the following statements are concern relating to Parliamentary Privilege, seen recently in news?

- 1. It hampers freedom of speech and expression of legislature.
- 2. It gives judicial power to speaker/ chairman of the house, infringing separation of power.
- 3. There are many laws relating to punishment for breach of privilege, hence overlapping of many laws.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

14. Which of the following statements relates to 'e-Sahaj' portal released recently by Central Government?

- a) The portal will facilitate an applicant to submit application online and also to view the status of his application from time to time.
- b) Portal, which allows easy clearance of issues related to new investor.
- c) Online portal for easily availing Indian Railway's all facilities.
- d) Online portal for smooth environmental clearance for new industrial project.

15. Which of the following are measures by government to promote minority's education in India?

- 1. USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts / Crafts for Development)
- 2. Vidyanjali
- 3. SeekhoaurKamao

Correct code is

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

16. Consider the following statements about NASA's ICESat-2 mission.

- 1. It's is a satellite mission for measuring ice sheet elevation and sea ice thickness, as well as land topography and vegetation.
- 2. It will quantify polar ice

sheet contributions to current and recent sea-level change and the linkages to climate conditions;

3. ISRO's Cartosat-2 series is also characterized as Earth Observation System similar to ICESat-2.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

17. Which of the following is the objective of Global Carbon Project?

- a) To create Integrated Knowledge base for carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, 3 dominant greenhouse gases.
b) To frame a mechanism to raise finance for adapting to climate change.
c) To promote and increase afforestation in Asian countries.
d) To mobilize private companies to frame a middle ground for climate conservation and commercial interest.

18. Consider the following statements about World Development Report, released recently.

1. There is a shift in employment from manufacturing to services in high-income countries while in some developing countries; it's increasing in manufacturing sector.
2. Social Security structure of developed nation performed well but Social Security Structure of Developing Countries are inefficient and unreliable.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

19. Which of the following organization releases World Development Report?

- a) International Monetary Fund
b) World Economic Forum
c) United Nation Development Program
d) World Bank

20. 'Survival International', a movement for rights sometime seen in news relates to which section of people?

- a) Children affected by war or conflict
b) Tribal people
c) People affected by AIDS
d) People of countries highly impacted by climate change

21. Consider the following statements about 2+2 dialogue between U.S. and India.

1. U.S. is the only country to have 2+2 dialogue with India.
2. India was entitled to license-free exports, re-exports, and transfers under License Exception Strategic Trade Authorization (STA-1) signed in the agreement.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

22. The Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal gave its final award on the water sharing of Mahadayi river between three states. Which one among the four is not related to above-mentioned state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Karnataka

- c) Goa d) Maharashtra

23. Consider the following about recent report of CAG on National Rural Drinking Program.

1. CAG observed that the scheme over performed in rural household whereas, it under performed in providing water at rural public places.
2. Almost all states had framed state level agencies important for planning and execution of the programme.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

24. The Cabinet has approved the continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', consisting of three parts. Which of the following is not among the three?

- a) Support to Protected Areas (National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries,

Conservation Reserves & Community Reserves).

- b) Support for reduction of crime and trafficking of wild animals.
c) Protection of Wildlife outside Protected Areas.
d) Recovery Program for critically endangered habitats and species.

25. Consider the following statements related to IRNSS.

1. Recently IRNSS-1I was successfully launched on first aboard of GSLV-MK III.
2. GSLV-MK III is planned to subsequently launch GSAT-29, PSLV-C42 and Chandryaan-2 Mission.
3. IRNSS-1I was replacement of IRNSS-1A, whose Atomic clock had failed.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER

1. Ans- D

Explanation: Main pillars of the Namami Gange Programme are:-

- Sewerage Treatment Infrastructure
- River-Front Development
- River-Surface Cleaning
- Bio-Diversity
- Afforestation
- Public Awareness
- Industrial Effluent Monitoring
- Ganga Gram

- Urja Ganga gas pipeline project was inaugurated by Prime Minister in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. A pipeline of length 2540 km is planned to be laid across the states from Uttar Pradesh to Odisha. The project is committed to provide the household members health safety by providing clean fuel with the piped gas to the locals of Varanasi and later to Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha. The seven main station cities include Varanasi, Patna, Bokaro, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Ranchi,

Bhubaneswar and Cuttack as the major beneficiaries of the project.

2. **Ans- D**

3. **Ans- B**

Explanation:

Nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in Justice KS Puttaswamy v. Union of India, in which the Court upheld privacy as a fundamental right. In the judgment authored by Justice **Sanjay Kishan Kaul**, proportionality can be ascertained on the basis of the following:

- the action must be sanctioned by law
- *the proposed action must be necessary in a democratic society for a legitimate aim;*
- *the extent of such interference must be proportionate to the need for such interference;*
- *There must be procedural guarantees against abuse of such interference*

4. **Ans- D**

5. **Ans- D**

6. **Ans- C**

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India's Financial Stability Report reveals the first half-yearly decline in the ratio of gross non-performing assets (GNPA) to advances since September 2015.
- The ratio across all scheduled commercial banks has eased to 10.8% as of end-September 2018, from 11.5% in March, with both public sector and private sector lenders posting drops in the key indicator of bad loans.
- A stress test for credit risk at banks that models varying levels of macro-economic

performance shows that for the baseline assumption, the GNPA ratio would narrow to 10.3% by March 2019.

7. **Ans- A**

Explanation: Operation Thunderbird is the code-name for INTERPOL's multi-national and multi-species enforcement operation.

Preceding this operation, WCCB had convened a species-specific operation on turtles, code named OPERATION SAVE KURMA" from December 15 last year to January 30, this year. A total of 15, 739 live turtles were recovered from 45 suspects, having inter-state linkages. The operation brought about an awareness among the enforcement agencies to focus on the existing trade routes and major trade hubs in the country, which will be specifically focused in future.

8. **Ans- B**

9. **Ans- D**

10. **Ans- C**

11. **Ans- D**

Explanation:

- India along with 23 other nations will be participating in major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock exercise known as IOWave18. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO is organizing the exercise.
- It will involve evacuation of thousands of people from coastal areas in over half a dozen states.
- IOWave18 the purpose of the exercise is to increase tsunami preparedness, evaluate response capabilities in each state and improve coordination throughout the region.

- National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) will be nodal participating agency.
- IOC, the only UN body specialized in ocean science and services had coordinated in setting up of Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS) in the aftermath of December 26, 2004 tsunami.
- Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC), based out of Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad. It is autonomous institution under Union Ministry of Earth Sciences.

12. **Ans- B**

Explanation: The Strait of Gibraltar is a narrow strait that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea and separates Gibraltar and Peninsular Spain in Europe from Morocco and Ceuta (Spain) in Africa.

13. **Ans- A**

Explanation: Concern relating to Parliamentary Privilege

- Against 'Constitutionalism' or doctrine of limited powers.
- Absence of codified privileges gives unbridled power to house to decide when and how breach of privilege occurs.(
- Although it does not hamper freedom of speech of legislature but it hampers freedom of speech of press and common people.
- Judicial scrutiny is barred in cases of privileges, which is against the doctrine of judicial review

- Discredits separation of powers, as speaker acts as complainant, advocate and the judge. Used as a substitute for legal proceedings.
- Penal action in cases of breach of privileges unwarranted, unless there is an attempt to obstruct the functioning of the house or its members.

14. **Ans- A**

Explanation: MHA recently launched an online 'e-Sahaj' portal for grant of Security Clearance. The portal will facilitate an applicant to submit application online and also to view the status of his application from time to time.

15. **Ans –C**

Explanation: Vidyanjali is a school volunteer programme and an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development of India to boost community and private sector participation in government schools, launched. Under the programme, volunteers, including NRIs, retired teachers, government officials, defence personnel, professionals will offer their services for co-scholastic activities for children from class I to VIII. It is the project launched under the aegis of the SarvaShiksha Abhiyan by the Department of School Education and Literacy.

16. **Ans- D**

Explanation: CES at-2 (Ice, Cloud, and land Elevation Satellite 2), part of NASA's Earth Observing System, is a satellite mission for measuring ice sheet elevation and sea ice thickness, as well as land topography and vegetation characteristics.

17. Ans- A

Explanation:

- The Global Carbon Project (GCP) integrates knowledge of greenhouse gases for human activities and the Earth system.
- Project include global budgets for three dominant greenhouse gases — carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide — and complementary efforts in urban, regional, cumulative, and negative emissions.

18. Ans- C

Explanation:Key Points of the report (

- Technology is blurring the boundaries of the firm
- Technology reshaping the skills
- There is a shift in employment from manufacturing to services in high-income countries while in some developing countries, it's increasing in manufacturing sector.
- High Informality in developing countries
- Inefficient Social Security Structure of Developing Countries
- Tax Evasion

19. Ans- D

Explanation:

- The World Development Report (WDR) is an annual report published since 1978 by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) or World Bank.
- Each WDR provides in-depth analysis of a specific aspect of economic development.

20. Ans- B

Explanation: Survival International is a human rights organisation formed in 1969 that campaigns for

the rights of indigenous tribalpeoples and uncontacted peoples.

21. Ans- B

Explanation: Giving a new dimension to India's Act East Policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe signed key agreements in areas ranging from highspeed railways to cyber security. Both leaders also agreed to hold 2+2 dialogue in order to strengthen regional security in Asia Pacific.

22. Ans- A

Explanation:The Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal gave its final award on the water sharing of Mahadayi river between the states of Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

23. Ans- D

Explanation:The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India submitted its report on 'National Rural Drinking Water Programme'.

Underperformance of the scheme:

By 2017, NRDWP aimed to achieve certain objectives.

- However, by December 2017, these objectives were not completely attained. It aimed to provide all rural habitations, government schools, and anganwadis access to safe drinking water. Of this, only 44% of rural households and 85% of government schools and anganwadis were provided maccess.
- It also aimed to provide 50% of rural population potable drinking water (55 litres per capita per day) by piped water supply.

Of this, only 18% of rural population was provided potable drinking water.

- It also sought to give household connections to 35% of rural households. Of this, only 17% of rural households were given household connections State level agencies important for planning and execution of the programme, such as the State Water and Sanitation Mission, State Technical Agency, and Block Resources Centres were either not set up or were under-performing

24. Ans- B

25. Ans- B

Explanation: IRNSS-1I spacecraft was successfully launched aboard PSLV-C41. The spacecraft was the replacement for IRNSS-1A and is providing intended navigation services. However, IRNSS-1A continues to provide messaging services like disaster alerts and other societal applications.

The subsequent launches include GSLV-MK III that is planned to launch GSAT-29, PSLV-C42 launch and Chandrayaan-2 Mission.



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