

UPSC CSE Prelims 2019, (Held on 2nd June 2019) Official Question Paper Set D

Q1. With the reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements:

- 1) AIIB has more than 80 member nations.
- 2) India is the largest shareholder in AIIB.
- 3) AIIB does not have any members from outside area.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: 1. A (for detailed analysis, visit [Jatin Verma YouTube channel](#))

Explanation:

Statement 2 and 3 are incorrect.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank with a mission to improve social and economic outcomes in Asia. Headquartered in Beijing, we began operations in January 2016 and have now grown to **97 approved members** worldwide.

India's Share - 7.6399% (definitely not the largest shareholder)

Q2. What was the purpose of Inter-Creditor Agreement signed by Indian banks and financial institutions recently?

- (a) To lessen the Government of India's perennial burden of fiscal deficit and current account deficit.
- (b) To support the infrastructure projects of Central and State Governments.
- (c) To act as independent regulator in case of applications for loans of ₹ 50 crore or more
- (d) To aim at faster resolution of stressed assets of ₹ 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending

Answer: D (for detailed analysis, visit [Jatin Verma YouTube channel](#))

Explanation:

Statement 4 is correct

None of the purposes mentioned in statement 1, 2 and 3 are objective/purpose of Inter Creditor Agreement.

The Inter - Creditor Agreement, a recommendation of the Sunil Mehta committee, aims to deal with bad loans. For bad loans of ₹ 50-500 crore, banks enter an inter-creditor agreement, authorizing the lead bank to implement a resolution plan in 180 days, or refer the asset to NCLT.

Q3. The Chairmen of public sector banks are selected by the

- (a) Banks Board Bureau
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Union Ministry of Finance

(d) Management of concerned bank

Answer: 3. A (for detailed analysis, visit [Jatin Verma YouTube channel](#))

Explanation

Statement 1 is correct

Explanation - Banks Board Bureau (BBB) is an autonomous body of the Government of India tasked to improve the governance of Public Sector Banks, **recommend selection of chiefs of government owned banks and financial institutions.**

Q4. Consider the following statements:

- 1) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is the first regulatory body set up by the Government of India.
- 2) One of the tasks of PNGRB is to ensure competitive markets for gas.
- 3) Appeals against the decisions of PNGRB go before the appellate Tribunals for Electricity.

Which of the above statements are correct?

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

Answer: 4. B (for detailed analysis, visit [Jatin Verma YouTube channel](#))

Explanation;

Statement 1 is incorrect - The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) was constituted under The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (NO. 19 OF 2006) notified via Gazette Notification dated 31st March, 2006. (So, it cannot be the first regulatory body setup by GoI)

Statement 2 is correct - Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board protects the interests of consumers and entities engaged in specified activities relating to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas and **promotes competitive markets** and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Statement 3 is correct - Subject to the provision of this act the appellate tribunal established under section 110 of the electricity act 2003 shall be the appellate tribunal for the purpose of this Act and the said tribunal shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers and authority conferred on it by or under this act

Q5. With reference to communication technologies, what is/are the difference/differences between LTE (Long Term Evolution) and VoLTE (Voice over Long-Term Evolution)?

- 1) LTE is commonly marketed as 3G and VoLTE is commonly marketed as advanced 3G
- 2) LTE is data-only technology and VoLTE is voice- only technology.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: 5. D (for detailed analysis, visit Jatin Verma YouTube channel)

Explanation:

Trigger Point - Both technologies have frequently been in news due to various reasons. For example - <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/bharti-airtel-partners-with-nokia-to-automate-data-centre-network/article26385113.ece>

Statement 1 is incorrect. Both LTE (Long Term Evolution) and VoLTE (Voice over LTE) are 4G technologies.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Both LTE and VoLTE are data plus Voice technologies.

VoLTE is a technology wherein you can simultaneously send voice and data over the network without diminishing quality of voice. In case of LTE, if you make a voice call and you also keep your data connection on, the quality of voice will reduce.

Q6. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017?

- 1) Pregnant women are entitled for three months pre-delivery and three months post-delivery paid leave.
- 2) Enterprises with creches must allow the mother minimum six creche visits daily.
- 3) Women with two children get reduced entitlements.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Answer: C (for detailed analysis, visit Jatin Verma YouTube channel)

Explanation:

Trigger Point : <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/central-guidelines-for-crches-at-workplaces/article25644276.ece>

Statement 1 is incorrect. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017 has increased the duration of paid maternity leave available for women employees to 26 weeks. The paid maternity leave can be availed 8 weeks before the expected date of delivery.

Statement 2 is incorrect.

Q7. Which one of the following is **not** a sub-index of the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business Index'?

- (a) Maintenance of law and order
- (b) Paying taxes
- (c) Registering property
- (d) Dealing with construction permits

Q8. In India, 'extended producer responsibility' was introduced as an important feature in which of the following?

- (a) The Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998
- (b) The Recycled Plastic (manufacturing and Usage) Rules, 1999
- (c) The e-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011
- (d) The Food Safety and Standard Regulations, 2011

Q9. The economic cost of food grains to the Food Corporation of India is Minimum Support Price and bonus (if any) paid to farmers Plus

- (a) Transportation cost only
- (b) Interest cost only
- (c) Procurement incidentals and distribution cost
- (d) Procurement incidentals and charges for godowns

Q10. In the context of any country, which one of the following would be considered as part of its social capital?

- (a) The proportion of literates in the population
- (b) The stock of its buildings, other infrastructure and machines
- (c) The size of population in the working age group
- (d) The level of mutual trust and harmony in the society.

Q11. The Service Area Approach was implemented under the purview of ?

- (a) Integrated Rural Development Programme
- (b) Lead Bank Scheme
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- (d) National Skill Development Mission

Q12. With reference to the management of minor minerals in India consider the following statements:

- 1) Sand is a 'minor mineral' according to the prevailing law in the country.
- 2) State Government have the power to grant mining leases of minor minerals, but the powers regarding the formation of rules related to the grant of minor minerals lie with the central Government.
- 3) State Government have the power to frame rules to prevent illegal mining of minor minerals.

Which of the statement given above is /are corrected?

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

Q13. Consider the following statement:

1. Most of Indian's external debt is owed by governmental entities.
2. All of Indian's external debt is denominated in US dollars.

Which of the statement given above is/are corrected?

- (a) 1 only

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

Q14. Which of the following is not included in the assets of a commercial bank in India?

- (a) Advances
- (b) Deposits
- (c) Investments
- (d) Money at call and short notice

Q15. In the context of India, which of the following factors is/are contributor/contributors to reducing the risk of a currency crises?

1. The foreign currency earning of India's IT sector
2. Increasing the government expenditure
3. Remittances from Indians abroad

Select the correct answers using the code given below.

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

Q16 Which one of the following suggested that the Governor should be an eminent person from outside the state and should be a detached figure without intense political links or should not have taken part in politics in the recent past?

- (a) First Administrative Reforms Commission (1966)
- (b) Rajamannar Committee (1969)
- (c) Sarkaria Commission (1983)
- (d) National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (2000)

Q17 Which of the following is issued by registered foreign portfolio investors to overseas investors who want to be part of Indian stock market without registering themselves directly?

- (a) Certificate of Deposit
- (b) Commercial Paper
- (c) Promissory Note
- (d) Participatory Note

Q18 Consider the following statements:

- 1) As per law, the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority exists at both National and State levels.

2) People's participation is mandatory in the compensatory afforestation programmes carried out under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q19 In India, which of the following review the independent regulators in sectors like telecommunications, insurance, Electricity, etc.?

1. Ad Hoc Committees set up by the Parliament
2. Parliamentary Department Related Standing Committees
3. Finance Commission
4. Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission
5. NITI Aayog

Select the correct answers using the code given below.

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

Q20 With reference to Indian's Five-Year Plans, which of the following statement is/are correct?

- 1) From the Second Five-Year Plan, there was a determined thrust towards substitution of basic and capital good industries.
- 2) The Fourth Five-Year Plan, adopted the objective of correcting the earlier trend of increased concentration of wealth and economic power.
- 3) In the Fifth Five-Year Plan, for the first time, the financial sector was included as an integral part of the plan.

Select the correct answers using the code given below.

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

Q21. With reference to the constitution of India, consider the following statements:

- 1) No High Court shall have the jurisdiction to declare any central law to be constitutionally invalid.
- 2) An amendment to the constitution of India cannot be called into question by the Supreme Court India.

Which of the statement given above is/are correct?

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

Q22. Consider the following statements:

- 1) Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) exchange rates are calculated by comparing the prices of the same basket of goods and services in different countries.
- 2) In terms of PPP dollars, India is the sixth largest economy in the world.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q23. With reference of the cultivation of Kharif crops in India in the last five years consider the following statements:

1. Area under rice cultivation is the highest.
2. Area under the cultivation of jowar is more than that of oilseeds.
3. Area of cotton cultivation is more than that of sugarcane.
4. Area under sugarcane cultivation has steadily decreased.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q24. Among the agricultural commodities imported by India, which one of the following accounts for the highest imports in terms of value in the last five years?

- (a) Spices
- (b) Fresh fruits
- (c) Pulses
- (d) Vegetables oils

Q25. In the context of polity, which one of the following would you accept as the most appropriate definition of liberty?

- (a) Protection against the tyranny of political rulers
- (b) Absence of restraint
- (c) Opportunity to do whatever one likes
- (d) Opportunity to develop oneself fully

Q26. Which one of the following is not the most likely measure the government/RBI takes to stop the slide of Indian rupee?

- (a) Curbing imports of non-essential goods and promoting exports
- (b) Encouraging Indian borrowers to issue rupee-denominated Masala Bonds
- (c) Easing conditions relating to external commercial borrowing
- (d) Following an expansionary monetary policy

Q27. Consider the following statements:

The Reserve Bank of India's recent directives relating to "Storage of Payment System Data," popularly known as data diktat, command the payment system providers that

- 1) They shall ensure that entire data relating to payment systems operated by them are stored in a system only in India
- 2) They shall ensure that the systems are owned and operated by public sector enterprises
- 3) They shall submit the consolidated system audit report to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India by the end of the calendar year

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q28. Which of the following adopted a law on data protection and privacy for its citizens known as 'General Data Protection Regulation' in April 2016 and started implementation of it from 25th May, 2018?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Canada
- (c) The European Union
- (d) The United States of America

Q29. Recent, India signed a deal known as 'Action Plan for Prioritization and Implementation of Cooperation Areas in the Nuclear Field' with which of the following countries?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Russia
- (c) The United Kingdom
- (d) The United States of America

30. The money multiplier in a economy increases with which one of the following?

- (a) Increase in the cash reserve ratio
- (b) Increase in the banking habit of the population
- (c) Increase in the statutory liquidity ratio
- (d) Increase in the population of the country

Q31. Consider the following statements about particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India:

- 1) PVTGs reside in 18 states and one Union Territory.
- 2) A stagnant or declining population in one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.
- 3) There are 95 PVTGs officially notified in the country so far.
- 4) Irular and Konda Reddi tribes are included in the list of PVTGs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q.32 With reference to the constitution of India, prohibitions or limitations or provisions contained in ordinary laws cannot act as prohibitions or limitations on the constitutional powers under Article 142. It could mean which one of the following?

- (a) The decisions taken by the Election Commission of India while discharging its duties cannot be challenged in any court of law.
- (b) The supreme court of India is not constrained in the exercise of its powers by laws made by the Parliament.
- (c) In the event of grave financial crisis in the country, the President of India can declare Financial Emergency without the counsel from the Cabinet.
- (d) State Legislatures cannot make laws on certain matters without the concurrence of Union Legislature.

Q33 With reference to the Legislative Assembly of a state in India, consider the following statements:

- 1) The Governor makes a customary address to the Members of the House at the commencement of the first session of the year.
 - 2) When a State Legislature does not have a rule on a particular matter, it follows the Lok Sabha rule on that matter.
- (a) Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - (b) 1 only
 - (c) 2 only
 - (d) Both 1 and 2
 - (e) Neither 1 nor 2

Q34 Consider the following statements:

- 1) The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by land, Sea and Air'.
- 2) The UNCAC is the ever –first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument

- 3) A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.
- 4) The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the Implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q35 Consider the following statements:

- 1) As per recent amendment to the Indian Forest Act, 1927, forest dwellers have the right to fell the bamboos grown on forest areas.
- 2) As per the scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, bamboo is a minor forest produce.
- 3) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Acts, 2006 allows ownership of minor forest produce to forest dwellers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q36. Which Article of Constitution of India safeguards one's right to marry the person of one's choice.

- (a) Article 19
- (b) Article 21
- (c) Article 25
- (d) Article 29

Q37. Consider the following statements:

- 1) According to the Indian Patents Act, a biological process to create a seed can be patented in India
- 2) In India, there is no Intellectual Property Appellate Board
- 3) Plant varieties are not eligible to be patented in India

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q38. Consider the following statements:

The Environment Protection Act, 1986 empowers the Government of India to

- 1) state the requirement of public participation in the process of environmental protection, and the procedure, and the manner in which it is sought
- 2) lay down the standards for emission or discharge of environmental pollutants from various sources

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q39. As per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 in India, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Waste generator has to segregate the waste into five categories
- (b) The rules are applicable to notified urban local bodies, notified towns and all industrial townships only
- (c) The rules provide for exact and elaborate criteria for the identification of sites and landfills and waste processing facilities
- (d) It is mandatory on the part of waste generator that the waste generated in one district cannot be moved to another district

Q40. Consider the following statements

As per the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018

- 1) If rules for fixed term employment are implemented, it becomes easier for the firms/companies to lay-off workers
- 2) No notice of termination of employment shall be necessary in the case of temporary workman

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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