



30 Days Revision Module Day 15 - Economy IV (UPSC Prelims 2021)

1) Which of the following is the objective of the Scheme “Ayushman Sahakar” by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare?

- To ensure that the credit requirements for cultivators in the agriculture, fisheries and animal husbandry sector are being met
- To assist cooperatives in the creation of healthcare infrastructure in the country
- To improve soil health as well as organic matter content in agricultural soils
- To control Livestock diseases and qualitative improvement of livestock products

Answer : b

- AYUSHMAN SAHAKAR, a unique scheme to assist cooperatives play an important role in creation of healthcare infrastructure in the country formulated by the apex autonomous development finance institution, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- NCDC is an apex level statutory autonomous institution set up by under an Act of the Parliament in 1963.
- It has been created for the purpose of planning and promoting programmes for the production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock etc.,
- NCDC is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

2) Consider the following statements about the Jal Shakthi Abhiyan:

1. It is a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign intended to be a special separate funding programme.
2. It is aimed to make water conservation a ‘people’s movement’ through ongoing schemes like the MGNREGA and other government programmes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

- It is a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign but not intended to be a funding programme and did not create any new intervention on its own

3) Which of the following class of workers have been brought under the ambit of “Code on Social Security, 2020”?

1. Gig workers
2. Platform workers
3. Workers employed through contractors
4. Self-employed interstate migrant worker

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Answer : d

- THE CODE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, 2020 , is An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to social security with the goal to extend social security to all employees and workers either in the organized or unorganized or any other sectors.
- "Social security" means the measures of protection afforded to employees, unorganized workers, gig workers and platform workers
- Under the act the definition of

1. 'employees' include workers employed through contractors
2. "inter-state migrant workers" include self-employed workers from another state

4) Which of the following statements regarding the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 is correct?

- a. It completely prohibits the employment of children below 14 years in all types of employment
- b. It defines children between 14 to 18 years as adolescents and completely bars their employment in both hazardous and non-hazardous occupations
- c. It also completely bans the employment of Child labour under the family enterprises
- d. The Act makes the child labour a cognizable offence

Answer : d

- A complete ban has been imposed on employing children, except in the following two cases:
 1. Children are allowed to help in his/her family or family enterprise(s) provided that (i) such enterprise is not involved in hazardous processes and (ii) the work is carried out after school hours or during vacations.
 2. Children are allowed to work in the audio-visual entertainment industry including advertisement, films, television serials or any such other entertainment or sports activities except circus subject to (i) compliance with prescribed conditions and adoption of safety measures, and (ii) the work does not affect the school education of the child.
- 'Adolescent' has been defined to mean a person who has completed his 14th year but not completed his 18th year and it prohibits employment of adolescents in hazardous occupations.
- The act mentions that 'employing children or adolescents in contravention of the law has been made a cognizable offence'.

5) Which of the following statements regarding the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 are correct?

1. Under the new Act, "consumer" is defined as a person who "buys any goods" and "hires or avails of any service" for consideration.
2. It also includes a person who obtains goods for resale or goods or service for any commercial purpose as a consumer under this Act.
3. The concept of "product liability" has been newly introduced and is defined as the responsibility of a product manufacturer or product seller of any product or service to compensate for any harm caused to a consumer due to defective product manufactured or sold.
4. The Act has inserted the definition of "e-commerce" which means buying or selling of goods or services including digital products over a digital or electronic network

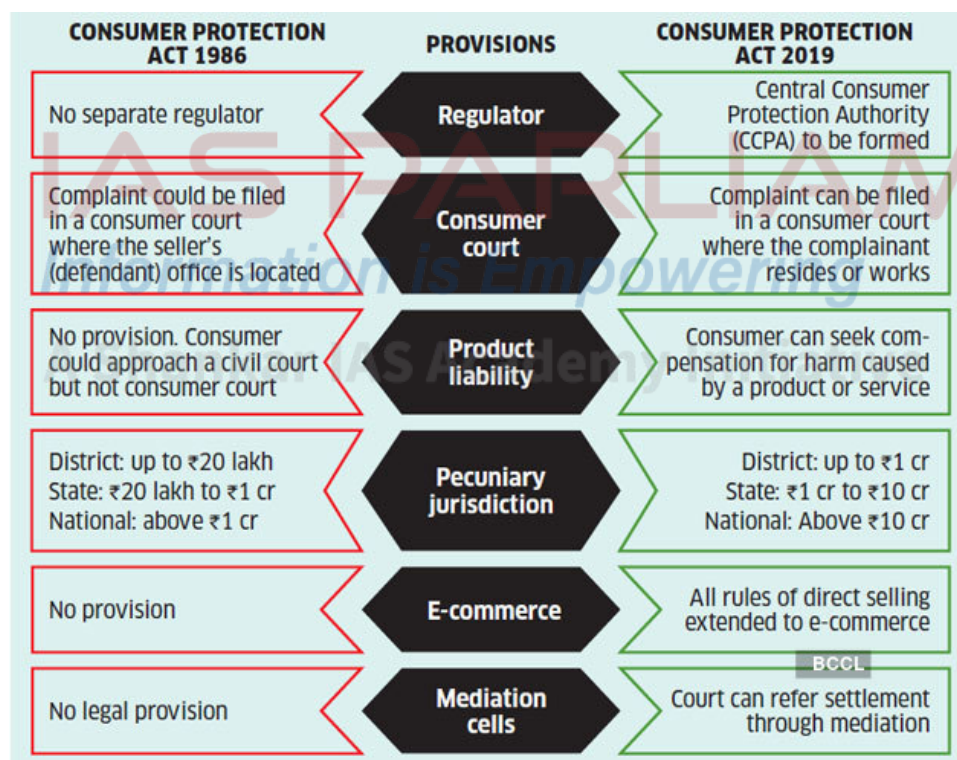
Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3 only

- b. 1, 2 and 4 only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 only
- d. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer : c

- "Consumer" means any person who--
1. 'Buys any goods' for a consideration which has been paid or promised or partly paid and partly promised.
 2. 'Hires or avails of any service' for a consideration which has been paid or promised or partly paid and partly promised,
 3. but does not include a person who obtains such goods for resale or for any commercial purpose
- The act defines "product liability" as the responsibility of a product manufacturer or product seller, of any product or service, to compensate for any harm caused to a consumer by such defective product manufactured or sold or by deficiency in services. So, statement 3 is correct
 - The "e-commerce " has been defined by the act as the buying or selling of goods or services including digital products over digital or electronic network; So, statement 4 is correct



6) The Successful implementation of PM-KUSUM scheme would

1. Enable India to achieve the targets set under the Paris agreement.
2. Reduce the financial burden of electricity generation companies.
3. Reduce the financial burden for the state governments of India.
4. Increase the nutritional content of the crops produced.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 1 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 4 only

d. 2, 3 and 4 only

Answer : b

- The scheme aims to add solar and other renewable capacity of 25,750 MW by 2022 with total central financial support of Rs. 34,422 crores.
- Since PM KUSUM scheme focuses on installation of solar pumps and grid connected solar and other renewable power plants in the country. This will reduce the financial burden of discoms and not electricity generation companies.
- Since the power generation is decentralized, it will reduce their subsidy outlay towards irrigation and lose reduce the losses occurred due to transmission loss.
- Solar pumps or renewable energy does not have a direct link with nutritional intake of the crops.

7) Consider the following statements regarding the PM Awas Yojana.

1. It is an initiative of the Government of India which aims at providing affordable housing to the urban poor by the year 2022.
2. It has made a mandatory provision for the female head of the family to be the owner or co-owner of the house under this Mission.
3. Beneficiaries of this scheme mainly include Middle-Income Groups, Low-income Groups and Economically Weaker Section.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission launched on 25th June 2015 which intends to provide housing for all in urban areas by year 2022.
- Under the scheme, Central Assistance is provided to the implementing agencies through States/Union Territories (UTs) and Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs) for providing houses to all eligible families/ beneficiaries.
- PMAY (U) has made a mandatory provision for the female head of the family to be the owner or co-owner of the house under this Mission.
- This Scheme mainly focuses on Lower Income Group/Economically Weaker Section (EWS/LIG) and Middle Income Group.

8) Which of the following provisions is/are the important mandate under the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2019?

1. It seeks to do away with the no-detention policy in schools.
2. As per this Act, all the states are mandated to implement the detention policy.
3. It also mandates the states to provide free and compulsory education to the children in the age group of 3 to 18.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Answer : a

- The act seeks to amend the Right to Education (RTE) Act to abolish the “no-detention” policy in schools. Under the earlier provisions of the Act, no student can be detained up to class VIII.

So Statement 1 is correct

- As per the amendment, it would be left to the states to decide whether to continue the no-detention policy.
- The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (the Act) provides for free and compulsory education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years. It remains the same.

9) Which of the following is the objective of “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan”?

- a. Adult Education
- b. Digital Education
- c. Integrated Teacher Training Programme
- d. Introducing QR coded Energized textbooks.

Answer : a

- The primary objective of Padhna Likhna Abhiyan is to impart functional literacy to 57 lakh adult illiterates aged 15 and above under a Basic Literacy Programme for a period of one year - 2020 to 2021.

10) Consider the following terms which are frequently in news.

1. Saksham
2. Udaan
3. Sankalp

Which one of the following themes are associated with the given above statements?

- a. Skill Development scheme
- b. Free LPG distribution scheme
- c. Awareness campaign on Green energy
- d. Regional Connectivity issue

Answer : a

- Launched in 2010, Saksham focuses another kind of NEET - 'Neither in Education, Employment or Training' - for youth, especially girls, from urban and rural disadvantaged areas.
- The programme equips them with free, market-oriented vocational skills and job and entrepreneurial training
- Udaan, the Special Industry Initiative (SII) for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is funded by Ministry of Home Affairs and implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). It is a special initiative to address the needs of the educated unemployed youth in J&K
- Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP) is an outcome-oriented programme of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with a special focus on decentralised planning and quality improvement.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is collaborated with the World Bank.
- It aims to implement the mandate of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM)

11) ‘SERB-POWER’ initiative, recently in news, is related to

- a. Improve electricity transmission technology to reduce losses
- b. Resolving bad asset issues of DISCOMs in states
- c. New solar technology to achieve Paris agreement goals
- d. Encouraging women researchers to undertake R&D in areas of science and engineering

Answer : d

- The Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research (POWER) Fellowship has been instituted by SERB as an initiative for empowering women researchers. It recognises outstanding women researchers and innovators in the country, in various areas of

specialisation.

12) Which of the following statements is **not correct** about the “Ayushman Bharat” scheme?

- a. It provides cashless and paperless access to services for the beneficiary at the point of service
- b. It provides an insurance cover upto Rs 5 lakh per person, per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization
- c. It provides free treatment at all public and empanelled private hospitals in times of need
- d. Beneficiaries are identified by the government on the basis the Socio-Economic and Caste Census-2011 database both in rural and urban areas

Answer : b

- Ayushman Bharat aims at providing a health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

13) Consider the following statements with reference to the ‘Five Star Villages Scheme’ which sometimes seen in news recently

1. It is a scheme for ranking villages to accelerate sanitation coverage in the rural areas
2. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj

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

Answer : d

- The department of posts under the ministry of communications has launched a scheme called Five Star Villages.
- It aims to ensure universal coverage of flagship postal schemes in the rural areas of the country.
- Under this scheme, the branch offices are empowered to function as one-stop shops to cater to all post-office-related needs of the villagers.

14) Consider the following statements regarding the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY)

1. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme for pregnant and lactating women of 19 years of age or above for first two live births.
2. It provides a partial wage compensation to women for wage-loss during childbirth and childcare
3. It also aims to provide conditions for safe delivery and good nutrition and feeding practices

Which of the given above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

- The Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) is a maternity benefit program run by the government of India. It was introduced in 2010 and is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- In 2013, the scheme was brought under the National Food Security Act, 2013 to implement the provision of cash maternity benefit of 6,000 stated in the Act.

15) Consider the following statements with reference to the Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship

Programme (SVEP)

1. It is a sub-scheme of Start-up India initiative
2. It aims to support the rural poor to come out of poverty and supporting them to setup enterprises.
3. The scheme is under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is being implemented ,as a sub-scheme, under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana –National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- The main objective is to support the rural poor come out of poverty, supporting them setup enterprises and provide support till the enterprises stabilize.
- SVEP focusses on providing self-employment opportunities with financial assistance and training in business management and soft skills while creating local community cadres for promotion of enterprises..
- Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the scheme.

16) The report titled 'Women and trade: The role of trade in promoting Women's Equality', was recently published jointly by which two organisations?

- a. World Bank and WTO
- b. WTO and UNCTAD
- c. WEF and World Bank
- d. UNCTAD and WEF

Answer : a

- Women and trade: The role of trade in promoting Women's Equality, a joint report by the World Bank Group and the World Trade Organization.
- It marks the first major effort to quantify how women are affected by trade through the use of a new gender-disaggregated labour dataset.

17) Consider the following statements with respect to Infant mortality rate(IMR) in the Indian context:

1. IMR is defined as the number of deaths under one year of age occurring for one lakh live birth in a given year.
2. The decline in IMR has been higher for rural areas than the urban areas in the last ten years.
3. Madhya Pradesh has the highest IMR in India.

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

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

Answer : b

- IMR is defined as the number of deaths under one year of age occurring for 1000 live birth in a given year.
- In the last 10 years, IMR declined by about 35 percent in rural areas and about 32 percent in urban areas.

- M.P has the highest IMR at 48.

18) Consider the following statements with respect to KIRAN scheme:

1. The Women scientist scheme (WOS)-A scheme provides a platform to women scientists and technologists for pursuing research in basic or applied sciences.
2. The WOS-B scheme aims to train women having qualifications in science/engineering/medicine or allied areas in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and their management.
3. The WOS-C scheme focuses on projects related to Science & Technology (S&T) interventions for societal benefit.

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

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

Answer : a

- The WOS-B scheme focuses on projects related to Science & Technology (S&T) interventions for societal benefit.
- This scheme provides an opportunity for women scientists to address a well-identified societal challenge and deliver possible solutions by way of the development of viable technology/technique and/or lab-to-land technology transfer, its adaptation, and scaling up.
- The projects under WOS-B cover three major sectors viz. Agriculture and Allied Sciences (AAS), Health Food and Nutrition (HFN), and Engineering and Technology Development (ETD).
- The WOS-C scheme aims to train women having qualifications in science/engineering/medicine or allied areas in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and their management for a period of one year in order to develop a pool of women scientists geared to creating, protecting and managing intellectual property in India.

19) With reference to Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA), sometimes seen in the news, consider the following statements:

1. BPfA was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women Organised by United Nation in 1995.
2. BPfA seeks to promote and protect the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women throughout their lives.
3. The Commission on the status of women which is a functional body of ECOSOC is the implementing body for the program.

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

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

Answer : d

- The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) is an international declaration of women's rights signed at UN's Fourth World Conference on Women, in Beijing in 1995.
- The Commission on the status of women which is a functional body of ECOSOC is the implementing body for the program.
- It covers 12 key critical matters of concern and areas for action including women and poverty, violence against women and access to power and decision- making.
- BPfA seeks to promote and protect the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women throughout their lives.

20) Consider the following statements regarding the 'National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme':

1. NCLP is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Women and Child development.
2. District Project Societies (DPS) are set up at the district level under the Chairmanship of the Collector/District Magistrate for overseeing the implementation of the project.
3. The Children in the age group of 9-14 years are withdrawn from work and put into NCLP Special Training Centres, and provided education and vocational training.

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

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only

Answer : b

- NCLP is a central sector scheme under the Ministry of Labour and Employment and seeks to eliminate all forms of child labour through identification and withdrawal of all children in the project area from child labour.
- The other statements are correct.



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