

NATIONAL AFFAIRS UPSC PRE 2016**1. Regarding 'Atal Pension Yojana', which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. It is a minimum guaranteed pension scheme mainly targeted at unorganized sector workers.
2. Only one member of a family can join the scheme.
3. Same amount of pension is guaranteed for the spouse for life after subscriber's death.

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

2. On which of the following can you find the Bureau of Energy Efficiency Star Label?

1. Ceiling fans
2. Electric geysers
3. Tubular fluorescent lamps

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

ANSWER D

3. Regarding 'DigiLocker', sometimes seen in the news, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. It is a digital locker system offered by the Government under Digital India Programme.
2. It allows you to access your e-documents irrespective of your physical location.

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

4. Recently, linking of which of the following rivers was undertaken?

- (a) Cauvery and Tungabhadra (b) Godavari and Krishna
(c) Mahanadi and Son (d) Narmada and Tapi

ANSWER B

5. Recently, for the first time in our country, which of the following States has declared a particular butterfly as 'State Butterfly'?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh, (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra

ANSWER D

6. Recently, which of the following States has explored the possibility of constructing an artificial inland port to be connected to sea by a long navigational channel?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Chhattisgarh (c) Karnataka (d) Rajasthan

ANSWER D

7. A recent movie titled The Man Who Knew Infinity is based on the biography of

- (a) S. Ramanujan (b) S. Chandrashekhara (c) S. N. Bose (d) C. V. Raman

ANSWER A

8. With reference to 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana', consider the following statements:

1. Under this scheme, farmers will have to pay a uniform premium of two percent for any crop they cultivate in any season of the year.
2. This scheme covers post-harvest losses arising out of cyclones and unseasonal rains.

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 B

9. Which of the following are the key features of 'National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA)?

1. River basin is the unit of planning and management.
2. It spearheads the river conservation efforts at the national level.
3. One of the Chief Ministers of the States through which the Ganga flows becomes the Chairman of NGRBA on rotation basis.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

ANSWER A

10. Why does the Government of India promote the use of 'Neem-coated Urea' in agriculture?

- (a) Release of Neem oil in the soil increases nitrogen fixation by the soil microorganisms
- (b) Neem coating slows down the rate of dissolution of urea in the soil
- (c) Nitrous oxide, which is a greenhouse gas, is not at all released into atmosphere by crop fields
- (d) It is a combination of a weedicide and a fertilizer for particular crops

ANSWER B

11. With reference to 'Stand Up India Scheme', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Its purpose is to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women entrepreneurs.
2. It provides for refinance through SIDBI.

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

12. 'Mission Indradhanush' launched by the Government of India pertains to

- (a) immunization of children and pregnant women (b) construction of smart cities across the country
(c) India's own search for the Earth-like planets in outer space (d) New Educational Policy

ANSWER A

13. 'Project Loon', sometimes seen in the news, is related to

- (a) waste management technology (b) wireless communication technology
(c) solar power production technology (d) water conservation technology

ANSWER B

14. 'Net metering' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of promoting the

- (a) production and use of solar energy by the households/consumers
(b) use of piped natural gas in the kitchens of households
(c) installation of CNG kits in motor-cars
(d) installation of water meters in urban households

ANSWER A

15. Recently, our scientists have discovered a new and distinct species of banana plant which attains a height of about 11 metres and has orange-coloured fruit pulp. In which part of India has it been discovered?

- (a) Andaman Islands (b) Anaimalai Forests (c) Maikala Hills (d) Tropical rain forests of northeast

ANSWER A

16. Which one of the following is the best description of 'INS Astradharini', that was in the news recently?

- (a) Amphibious warfare ship (b) Nuclear-powered submarine
(c) Torpedo launch and recovery vessel (d) Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

ANSWER C

17. With reference to 'Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intestive Millets Promotion', which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. This initiative aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies, and to demonstrate value addition techniques, in an integrated manner, with cluster approach.
2. Poor, small, marginal and tribal farmers have larger stake in this scheme.
3. An important objective of the scheme is to encourage farmers of commercial crops to shift to millet cultivation by offering them free kits of critical inputs of nutrients and microirrigation equipment.

Select the the correct answer using the code given below.

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

ANSWER C

18. The term 'Base Erosion and Profit Shifting' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of

- (a) mining operation by multinational companies in resource-rich but backward areas
(b) curbing of the tax evasion by multinational companies
(c) exploitation of genetic resources of a country by multinational companies
(d) lack of consideration of environmental costs in the planning and implementation of developmental projects.

ANSWER B

19. Recently, India's first 'National Investment and Manufacturing Zone' was proposed to be set up in

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujarat (c) Maharashtra (d) Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER A

20. 'SWAYAM', an initiative of the Government of India, aims at

- (a) promoting the Self Help Groups in rural areas
(b) providing financial and technical assistance to young start-up entrepreneurs
(c) promoting the education and health of adolescent girls
(d) providing affordable and quality education to the citizens for free

ANSWER D

21. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana is aimed at

- (a) bringing the small entrepreneurs into formal financial system
(b) providing loans to poor farmers for cultivating particular crops
(c) providing pensions to old and destitute persons
(d) funding the voluntary organizations involved in the promotion of skill development and employment generation

ANSWER A