



Prelims Practice Questions 28-02-2019

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Yuva Sahakar Scheme

1. It was launched by National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).
2. The scheme has special incentives for cooperatives of North Eastern region, Aspirational Districts and also cooperatives of women/SC/ST/PwD members.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has introduced Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme.
- This is a youth friendly scheme which will attract youths to cooperative business ventures.
- The scheme will be linked to Rs.1000 crore Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF).
- The scheme envisages 2% less than the applicable rate of interest on term loan for the project cost up to Rs 3 crore including 2 years moratorium on payment of principal.
- The scheme has special incentive for cooperatives of North Eastern region, Aspirational Districts and cooperatives with women/SC/ST/PwD members.
- All types of cooperatives in operation for at least 1 year are eligible.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to SHREYAS scheme

1. It aims to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities, primarily for technical graduates to improve their employability of students.
2. It is a programme basket comprising the initiatives of Ministry of Human Resource, Ministry of Skill Development and NITI Aayog.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

- SHREYAS - **Scheme for Higher Education Youth for Apprenticeship and Skills.**
- **SHREYAS** is a programme conceived for students in degree courses, **primarily non-technical**, with a view to introduce employable skills into their learning, promote apprenticeship as integral to education and also amalgamate employment facilitating efforts of the Government into the education system so that clear pathways towards employment opportunities are available to students during and after their graduation.

- **SHREYAS** is a programme basket comprising the initiatives of three Central Ministries, namely the **Ministry of Human Resource Development**, Ministry of **Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** and the **Ministry of Labour & Employment** viz the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), the National Career Service (NCS) and introduction of BA/BSc/BCom (Professional) courses in the higher educational institutions.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to SATAT scheme

1. It is an initiative aimed at providing sustainable alternative towards affordable transportation.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- SATAT is an initiative by Ministry of **Petroleum and Natural Gas**.
- It is aimed at providing a **Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation** (SATAT)
- It will promote the use of Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) production plants and make available CBG in the market for use in automotive fuels.
- It will be launched in association with PSU oil marketing companies, which invites potential entrepreneurs to set up CBG plants.
- It would benefit vehicle-users, farmers and entrepreneurs.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Van Dhan Scheme

1. It is an initiative for targeting livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing non-timber forest produce.
2. It was launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- **Van Dhan Scheme** is an initiative for targeting livelihood generation for tribals by harnessing non-timber forest produce.
- Under the scheme, 10 Self Help Groups of 30 Tribal gatherers are being trained and provided with working capital to add value to the products, which they collect from the Jungle.
- It also aims at build upon the traditional knowledge & skill sets of tribals by adding technology & IT for value addition.
- It also focussed on setting-up of tribal community owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendras in predominantly forested tribal districts.

5) The term *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* which means “the whole world is one big family”, is found in which of the following texts?

- a. Mundaka Upanishad
- b. Maha Upanishad
- c. Mandukya Upanishad

d. Chandogya Upanishad

Answer : b

- The **Maha Upanishad** is a Sanskrit text and is one of the minor Upanishads of Hinduism. The text is classified as a **Vaishnava** Upanishad.
- It is notable for its teaching of "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**", or "the world is one family".

6) Consider the following statements with respect to Drug Price Regulation in India

1. Essential Medicines listed under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) would automatically come under price control.
2. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) can also cap the price of non-scheduled drugs.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

- **Para 19 powers** which NPPA can exercise for setting the price cap of scheduled and **non-scheduled drugs** was transferred to Standing Committee on Affordable Medicines and Health Products (SCAMHP) housed in the NITI Aayog.



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Essential medicines automatically fall under price control

Essential medicines delinked from price control

Health ministry prepares the list of essential medicines, DoP incorporates it into Schedule 1, NPPA fixes the prices

NITI Aayog panel to be recommending body to NPPA on pricing

NPPA fixes prices for medicines on the non-scheduled list

The new panel to be recommending body on pricing

NPPA exercises Para 19 powers in public interest

- **The new committee may encompass Para 19 powers**

7) Consider the following statements with respect to Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize

1. It is an annual award presented only to women.
2. The Prize is given each year for outstanding contributions to Science and Technology.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

- The award is named after the founder Director of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) India, the late Dr (Sir) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar and is known as the 'Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) Prize for Science and Technology'.

- The Prize is given each year for outstanding contributions to **science and technology**.
- **Any citizen of India** engaged in research in any field of science and technologies up to the age of 45 are eligible.

8) The Scheme of the *Forest Rights Act, 2006*, is in tune with which of the following covenants?

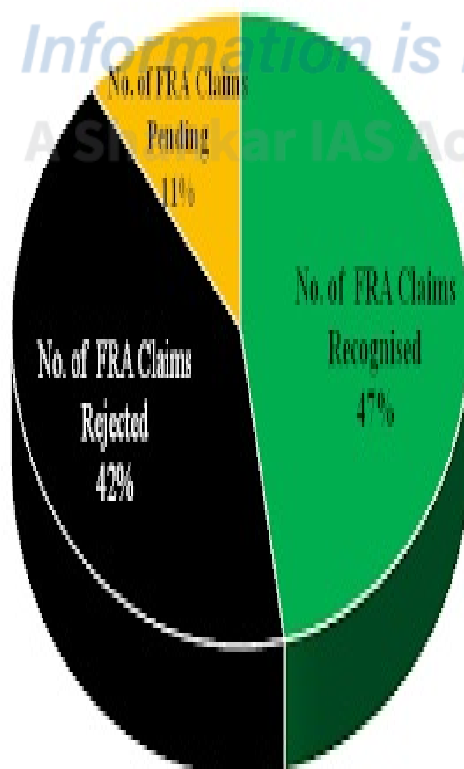
1. UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights
2. UN Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal populations
3. UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People
4. UN Convention on Biological Diversity
5. Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

Select the correct answer using the code given below

- a. All except 1
- b. All except 1 and 4
- c. All except 4 and 5
- d. All of the above

Answer : d

Overall Status of FRA Implementation in India



9) Consider the following pairs

1. Bandipur National Park – Karnataka
2. Phen Wildlife Sanctuary – Madhya Pradesh

Which of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

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

Answer : c

- Phen Wildlife Sanctuary is a popular buffer zone of Kanha national park, **Madhya Pradesh**.
- It lies in Southern region of Kanha tiger reserve, close to Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh state borders.
- It was declared as a wildlife sanctuary in year 1983 by Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- The Fauna at this sanctuary mainly consists of the Tiger, Leopard, Wild boar, Cheetal, Sambar etc.

10) Which of the following railway zones was recently announced by the Centre as a new zone for Indian Railways?

- a. East Coast Railway Zone
- b. Konkan Railway Zone
- c. South Coast Railway Zone
- d. East Central Railway Zone

Answer : c

- The Centre has recently announced the creation of a separate railway zone in Andhra Pradesh with headquarters at **Visakhapatnam**.
- A separate railway zone was one of the key promises made to Andhra Pradesh in the bifurcation act.
- The new zone named as **South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone**.
- “As per item 8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Indian Railways was required to examine establishing a new railway zone in the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh.