



## DAILY PT MCQs-CRACK PRELIMS 2020 TEST-XIV (CURRENT AFFAIRS-III)

1. Consider the following statements about tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

1. Santinelese, Onges, Jarawas and Great Andamanese are the major tribes.
2. Forest Act, 1927 and Restricted Area Permit regulate the isolation of these tribes.
3. Island Development Authority is framed with the sole motive of development of these less developed tribes.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

2. Which of the following Indian institution has released a Discussion Paper entitled 3 Essential "S" of Climate Finance - Scope, Scale and Speed: A Reflection" on the sidelines of COP 24 to UNFCCC at Katowice, Poland?

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) Ministry of External Affairs
- d) NITI Aayog

3. Which of the following is not the part of

'Strategic Paper' framed by European Union for accelerating cooperation with India?

- a) Enhance maritime cooperation and security.
- b) Enhance foreign policy and support to establish multilateral and democratic world.
- c) Complete Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement by 2020 and accept India as data secure status.
- d) Intensify dialogue on Afghanistan and Central Asia and strengthening technical cooperation on fighting terrorism

4. Consider the following statement about Greater Flamingoes, which have been recently spotted on the Coast of Hope Island, part of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, after two decade.

1. They come under 'Endangered' category of IUCN Red List.
2. They are called indicator species of healthy environment.
3. Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in Andhra Pradesh near confluence of Godavari and Bay of Bengal and houses the second largest mangroves forest in India.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

5. **Consider the following statements about Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS).**

- 2018 summit of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) were held at Kochi with the theme "IONS as a Catalyst for SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).
- IONS is a regional forum of Indian Ocean littoral states, represented by their Navy chiefs, was initiated and launched by India.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

6. **What is APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE EXCHANGE, often seen in news, recently?**

- A technology platform developed by south Asian countries to combat trans boundary environmental crimes.
- A technology platform developed by south Asian countries to develop sustainable urban development.
- A technology platform to ease in starting a business, developed by India and Japan for mutual use.
- A banking technology platform designed to reach two billion people worldwide who are still without bank accounts.

7. **Consider the following statements:**

- Recently, United Nation Environment

Program has awarded Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) with Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018 excellent work in combating trans boundary environmental crime.

- Wildlife Crime Control Bureau is a statutory multi-disciplinary body established under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972,

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

8. **Which of the following will be the benefit of PAISA Portal, launched recently by central government?**

- It will increase transparency and efficiency in loan delivery of services under under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).
- It will create single platform for dealing all issues of investor related to taxation, hence improve ease of business.
- It is portal under MUDRA scheme, hence will ease financial system for MUDRA beneficiaries.
- It will provide low interest loan to marginal and landless farmers.

9. **Which of the following foreign archeological site has not been taken up for restoration by Archeological Survey of India?**

- My Son temple complex in Kwangnan province, Vietnam
- Ananda Temple in Myanmar

- c) Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan
- d) Pashupatinath Temple, Nepal

10. Which of the following is incorrect about India's nuclear weapon capabilities and nuclear policy?

- a) With the completion of Arihant's first deterrence petrol, India has achieved the ambition to have a nuclear triad.
- b) India is the only country in Asia to have 'No first use' & Credible Minimum deterrence nuclear policy.
- c) Of the three elements of triad, Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile are considered most important because nuclear-powered missile submarine is the hardest to detect, track and destroy.
- d) The Indian Navy has commenced Project Varsha- the construction of a massive nuclear submarine base south of Visakhapatnam

11. Consider the following statements about APEC.

1. India has failed in its attempt to become APEC member because of its poor track record in trade negotiations, bilaterally as well as in the World Trade Organization (WTO) being one of the reason.
2. This was first such instance in the history of APEC when a consensus could not be achieved on final declaration.
3. It is inspired from ASEAN hence all the member of ASEAN are also the member of APEC.

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

12. Which of the following institution has recently launched 'Beyond Fake News Project' on how and why misinformation is shared in India?

- a) United Nation Human Right Commission.
- b) Ministry of Home Affairs, India
- c) UK-based broadcasting channel BBC
- d) Broadcasting Content Complaint Council (India)

13. Consider the following statements related to North East Olympic Games

1. North East Olympic Games has been organized by Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. The first North East Olympic Games was recently hosted by Manipur

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

14. Which of the following forms the part of Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 promulgated recently?

1. Under the Act, change in period of financial year for a company associated with a foreign company, has to be approved by the National Company Law Tribunal.
2. It has re-categorized some offence which can only be heard by High Court or Supreme Court.

Select the correct code

- a) 1 only              b) 2 only

c) Both                      d) None

15. Cabinet has approved mechanism for sale of enemy shares. Consider the following statement about them:

1. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2017 enables and regulates the appropriation of property in India owned by nationals of enemy state.
2. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of commerce, has been authorized to sell these enemy shares.
3. The process for selling these shares is to be approved by the Alternative Mechanism, chaired by the Minister of Finance and also comprising of the Minister of Road Transport and Highways and the Minister of Home Affairs

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements about Atmosphere and Climate Research-Modeling Observing Systems and Services (ACROSS)scheme.

1. It's an umbrella scheme consisting of consists of nine sub-schemes relating to weather and climate service.
2. The Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) established at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Sciences is an initiative under ACROSS.

Which of the above statement is/are

correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements about Central Bureau of Investigation.

1. The cases relating to corruption in CBI is dealt by Central Vigilance Commission under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
2. CBI Director is appointed on the recommendation of committee which has Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India as members.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

18. Consider the following statements about UN Investment Promotion Award.

1. It's an annual award given by UNCTAD to honor Investment promotion agencies and the exchange of best practice in investment promotion.
2. Recently Invest India Invest was awarded United Nations Investment Promotion Award.
3. Invest India was awarded for its efforts in supporting a wind turbines company in establishing blade manufacturing plant in India while committing to train local staff and produce 1 GW of renewable energy.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 and 3                      b) 2 and 3

- c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 1 and 2

19. Consider the following statements about recently created National Council for Vocational Education and Training.

1. The Union Cabinet has approved the merger of the National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) and National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) into National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) .
2. It will approve qualification developed by awarding bodies and sector skill council.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

20. Which of the following is/are features of 6<sup>th</sup> National Report to the Convention of Biodiversity, submitted recently by India?

1. Provides an update of progress in achievement of 12 National Biodiversity Targets (NBT) developed under the Convention process in line with the 20 global Aichi biodiversity targets.
2. India is the first country to achieve more than half of the National Biodiversity Target.
3. Cartagena Protocol, Nagoya Protocol and COP11 Hyderabad are related to CBD.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 3                      b) 2 and 3

- c) 1, 2 and 3      d) 1 and 2

21. Consider the following statements about recently launched, Train-18

1. It has been manufactured under 'Make in India' initiative by Integrated Coach Factory, Chennai.
2. Alternate coaches are motorized to ensure even distribution of power and faster acceleration or deceleration
3. This will be the first train with Linke-Hofmann Busch (LHB) design coaches

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

22. Recently the Finance Ministry has authorized the sale of sixth tranche of electoral bonds. Consider the following statements related to electoral bond.

1. Electoral bonds may be purchased only by a citizen by birth of India not citizen by naturalization.
2. Political parties will come to know donor of to their party.
3. The main motive of this is to generate revenue from the interest on permissory notes issued by bank on behalf of political party.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

23. Which of the following Nobel Prize 2018 and area of winner's work for the Nobel Prize is correctly matched?

1. Nobel Prize for Chemistry - Phage

Display of peptides and antibodies.

2. Nobel Prize for Physics – method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses.
3. Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine - discovery of ‘immune checkpoint therapy,’ a cancer treatment.

Choose the correct code:

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

24. Lesknow and Birbil terms sometimes seen in the news, relates to which of the following?

- a) Wildlife Crime Control  
b) Initiative to protect old heritage

- c) Polio eradication measures.  
d) Military exercise of UN Peacekeeping Force.

25. Bali Fintech Agenda which is a set of 12-policy statement to help member countries harness the benefit of rapid financial technology have been started by whom?

- a) International Telecommunication Union.  
b) G-20  
c) International Monetary Fund and World Bank.  
d) Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

## ANSWER

1. Ans- B

**Explanation:** The IDA was set up in June 2017 following Prime Minister’s review meeting for the **holistic development of islands**. Its first meeting was held in July 2017 where directions were given to identify and execute infrastructure and connectivity projects together with provisioning of water and electricity. The Union Home Minister chairs the meetings of the agency. Members of IDA include cabinet secretary, home secretary, secretary (environment, forests and climate change), secretary (tourism) and secretary (tribal welfare).

2. Ans- B

**Explanation:**

Department of Economic Affairs, **Ministry of Finance**, released a Discussion Paper entitled **“3 Essential “S”s of Climate**

**Finance - Scope, Scale and Speed: A Reflection”** on the sidelines of COP 24 to UNFCCC at Katowice, Poland.

The Discussion Paper examines analytically the scope, scale and speed required in climate finance.

3. Ans- C

**Explanation:**

**India and EU since 2007** are unable to strike a free trade agreement called **Bilateral Trade and Investment and Broad-Based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)** due to incoherent interest of both.

The European Union (EU) now is looking at reworking the proposed free trade pact with (India called the Broad Based BTIA in a post- Brexit scenario.

(Though the strategy paper did not mention

- BTIA, but it aims to negotiate a “balanced, ambitious and mutually beneficial” free trade agreement (FTA) with sufficient level of ambition to respond to each side’s key interests in trade and investment.

4. **Ans- C**

Explanation: Greater Flamingo

- These come under ‘**Least Concern**’ category of IUCN Red List.
- They prefer shallow brackish lakes & use mudflats & saltpans for nesting.
- They are the **indicators of healthy coastal environment**.

5. **Ans- C**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, commonly known as IONS, are a series of **biennial meetings** among the littoral states of the Indian Ocean region.
- It provides a forum to increase maritime security cooperation, providing a forum for discussion of regional maritime issues and promote friendly relationships among the member nations.

6. **Ans- D**

**Explanation:**

- Indian PM along with deputy PM of Singapore recently launched **APIX**. (
- APIX is a **banking technology platform designed to reach two billion people worldwide who are still without bank accounts**.)
- It will help people in 23 countries including the 10 ASEAN members as well as major markets such as India, and small nations including Fiji

7. **Ans- C**

**Explanation:**

- **United Nation Environment has awarded Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India with Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018 for excellent work done by the Bureau in **combating transboundary environmental crime**.
- WCCB has been conferred this award in **Innovation category**.
- WCCB has adopted innovative enforcement techniques that have dramatically increased enforcement of transboundary environmental crimes in India.

8. **Ans- A**

**Explanation:**

- Recently **Ministry of Housing** launched a web portal named PAiSA- Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access.
- The portal is designed and developed by **Allahabad Bank** and is expected to be joined by all states, commercial banks, RRBs and Cooperative Banks.
- It acts as a **centralized electronic platform** for processing interest subvention on bank loans to beneficiaries under **DeendayalAntyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**.
- It will directly link government with the beneficiaries to ensure greater transparency and efficiency in delivery of services.

9. **Ans- D**

**Explanation:** President of India on his recent visit to Vietnam went to the ( My Son temple complex in Kwangnan province.

10. Ans- B

**Explanation:**

- India's 'No first use' nuclear policy (NFU) talks of ( **minimum credible deterrence.** )
- China also has no first use nuclear policy.

11. Ans- A

**Explanation:**

- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) at its Summit in Papua New Guinea failed to develop consensus on a communique.
- This was first such instance in the history of APEC when a consensus could not be achieved on final declaration.
- The unprecedented impasse blamed on tensions between China and the United States presents an opportunity of admitting India as a member — both in recognition of( the country's status as a major market and as a



12. Ans- C

**Explanation:** UK-based broadcasting channel BBC launched the Beyond Fake News project on how and why misinformation is shared in India.

13. Ans- B

**Explanation:** Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs has organized North East Olympic Games.

14. Ans- A

**Explanation:**

- The Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 was promulgated on November 2, 2018.
- It amends several provisions in the Companies Act, 2013 relating to penalties, among others.

Re-categorization of certain Offences:

- The 2013 Act contains 81 compoundable offences punishable with fine or fine or imprisonment, or both.
- These offences are heard by courts. The Ordinance recategorizes 16 of these offences as civil defaults, where adjudicating officers (appointed by central government) may now levy penalties instead.

15. Ans- C

**Explanation:**

- The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2017 authorized the sale of enemy properties by the CEPI, or any other authority or department on the directions of the central government
- The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Ministry of Finance, has been authorized to sell these enemy shares.
- Proceeds from the sale are to be deposited as disinvestment proceeds in the government account maintained by the Ministry of Finance.



16. Ans- A

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the continuation of the umbrella scheme Atmosphere and Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems and Services (ACROSS) for the period 2017-20 at an estimated cost of Rs 1,450 crore.
- The ACROSS scheme consists of nine sub-schemes which address different aspects of weather and climate services, including cyclone warnings, storm surges, heat waves, and thunderstorms, among others.

17. Ans- C

**Explanation:**

- Section 4(1) of the DSPE Act, which allows the commission to supervise investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- The DSPE Act gives the Centre the power of superintendence over the CBI "in all other matters." But the moot point is whether these provisions allow the government and the commission to strip the CBI Director of his job.
- In this regard, legal experts refer to Section 4B(2) of the DSPE Act, which mandates that the CBI Director cannot be "transferred" without the previous consent of a high-power committee chaired by the Prime Minister.

18. Ans- C

**Explanation:** Recently, Invest India was awarded United Nations Investment Promotion Award  
United Nation Investment Promotion

Awards

It is an annual award which is being organised since 2002 by UNCTAD to honour Investment promotion agencies and the exchange of best practice in investment promotion. (

About Invest India –

- It is India's investment promotion and facilitation agency which has been established as a non-profit investment venture under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.
- It focuses on sector-specific investor targeting and development of new partnerships to enable sustainable investments in India.
- Invest India has received the UN award for its efforts in supporting a major global wind turbines company in establishing blade manufacturing plant in India while committing to train local staff and produce 1 GW of renewable energy.

19. Ans- C

**Explanation:** The Cabinet approved the merger of National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) and National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) into National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) for improving the outcome of the Skill India mission.

20. Ans- C

**Explanation:**

- India submitted its Sixth National Report (NR6) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- The report was submitted, during the inaugural session of the 13<sup>th</sup> National

Meeting of the State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) organized by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi.

- The Minister also released the document 'Progress on India's National Biodiversity Targets: A Preview' on the occasion.
- India is among the first five countries in the world, the first in Asia and the first among the biodiversity-rich megadiverse countries to have submitted NR6 to the CBD Secretariat.

21. **Ans- D**

22. **Ans- D**

**Explanation:** The Finance Ministry has authorised the sale of sixth tranche of electoral bonds.

About Electoral bonds:

- Although called a bond, the banking instrument resembling promissory notes will not carry any interest.
- The electoral bond, which will be a bearer instrument, will not carry the name of the payee and can be bought for any value, in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh or Rs 1 crore. (
- Electoral bonds may be purchased by a citizen of India, or entities incorporated or established in India.
- A person being an individual can buy electoral bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals.
- Only the registered Political Parties which have secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last Lok Sabha elections or the State Legislative Assembly

are eligible to receive the Electoral Bonds. (

- The electoral bonds are aimed at rooting out the current system of largely anonymous cash donations made to political parties which lead to the generation of black money in the economy.

23. **Ans- D**

**Explanation:**

- Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been jointly awarded to James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo for their discovery of 'immune checkpoint therapy,' a cancer treatment.
- Nobel Prize in Physics 2018 was awarded for groundbreaking inventions in the field of laser physics with one half to Arthur Ashkin for the optical tweezers and their application to biological systems, the other half jointly to Gérard Mourou and Donna Strickland for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses. Donna Strickland is third women to win Physics Noble. (
- The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2018 was divided, one half awarded to Frances H. Arnold for the directed evolution of enzymes, the other half jointly to George P. Smith and Sir Gregory P. Winter for the Phage Display of peptides and antibodies. Ms. Arnold, only the fifth woman to win a chemistry Nobel.

24. **Ans- A**

**Explanation:**

- United Nation Environment has awarded Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India with

Asia Environment Enforcement Awards, 2018 for excellent work done by the Bureau in combating transboundary environmental crime.

WCCB has been conferred this award in Innovation category. WCCB has adopted innovative enforcement techniques that have dramatically increased enforcement of transboundary environmental crimes in India.


This system has been successfully used to analyse trends, helping put in preventive measures as well as for successfully carrying out operations such as Operation SAVE KURMA, THUNDERBIRD, WILDNET, LESKNOW, BIRBIL, THUNDERSTORM, LESKNOW-II along with other enforcement agencies resulting in the arrest of 350 wildlife criminals and huge seizures of

Tiger/Leopard Skin/bones and other trophies, Rhino Horn, Elephant Ivory, turtles/tortoises, Mongoose raw hairs as well as Mongoose hair brushes, protected birds, Marine products, live Pangolin as well as its scales, deer antlers etc. across all the states.


25. Ans- C

**Explanation:**

- IMF and the World Bank staff have developed the Bali Fintech Agenda,
- The Agenda brings together and advances key issues for policymakers and the international community to consider as individual countries formulate their policy approaches.
- It distills these considerations into 12 elements arising from the experiences of member countries.



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