

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS UPSC PRE 2015**

**1. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF) ?**

1. NIF is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology under the Central Government.
2. NIF is an initiative to strengthen the highly advanced scientific research in India's premier scientific institutions in collaboration with highly advanced foreign scientific institutions.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

**ANSWER A**

**2. Which of the following brings out the "Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers ?**

- (a) The Reserve Bank of India (b) The Department of Economic Affairs.  
(c) The Labour Bureau (d) The Department of Personnel and Training

**ANSWER C**

**3. The Government of India has established NITI Aayog to replace the**

- (a) Human Rights Commission (b) Finance Commission  
(c) Law Commission (d) Planning Commission

**ANSWER D**

**4. Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2014 was given to which one of the following ?**

- (a) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (b) Indian Institute of Science  
(c) Indian Space Research Organization (d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

**ANSWER C**

**5. The term 'IndARC', sometimes in the news, is the name of**

- (a) an indigenously developed radar system inducted into Indian Defence  
(b) India's satellite to provide services to the countries of Indian Ocean Rim  
(c) a scientific establishment set up by India in Antarctic region  
(d) India's underwater observatory to scientifically study the Arctic region

**ANSWER D**

**6. Which one of the following was given classical language status recently?**

- (a) Odia (b) Konkani (c) Bhojpuri (d) Assamese

**ANSWER A**

**7. With reference to bio-toilets used by the Indian Railways, consider the following statements:**

1. The decomposition of human waste in the bio-toilets is initiated by a fungal inoculum.
2. Ammonia and water vapour are the only end products in this decomposition which are released into the atmosphere.

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**

**8. Which of the following has/have been accorded 'Geographical Indication' status?**

1. Banaras Brocades and Sarees
  2. Rajasthani Daal-Bati-Churma
  3. Tirupathi Laddu
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**ANSWER C**

**9. With reference to the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA), which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. It is a Public Limited Government Company.
2. It is a Non-Banking Financial Company.

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 C**