



CSE PRELIMS 2020

TEST-XIV (CURRENT AFFAIRS-III)

1. Consider the following statement about Start-up Sangam initiative

1. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas launched this initiative to develop new business models, marketing plans, technology and innovations.
2. In this initiative, Start-ups in technology field will get 30 months to submit proof of concept whereas start-ups with business ideas will be given 18 months.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
b) Only 2
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: c

2. Which of the following statements is/are true about Global Passport Power Rank 2017?

1. The Global Passport Power Rank is released by Canada based global financial advisory firm Arton Capital.
2. India's passport was ranked 75th among 94 countries in Global Passport Power Rank 2017.

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a) Only 1
b) Only 2
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: c

3. Consider the following statements about Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC)

1. GEAC is apex body under Ministry of Science and Technology.
2. Recently, GEAC had cleared transgenic mustard, DMH-11 for commercial cultivation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
b) Only 2
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: b

- GEAC is apex body under Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for regulating manufacturing, use, import, export and storage of hazardous micro-organisms or genetically engineered organisms (GMOs) and cells in the country.

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The World Polio Day is observed annually across world on 24 October.
2. The day was established by Rotary International to commemorate birth of Jonas Salk.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| a) Only 1 | b) Only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

Ans: c

5. Recently, 2nd World Congress on Marxism was held in:

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| a) Beijing | b) Moscow |
| c) Havana | d) Shanghai |

Ans: a

6. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Day is observed every year on 24th October.
2. The International Court of Justice is one of the main organs of United Nations.
3. The United Nations has currently 193 Member States.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: d

7. Consider the following statements about 2017 Man Booker Prize

1. George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize, for his first novel "Lincoln in the Bardo".
2. The Man Booker Prize is awarded to the literary work in English and published in UK or USA.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| a) Only 1 | b) Only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

Ans: a

8. Consider the following statements about Dawn Mission

1. Dawn Mission was launched by European Space Agency in 2007.
2. Its objective is to collect the evidence about the outer sphere of Jupiter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: d

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has approved second extension of Dawn mission at Ceres dwarf planet which is the largest object in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

9. Consider the following countries of Latin America.

- 1. Venezuela
- 2. Peru
- 3. Argentina
- 4. Brazil

Which of the above countries legalized the use of Marijuana within their respective territories?

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

Ans: b

- Mexico, Argentina, Colombia and Chile, Peru and Uruguay have legalized the use of cannabis (Marijuana).

10. Consider the following statements about Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

- 1. The APEDA is an apex statutory organisation under the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- 2. It is mandated with responsibility of promotion and development of the export of its scheduled products.

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: b

- The APEDA is an apex statutory export promotion organisation under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

11. Hemidactylus kangerensis, a new species of gecko, is discovered from:

- a) Eastern Ghats
- b) Western Ghats
- c) Aravalli Mountain
- d) Kutch Region

Ans: a

- Researchers have discovered new species of gecko at Chhattisgarh's KangerGhati National Park in Eastern Ghats. Its common name is the Kanger valley rock gecko and scientific name is Hemidactyluskangerensis, named after the valley where it was discovered.

12. Consider the following statements about Bharatmala programme

1. The project involves construction of 24,000km of fresh highways.
2. It also has provision for construction of feeder routes alongside national highways.
3. Under this project, only Built-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects requiring viability gap funding will required CCEA approval.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: c

13. Consider the following statements about 2017 Blue Planet Prize

1. Prof Hans Joachim Schellnhuber of Germany won their Prize.
2. This award is often considered as Nobel Prize for environmental research.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| a) Only 1 | b) Only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

Ans: c

14. Consider the following statements with respect to National Wildlife Action Plan for 2017-2031

1. The plan adopts a “landscape approach” in conservation of all wildlife.
2. It is the first time India has recognised the concerns relating to Climate Change impact on wild life.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| a) only 1 | b) only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Both the statements are correct.

15. Consider the Following statements with respect to SECURE Himalaya project:

1. It was launched by Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change and UNEP.
2. It will cover 5 states.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| a) only 1 | b) only 2 |
| c) Both 1 and 2 | d) Neither 1 nor 2 |

Ans: d

Explanation:

- it was launched by MoEF&CC and UNDP. It will cover Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.

16. Under Namami Gange programme, in which city Turtle Sanctuary is being setup?

- a) Allahabad
- b) Varanasi
- c) Patna
- d) Munger

Ans: a

- In order to protect the rich aquatic biodiversity of river Ganga from escalating anthropogenic pressures, development of a Turtle sanctuary in Allahabad along with a River Biodiversity Park at Sangam have been approved under NamamiGange programme.

17. Consider the following statements with respect to “National Waterway”:

1. It passes through Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh only.
2. It covers some parts of Krishna and Godavari Rivers.
3. Its length is more than 1000 km.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans: b

Explanation:

- it passes through Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and UT of Puducherry.

18. Consider the following statements with respect to “Institute of Company Secretaries of India”

1. It is a not-for-profit organisation.
2. Its objective is to promote, regulate and develop the profession of Company Secretaries in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) only 1
- b) only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: b

Explanation:

- Originally it was set up as not-for-profit organisation on 4th October, 1968, but later in 1980 the institute was converted into statutory professional body under an Act of Parliament, ‘The Company Secretaries Act 1980’.

19. What is the correct ascending order of countries in “Horn of Africa” as per their geographical area?

- a) Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia
- b) Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia
- c) Djibouti, Eritrea, Somalia, Ethiopia
- d) Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia

Ans: c

Explanation:

- Just refer the Atlas

20. Which of the following statement is Not True For International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons(ICAN)?

- a) It received 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.
- b) It was launched in 2007 and has presence in more than 100 countries.
- c) It promotes adherence to and implementation of the United Nations Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.
- d) ICAN is a coalition consisting of several hundred non-government organizations from local peace groups to global federations.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty.

21. Which of the following committee had NOT been formed with respect to “Corporate Governance” ?

- a) Uday Kotak committee,2017.
- b) Narayana Murthy Comm-ittee, 2003.
- c) Azim Premji Committee, 2002.
- d) Adi Godrej Committee,2012.

Ans: c

Explanation:

- SEBI constituted a series of committees — Kumar Mangalam Birla Committee in 2000, Narayana Murthy Committee in 2003 and Adi Godrej Committee in 2012 — to come up with more elaborate governance norms for India Inc. The present corporate governance norms, enshrined in the Companies Act, SEBI listing regulations and Clause 49 of the listing agreement are the result of deliberations by these committees. Yet another committee —the Uday Kotak committee — has recently been tasked with a further review.

22. Which of the following is NOT True with respect to Advanced Pricing Agreements (APAs) signed by CBDT?

- APA provisions were introduced in Income Tax Act in 2016.
- It aims to provide certainty to taxpayers in domain of transfer pricing.
- It helps in determining arm's length price of international transactions.
- Its objective is to strengthen government's resolve of fostering non-adversarial tax regime.

Ans: a

Explanation:

- The APA provisions were introduced in Income Tax Act in 2012 and 'rollback' provision to pull out of it was introduced in 2014.

23. "Chennai Declaration" pertains to which of the following?

- Anti-biotic resistance.
- Universal Health Care.
- Malnutrition.
- Non-Communicable Diseases.

Ans: a

Explanation:

- "A roadmap to tackle the challenge of antimicrobial resistance", was the first ever joint meeting of medical societies in India addressing antibiotic resistance, held in Chennai in August 2012.

24. Consider the following statements with respect to VAJRA scheme

- It enables NRIs and overseas scientific community to participate and contribute to research and development in India.
- It is being implemented by Technology and Development Board.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- only 1
- only 2
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: a

Explanation:

- It is being implemented by The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB). It is a statutory body established through an Act of Parliament, 2008. The mandate is to supports basic research in emerging areas of Science & Engineering.

25. Which among the following is eligible to invest in Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme?

- Individuals above 18 years of age.
- Trusts and Charitable Institutions.
- Universities.

Select the correct answer using the codes below:


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

Ans: b

Explanation:


- Persons resident in India as defined under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 are eligible to invest in SGB. Eligible investors include individuals, HUFs, trusts, universities, charitable institutions, etc.

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