



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

1. Which of the following statement about Sagar Nidhi is/are not correct?

1. It is the initiative of India-Germany
2. Its aim is finding the answer to vagaries of Bay of Bengal, which feed Southwest monsoon.
3. It is conducted on Germany high technology research vehicle

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

2. Pradhan Mantri Annadata aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan consists of which of the following?

1. Price support Scheme
2. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme
3. Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockiest Scheme.

Select the correct code

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

3. Recently a motion of breach of privilege was moved against Prime Minister and Defence Minister on Rafale Deal. Which of the following is not privilege enjoyed by parliamentarian?

- a) No arrest during session and 40 days before and 40 days after the session.
- b) Bar on court from making inquiry into (proceedings of the house)
- c) Allowing press to publish report during secret sitting.
- d) Only Parliament can make rules to regulate its own (proceedings)

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The GSLV MkIII is a three stage launch vehicle having two solid strap-ons, a core liquid booster and a cryogenic upper stage.
2. The GSLV MkIII will launch GSAT-29, a communication satellite for high-quality Internet services.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

5. Recently launched 'HAUSL -2018', fulfills which of the following Directive Principle

of State Policy, enshrined in our constitution?

- To organize agriculture and animal husbandry on modern and scientific lines.
- To promote equal justice and to provide free legal aid to poor.
- To secure opportunities for healthy development of child.
- To make provision for just and humane condition for work and maternity leave.

6. On which of the following product U.S. has recently revoked duty-free concession on import under The Generalised System of Preference?

- Solar and renewable energy equipment.
- Agriculture and handloom
- Gold and precious apparel
- Pharma product

7. 13th East Asia Summit was held recently in Singapore. Consider the following statement about East Asia Summit.

- India has been the member of East Asia Summit since its first meeting including ASEAN+3.
- ASEAN is the only Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Asia

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both
- None

8. Consider the following statements about recently released Emission Gap Report-2018.

- Here 'Gap' is the difference between emission reduction necessary to achieve agreed target at lowest cost and current level of emission.
- With the current Nationally Determined Contribution global warming will be of 1.5 degree Celsius.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both
- None

9. Recently Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal have withdrawn 'General Consent'. What does 'General Consent' mean?

- It's the consent given by a group of state to parliament to make laws on subject of state list, mentioned in seventh schedule.
- It's the consent given by a state to Central Board of Investigation to extend its jurisdiction to that state.
- Its consent given by a state to a law made by parliament, which may impact the federal structure.
- It's the consent given by more than of the state to center to allow alteration in trade or tax policy.

10. Consider the following statements regarding Global Hunger Index.

- The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger calculated each year by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- Index is combination of four indicators to measure hunger.
- India listed under ' Serious level of

Hunger' is worst performer in the list among the South Asian Countries.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

11. Which of the following policy measure would not help in reviving the stressed thermal power plant in India?

- a) Fuel linkages under SHAKTI (Scheme for harnessing & (allocating koyla transparently in India).
b) Pilot scheme for procurement of 2500 MW power to (address the issues related to Power Purchase (Agreements (PPAs)
c) Supreme courts verdict in 2014, relating to cancellation of earlier allocated coal block.
d) Allowing use of Linkage coal against short term PPAs and power be sold through Discovery of Efficient Energy Price (DEEP)

12. Formosa Strait, often seen in the news, extends from

- a) Southwest to Northeast between the South and East China Seas.
b) East to west between Azov and Black sea
c) Northeast to Southwest between Carrabin Sea and Pacific Sea.
d) South to north between Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

13. Which of the following statement is incorrect regarding Loo Review Campaign started recently?

- a) It is aimed to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.
b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban, partnered with Google has launched it.
c) After feedback from campaign, it would be duty of Urban local bodies to proactive steps.
d) Main objective of this campaign is to make India Open Defecation Free (ODF)

14. Consider the following statements about Masala Bond, often seen in news recently.

1. These are issued by rupee denomination to attract funds from abroad.
2. Whenever rupee weakens, Indian borrowers are benefited, as they have to pay less interest.
3. Till date no Indian company has issued Green Masala bond.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

15. Consider the following statements about recently held International Women Entrepreneurship Summit 2018.

1. It was held in Kathmandu, Nepal and had the theme “Equality begins with Economic Empowerment”.
2. Various initiatives were launched to promote women in Self Help Group, which was center of the summit.

Which of the above statement is correct?

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

16. Consider the following statements regarding recently tested interceptor missile Prithvi Vehicle System.

1. It is two-stage solid-fueled (with an Imaging Infrared (IIR) seeker, developed by DRDO, to distinguish between incoming warheads and decoys.
2. It can engage with target in exo-atmosphere region.

Which of the above statement is correct?

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

17. Consider the following statements about National Action Plan for Conservation of Migratory Bird and their Habitat along Central Asian Flyaway.

1. Action Plan Support trans-boundary co-operation to secure migratory bird species and habitats in range countries.
2. India provides critical stopover site to bird species that uses this migratory route.

Select the correct answer from the following:

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

18. Which of the following will be the impact of recently proposed City-Level GDP by Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs?

1. It will help in making fiscal and economic decision by urban local

body and also investor.

2. It will help improve competition and cooperation among cities and develop holistically.

Select the correct code:

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

19. ISROSENE', refers to which of the following?

- a) A device to measure the amount of lead in leaded petrol
- b) An initiative to provide free kerosene to tribal people of Chhattisgarh.
- c) A fuel with double the calorific value of petrol.
- d) Rocket Grade kerosene.

20. Consider the following statements about The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018 Bill, recently passed in Lok Sabha.

1. Bill mentions a process to calculate the subsistence allowance women, against whom talaq has been declared, will get from her husband for herself and for her dependent children.
2. The Bill makes declaration of talaq a cognizable offence only if information relating to the offence is given by woman against whom talaq has been declared or any person related to her by blood or marriage.

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

21. Consider the following statements about ranking of states in terms of being on track to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

1. This is the first index of this kind developed by NITI Aayog.
2. Score for measurement ranges from 0 to 100, where 100 signifies national target set for 2030 has been achieved.
3. Kerala has topped the list whereas Bihar is at the bottom.

Which of the above statement is correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements

1. This is second largest brackish water lake/lagoon of India.
2. Every year flamingo festival is celebrated at this lake to promote tourism.
3. The barrier island of Sriharikota separates the lake from the Bay of Bengal
4. A navigation channel is part of this lagoon in western side.

Which lagoon/lake is referred in above statements?

- a) Pulicat lake b) Chilka lake
c) Kaveri Lake d) Kolleru Lake

23. Consider the following statements about advanced skill training center, the World Skill Center (WSC) recently in news.

1. It has been financed partially by Central Government and partly by World Bank.
2. The project will engage Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES), Singapore to support in setting-up and operationalizing WSC

Which of the above statement is/are correct?

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

24. Consider the following port/sea base/ Naval Base.

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Gwadar | 2. Sittwe |
| 3. Guam | 4. Djibouti |
| 5. Duqm | 6. Hambantota |

Arrange the above port/bases in order from East to West.

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

25. India is not the member of which of the following grouping?

- | | |
|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Coffee Club | 2. G-4 |
| 3. APEC | 4. BASIC |
| 5. Australian Group | |

Select the correct code:

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

ANSWER

1. Ans. C

Explanation:

ORV *Sagar Nidhi* is an ice-strengthened multidisciplinary vessel operated by

the National Institute of Ocean Technology, India.

It was constructed at Fincantieri, Italy. The 104 metre long vessel has fully automatic diesel-electric propulsion

equipped with dynamic positioning system, azimuth thrusters, and a winch to hoist 60 tonnes from a depth of 6,000 metres

2. Ans. D

Explanation:

- Giving a major boost to the pro-farmer initiatives of the Government and in keeping with its commitment and dedication for the Annadata, the Union Cabinet has approved a new Umbrella Scheme
- The Scheme is aimed at **ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018.**
- The new Umbrella Scheme includes the mechanism of ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers and is comprised of
 - o Price Support Scheme (PSS),
 - o Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
 - o Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS).

3. Ans- D

Explanation:

Types of Privileges Collective

- Exclude strangers from proceedings. Hold a secret (sitting of the legislature
- Freedom of press to publish true reports of (Parliamentary proceedings. But, this does not in case (of secret sittings (†
- Only Parliament can make rules to regulate its own (proceedings)
- There is a bar on court from making inquiry into (proceedings of the house (speeches, votes etc. Individual
- No arrest

- No arrest during session and 40 days before and 40 days after the session. Protection available only in civil cases and not in criminal cases
- Not liable in court for any speech in parliament
- Exempted from jury service when the house is in (session.


4. Ans- C

- GSLV MkIII is a three-stage heavy lift launch(vehicle developed by ISRO. The vehicle has(two solid strap-ons, a core liquid booster and(a cryogenic upper stage. It is designed to(carry 4 ton class of satellites into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) or about 10 tons to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which is about twice the capability of GSLV Mk II.

Sky is the limit

The Satellite

- GSAT-29 is a 3,500 kg communication satellite for high quality Internet services
- It was built at an estimated cost of ₹360 crore with a lifespan of 10 years
- Will provide or augment digital communication in remote Village Resource Centres



A portion of the GSLV-MkIII-D2 being transported. • PHOTO: ISRO

The Launcher

- GSLV-MkIII-D2 is the second test flight of the heavy lift vehicle carrying the satellite

- D2's success will regularise the launch vehicle's services & ease dependence on foreign service providers

5. Ans- C

Explanation:

- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has launched the National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) – Hausla 2018. (
- **The inter-Child Care Institution festival** draws children from 18 States for the various events like painting competition, athletics meet, football, chess competition and speech writing as part of the Festival. (

6. Ans- B

Explanation:

- The U.S. revoked **duty-free concessions on import of at least 50** Indian products, mostly from handloom and agriculture sectors, reflecting the Trump administration’s tough stand on trade-related issues with New Delhi.
- The federal register issued a notification, listing out 90 products which were so far subject to duty-free provisions under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).
- The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a **U.S. trade program designed to promote economic growth in the developing world by providing preferential duty-free entry for up to 4,800 products from 129 designated beneficiary countries and territories.** GSP was instituted on January 1, 1976, by the Trade Act of 1974.

7. Ans- B

Evolution of EAS:

- The concept of an East Asia Grouping was first promoted in 1991 by the then Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir bin

Mohamad.

- The final report of the **East Asian Study Group in 2002, established by the ASEAN+3 countries (i.e. China, Japan and ROK),** recommended EAS as an ASEAN led development limited to the ASEAN +3 countries. (
- However, the **ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)** held in Vientiane on July 26, 2005 welcomed the participation of ASEAN, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, India and New Zealand, in the first EAS. USA and the Russian Federation were formally included as members of the EAS at the 6th EAS held in Bali, Indonesia on 19 November 2011.
- **The Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (SEANWFZ) or the Bangkok Treaty** of 1995, is a nuclear weapons moratorium treaty between 10 Southeast Asian member-states under the auspices of the ASEAN:

9. Ans- D

Explanation:

Emission Gap Report-2018.

- It focuses on the “gap” between the emissions reductions (necessary to achieve the agreed targets at lowest cost and the likely emission reductions from full implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which form the foundation of the Paris Agreement.
- It is prepared by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
Key Pints of Report
- Pathways reflecting current NDCs imply

global warming of about 3°C by 2100, with warming continuing afterwards.

- Global greenhouse gas emissions show no signs of peaking. Global CO₂ emissions from energy and industry increased in 2017, following a three year period of stabilization.

10. Ans- B

11. Ans- D

Explanation:

- The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger globally and by country and region.
- Calculated each year by the **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**, the GHI highlights successes and failures in hunger reduction and provides insights into the drivers of hunger.
- Ranks countries based on **four key indicators undernourishment, child mortality, child wasting and child stunting**.
- India is ranked below many neighbouring countries, including China (25th spot), Nepal (72), Myanmar (68), Sri Lanka (67) and Bangladesh (86).

12. Ans- C

Explanation: Measures to revive stressed thermal power plant in India

- Fuel linkages under **SHAKTI (Scheme for harnessing & allocating koyla transparently in India)**.
- Pilot scheme for procurement of 2500 MW power to (address the problem of lack of Power Purchase (Agreements (PPAs) in the country on competitive basis.

Rationalization of Coal Escalation

Index which will largely take care of the issues of under recovery of the (generator's dues.

- Additional cost implication to meet the new environment norms shall be considered for being made pass through in tariff. (
- Allowing pass-through of any change in domestic duties, levies, cess, and taxes imposed by the government.
- A new **App PRAAPTI** (Payment Ratification and Analysis (in Power Procurement for Bringing Transparency in Invoicing of generators)

13. Ans- A

14. Ans- B.

- Explanation:** The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM – U), has partnered with **Google** to launch the Loo Review campaign to encourage all local guides in India to rate and review public toilets on Google Maps.

15. Ans- A

- The International Finance Corporation was the first** to issue a 'Green Masala Bond', meant (to address climate change in India.

- Masala bonds are the bond which are issued by the Indian firms (**in rupee denomination**) to foreign investors with an aim to attract funds for projects.
- The Indian firms have since long availed loans in international credit markets in different foreign currencies.
- A risk is always attached with such borrowings including risk of having to pay more while repaying its debt, or while

servicing the interest on such borrowings if the rupee weakened.

16. Ans- A

- **The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018** is being held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- It is organized by the **South Asian Women Development Forum**.
- Theme: **“Equality begins with Economic Empowerment”**
- The main objective of the summit is to bring together achievers, women business leaders, professionals, international service providers, resource organizations, experts, government representatives and other stakeholders with a focus on innovative economic transformation through discussions and collaborations.

17. Ans- C

18. Ans- C

19. Ans- C

20. Ans- D

Explanation:

- ISRO has already begun the move towards environment-friendly and green propellants with the acceptance of Liquid Oxygen (LOX)/Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) and LOX/Kerosene based propulsion systems for launch vehicles, and use of electric propulsion for spacecraft.
- ISRO has successfully developed ISROSENE, which is a **rocket grade version of kerosene as an alternative to conventional hydrazine rocket fuel**.

21. Ans- C

22. Ans- C

Explanation:

- Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu have been ranked highest in terms of being on track to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), according to a first-of-its-kind index released by NITI Aayog.
 - The index comprises a composite score for each State and Union Territory based on their aggregate performance across 13 of the 17 SDGs.
 - The score, ranging between 0 and 100, denotes the average performance of the State/UT towards achieving the 13 SDGs and their respective targets.
- The average Indian score was 57. “The SDG Index Score for Sustainable Development Goals 2030 ranges between 42 and 69 for States and between 57 and 68 for UTs,” the report said

Report card

NITI Aayog has ranked every State based on its performance on 13 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The index score used for measurement ranges between 0 and 100. A score of 100 signifies that the national target set for 2030 has been achieved while 0 denotes it was the worst performer. A look at what the SDGs mean and where the States stand:

PROGRESS METER

Table shows India's progress in each goal: Good progress (◻), average progress (◻), & slow progress (◻)

SDG	Score
SD5	36
SD11	39
SD9	44
SD2	48
SD7	51
SD3	52
SD1	54
SD4	58
SD6	63
SD8	65
SD10	71
SD16	71
SD15	90

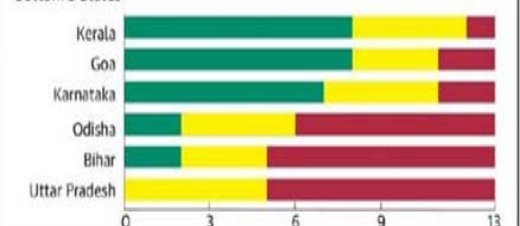
WHAT THE GOALS MEAN?

SD1: End poverty; **SD2:** End hunger; **SD3:** Ensure healthy lives & promote well-being; **SD4:** Ensure quality education; **SD5:** Achieve gender equality; **SD6:** Ensure sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; **SD7:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy; **SD8:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth; **SD9:** Build resilient infrastructure; **SD10:** Reduce inequality; **SD11:** Make cities and settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; **SD12:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns; **SD13:** Combat climate change; **SD14:** Conserve marine resources; **SD15:** Protect terrestrial ecosystems; **SD16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies



TOP THREE AND BOTTOM THREE PERFORMERS

Graph shows the state of progress of all the 13 goals in the top 3 and bottom 3 States



23. Ans- A

Explanation:

- The three-day annual Flamingo Festival was held at **Pulicat lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary in Sullurpetmandal.**
- Flamingo Festival is held every year to promote tourism in Pulicat and Nellapattu. Pulicat Lagoon
- It is the **second largest brackish water lagoon** in India, after Chilika Lake.
- The Lagoon is one of the **three important wetlands to attract North-East Monsoon rain clouds during October to December season to Tamil Nadu.**
- The barrier island of Sriharikota separates the lake from the Bay of Bengal and is home to the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
- Major part of the lake comes under Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.
- **The Buckingham Canal**, a navigation channel, is part of the lagoon on its western side

**Explanation:**

- **The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a \$85 million loan to improve the skill development eco-system in Odisha and establish an advanced skill training center, **the World Skill Center (WSC), in the state capital Bhubaneswar.**
- “The project will improve the quality of the State’s TVET programs by making them relevant to industry and demand driven, and will impart advanced occupation-ready skills training aligned with international standards.
- It would also complement the efforts to target the employment needs of the emerging sectors in India and globally
- **The project will engage Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES), Singapore, to support Odisha Skill Development Authority** in setting-up and operationalizing WSC which would offer internationally benchmarked advanced training programs for the working age population of Odisha.

24. Ans- A

Explanation: Gwadar- Pak, Sittwe- Myanmar, Guam- USA, Western Pacific, near N.Korea, Djibouti-Africa, Duqm-Oman, Hambantota-Sri Lanka

25. Ans- C

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