

# CSE PRELIMS 2020

## TEST-XII (CURRENT AFFAIRS-I)

1. With reference to 'World heritage sites' in India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Recently Gandhinagar has declared as a UNESCO's World Heritage Property.
2. India has overall 36 World Heritage sites.
3. Majority of them are Natural sites.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: d**

**Solution:**

1. In July, UNESCO declared a historic city Ahmadabad as a World's Heritage Property and not Gandhinagar.
2. India has overall 36 World Heritage sites. So, it stands true.
3. However, majority of sites are cultural comprising 28 cultural, 07 natural and 1 Mixed site.

2. With reference of 'JIGYASA', which of the statements given below is/are correct?

1. It will enhance the "Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR)" through Student-Scientist connect programme.
2. The purpose of 'JIGYASA' is to inculcate the culture of inquisitiveness and scientific temper amongst the school students and their teachers.
3. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the implementing agency.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: b**

**Solution:**

1. "JIGYASA" - Student-Scientist connect programme was launched in July in New Delhi. The focus is on connecting school students and scientists so as to extend student's classroom learning with that of a very well-planned research laboratory-based learning.
2. "JIGYASA" would inculcate the culture of inquisitiveness on one hand and scientific temper on the other, amongst the school students and their teachers. The Programme is expected to connect 1151 Kendriya Vidyalayas with 38 National Laboratories of CSIR targeting 100,000 students and nearly 1000 teachers annually.
3. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has joined hands with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to implement this programme. Hence, all the options stand correct.

3. **Which of the following statements is/are incorrect about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Plan.**

1. It is a pan India programme since its inception.
2. It was launched to check child-sex ration alone.
3. Currently the scheme is implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. The Scheme was implemented in 161 districts. Recently, due to its success, the Cabinet has approved the expansion of it for Pan India Coverage with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1132.5 Crore from 2017-18 to 2019-20, to be funded 100% by the Central Government. Now, the programme covers 640 districts. So, option is incorrect.
2. The main goal of BBBP programme is to check adverse child sex ration, but other objectives of the programme is to address issues related to empowerment of women over a life-cycle continuum. Hence the option is wrong.
3. Currently the scheme is being implemented as a tri-ministerial, convergent effort of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. So, it is wrong.

4. **Consider the following statements:**

1. The campaign has been supported by International Monetary Fund.
2. It is designed to nudge the behavior of those who have toilets but not using them.
3. Behavioural change was not the objective of the Swachh Bharat Mission initially.

Which of the statements is/are correct about **Darwaza Band** initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission?

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 1 and 3 only |
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2. The vision of the program is to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors. The program addresses the need expressed by many states for technical support from NITI. hence, the option is **correct**.

**7. Consider the following statements:**

1. Orang Tiger Reserve is the latest Tiger Reserve to be notified in the country.
2. Kamlang Tiger Reserve is located in Arunachal Pradesh.
3. In total, there are 50 tiger reserves in the country.

Which of the statements is/are true?

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| a) 1 and 3 only | b) 2 only           |
| c) 2 and 3 only | d) All of the above |

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. Orang Tiger Reserve is the 49th in the country.
2. Kamlang Tiger Reserve in Arunachal is the 50th and latest to be notified.

**8. With reference of National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India, which of the statements given below is/are correct?**

1. It is a part of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' umbrella.
2. Its aim is to preserve the rich cultural heritage of a country in the form of a cultural repository of artists and art forms.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

- **Both options are true.** Refer <http://www.indiaculture.nic.in/national-mission-cultural-mapping-and-roadmap-minutes>

**9. Which stands true about ANUGA?**

1. It is the world's biggest and most important trade fair for Food and beverage trade.
2. India is an observatory country of ANUGA 2017.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: a**

**Solution:**

1. ANUGA stands for **Allgemeine Nahrungs- und Genussmittel-Ausstellung** is the world's biggest and most important trade fair for Food and beverage trade. So, it is correct
2. India now a co-partner Country in ANUGA 2017. Hence, it is incorrect

**10. Which of the following is/are incorrect about Cyclone Mora :**

1. A high pressure over the south-eastern Bay of Bengal developed into Severe Cyclonic Storm Mora.
2. It had a devastating impact on the western coast of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. Mora developed from an area of **low pressure** over the south-eastern Bay of Bengal on May 28. It quickly strengthened and was named Mora. Cyclone Mora is a tropical cyclone. tropical cyclones are characterised by a low-pressure centre. So, option is **wrong**.
2. It caused widespread impacts by devastation and severe flooding across Sri Lanka, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Northeast India in May 2017. So, option is **incorrect**.

**11. Consider the following pairs:**

| <b>Port Name</b> | <b>Country</b> |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Fremantle     | Australia      |
| 2. Lyttelton     | Falklands      |
| 3. Port Stanley  | New Zealand    |
| 4. Cape Town     | South Africa   |

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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| a) 1 and 2 only | b) 1, 2 and 3       |
| c) 1 and 4      | d) all of the above |

**Ans: c**

- **Solution:** The voyage titled **Navika Sagar Parikrama** started global circumnavigation expedition with an all-woman crew from Goa. The distance will be **covered in five legs**, with stopovers at **four ports — Fremantle (Australia), Lyttelton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Falklands) and Cape Town (South Africa)**.

**12. Consider the following statements about 'Sovereign Wealth Funds':**

1. A Sovereign Wealth Fund is a state-owned pool of money that is invested in various financial assets.
2. China's sovereign wealth fund named China Investment Corporation is the largest in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are **incorrect**?

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. A sovereign wealth fund (SWF) or sovereign investment fund is a state-owned investment fund that invests in real and financial assets. Hence, it is **correct**.
2. Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the largest in the world. It is **incorrect**.

**13. Consider the following statements :**

1. Villagers near every port in India are encouraged to contribute in Freight business under it.
2. Villages, under the initiative, will get financial support via concerned port authority.

Which of the statements is/are true about '**Freight Village**'?

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

**Ans: b**

**Solution:**

- A 'Freight Village' is a specialised industrial estate which attracts companies that require logistics services and can cluster to improve their competitiveness. Hence, **both the statements are incorrect**.
- To improve logistics efficiency, it is proposed to set up a Freight Village and Logistics Hub in Varanasi in continuation of the multi-modal terminal under construction as part of the Jal Marg Vikas Project. The estimated cost of the Freight Village is Rs.3055 crore.

**14. Which of the statements is/are not true about 'Prithvi-II'?**

1. It is the first indigenous surface to surface strategic Missile.
2. It is targeting a range upto 450 km.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: b**

**Solution:**

- Prithvi-II, the first indigenous surface to surface strategic Missile, capable of attacking targets at ranges of 350 kms, reached the predefined target in the Bay of Bengal with a very high accuracy of better than 10 meters. therefore, statement one is correct **while second is incorrect.**

**15. Consider the following statements about INS Kalvari :**

1. It is a class of diesel-electric submarine.
2. It is first of the six Scorpene-class submarines.
3. It is built under “Project-95” of Indian Navy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**Ans: d**

**Solution:**

- INS Kalvari (S21) is the **first of the six Kalvari-class submarine** currently in service with the Indian Navy. It is a diesel-electric attack submarine which is designed by DCNS (French naval defence and energy company) and being manufactured at Mazagon Dock Limited in Mumbai.
- Kalvari was built under the Project 75. Hence, the **third statement is incorrect.**

**16. Which of the following in respect of Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017 is correct:**

- a) The Bill specifies various tools to resolve a failing infrastructural firms.
- b) The Bill provisioned for internally restructuring its debt called Bail out.
- c) Resolution Authority will provide deposit insurance to banks up to two lakh Rs. only.
- d) It proposes to subsume the functions of the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation DICGC under the Resolution Corporation.

**Ans: d**

**Solution:**

1. The Bill specifies various tools to resolve a **failing financial firm, not infrastructural firms**, which include transferring its assets and liabilities, merging it with another firm, or liquidating it. Hence, the statement stands **incorrect.**
2. FRDI Bill has specified various tools to resolve a failing financial firm which include transferring its assets and liabilities, merging it with another firm, or liquidating it. One of these methods allows for a financial firm on the verge of failure to be rescued by internally restructuring its debt. This method is known as bail-in not bail-out. Hence, the statement is **incorrect.**

3. The Bill has provisioned for **Resolution Corporation which will provide deposit insurance to banks up to a certain limit**. This implies, that the Corporation will guarantee the repayment of a certain amount to each depositor in case the bank fails. Currently, the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) provides deposit insurance for bank deposits up to 1 lakh rupees per depositor. Thus, the statement is **incorrect**.
4. It is **correct**.

**17. Consider the following statements :**

1. It is prepared by World Economic Forum.
2. The ranking is based on the performance in 10 sub-indices.
3. India's rank is 108<sup>th</sup> from 138<sup>th</sup> last year.

Which of the statements is/are correct about Ease of Doing Index, 2017?

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

**Ans: b**

**Solution:**

1. The statement is **incorrect**, as the index is prepared by World bank.
2. The Index is prepared, based on the average of 10 sub-indices prescribed by WB. Hence, the statement is correct.
3. **It is incorrect**, as India's ranking took a leap of 30 ranks to 100th rank from 130th last year.

**18. Consider the followings about Anti-profiteering :**

1. The provision for National Anti-profiteering Authority was there in the first draft of the GST Bill
2. It's main work is to pass on the benefits of the reduction in GST rates on goods only to the ultimate consumers.

Select the **incorrect** answer using the code given below :

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. The statement is **incorrect**. A provision for establishing the Authority and the provision itself (clause 171) had been enumerated at latter stage.
2. The statement is **incorrect**, as the it is meant to ensure that the benefits of the reduction in the Indirect taxes on goods and services both not goods alone, can be pass to ultimate consumer.



19. Consider the following statements :

1. It is a tax on the gains made from buying and selling assets.
2. If the gain is made on the assets held for over one year, long term capital gains tax has incurred.

Which of the statements is/are true about **Capital gains tax**?

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

**Ans: a**

**Solution:**

1. Statement is **correct**. In India, any profit or gain arising from the sale of a capital asset is deemed as capital gains and is charged to tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961. Profits arising from the sale of capital assets is classified as Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG) or Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG).
2. Statement is **incorrect**. Generally, if a capital asset is held for less than 36 months, the profits arising from its sale are treated as STCG. LTCG, on the other hand, are profits arising from the sales of assets held for 36 months or more. In the case of listed equity shares and equity oriented mutual funds, a holding period of 12 months or more qualifies as 'long-term'.

20. Which of the statements is/are not true about H1B visa?

- a) It is an immigrant visa provided by US to skilled workers from other countries.
- b) H-1B visa programme Bill debar skilled and non-skilled workers from India.

Select the correct answer using code the given below :

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution :**

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- a) The statement is **incorrect**. The H1-B visa is a non-immigrant visa given by the United States to employ skilled workers from other countries for various specialised fields of occupation for a certain period of time.
- b) H1B visa programme allow skilled workers from countries like India to fill high-tech jobs. Hence, the statement is **incorrect**.

21. SHANGRI LA DIALOGUE (SLD) is a/an :

- a) Track-1 security forum that allows world leaders to discuss and fashion policy related to defence and security.
- b) Intergovernmental and apolitical multilateral cooperation mechanism seeks to consolidate economic and trade exchanges between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries.



2. GSLV Mk III 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. Hence, it is **correct**.
3. The first developmental flight of GSLV Mk III, the GSLV-Mk III-D1 successfully placed GSAT-19 satellite to a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) on June 05, 2017 from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota. So, the statement is **correct**.

**24. Consider the following statements about Cartosat satellite :**

1. It is India's first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory.
2. It is built by India with the help NASA.
3. It is a part of is a part of the Indian Remote Sensing Programme.

Which of the statements is/are correct?

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

**Ans: c**

**Solution:**

1. **It is the ASTROSAT not CARTOSAT which is India's first dedicated multi wavelength space observatory.** This scientific satellite mission endeavors for a more detailed understanding of our universe. **Hence it is incorrect.**
2. The Cartosat series of satellites are a type of earth observation satellites **indigenously built by India. So, the statement is incorrect.**
3. The **Cartosat series is a part of the Indian Remote Sensing Programme.** They were specifically launched for Earth's resource management and monitoring. It is **correct.**

**25. Urga Kanjur was in news, is a :**

- a) Major Buddhist festivals in Sikkim.
- b) Sacred Tibetan Buddhist text
- c) The festival of the Ao tribe in Nagaland marks the completion of the sowing season.
- d) Sikkimese New Year and is celebrated each year.

**Ans: b**

- Refer: <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=163339>

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