

NATIONAL AFFAIRS UPSC PRE 2017

1. With reference to 'National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)', which of the statements given below is/are correct?

1. Under NSQF, a learner can acquire the certification for competency only through formal learning.
2. An outcome expected from the implementation of NSQF is the mobility between vocational and general education. Select the correct answer using the code give below:

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

ANSWER B

2. Consider the following in respect of 'National Career Services':

1. National Career Service is an initiative of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India.
2. National Career Service has been launched in a Mission Mode to improve the employment opportunities to uneducated youth of the country. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER B

3. Which of the following statements best describes the term 'Scheme for Sustainable Structuring of Stressed Assets (S4A)', recently seen in the news?

- (a) It is a procedure for considering ecological costs of developmental schemes formulated by the Government.
- (b) It is a scheme of RBI for reworking the financial structure of big corporate entities facing genuine difficulties.
- (c) It is a disinvestment plan of the Government regarding Central Public Sector Undertakings.
- (d) It is an important provision in 'The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code' recently implemented by the Government.

ANSWER B

4. Consider the following statements: The nation-wide 'Soil Health Card Scheme' aims at

1. expanding the cultivable area under irrigation.
2. enabling the banks to assess the quantum of loans to be granted to farmers on the basis of soil quality.
3. checking the overuse of fertilizers in farmlands. Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

ANSWER B

5. Consider the following statements:

1. National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) helps in promoting the financial inclusion in the country.
2. NPCI has launched RuPay, a card payment scheme. 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 C

6. What is the purpose of 'Vidyanjali Yojana'?

1. To enable the famous foreign educational institutions to open their campuses in India.
2. To increase the quality of education provided in government schools by taking help from the private sector and the community.
3. To encourage voluntary monetary contributions from private individuals and organizations so as to improve the infrastructure facilities for primary and secondary schools. Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

ANSWER A

7. What is the aim of the programme 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'?

- (a) Achieving 100% literacy by promoting collaboration between voluntary organizations and government's education system and local communities.
- (b) Connecting institutions of higher education with local communities to address development challenges through appropriate technologies.
- (c) Strengthening India's scientific research institutions in order to make India a scientific and technological power.
- (d) Developing human capital by allocating special funds for health care and education of rural and urban poor, and organizing skill development programmes and vocational training for them.

ANSWER B

8. Recently there was a proposal to translocate some of the lions from their habitat in Gujarat to which one of the following sites?

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| (a) Corbett National Park | (b) Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary |
| (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary | (d) Sariska National Park |

ANSWER B

9. The term 'Domestic Content Requirement' is sometimes seen in the news with reference to

- (a) Developing solar power production in our country
- (b) Granting licenses to foreign T.V. channels in our country
- (c) Exporting our food products to other countries
- (d) Permitting foreign educational institutions to set up their campuses in our country

ANSWER A

10. Who among the following can join the National Pension System (NPS)?

- (a) Resident Indian citizens only
- (b) Persons of age from 21 to 55 only
- (c) All State Government employees joining the services after the state of notification by the respective State Governments
- (d) All Central Government employees including those of Armed Forces joining the services on or after 1st April, 2004

ANSWER C

11. With reference to the 'Quality Council of India (QCI)', consider the following statements:

- 1. QCI was set up jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry.
 - 2. Chairman of QCI is appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendations of the industry to the Government. Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER C

12. What is the purpose of setting up of Small Finance Banks (SFBs) in India?

- 1. To supply credit to small business units
 - 2. To supply credit to small and marginal farmers
 - 3. To encourage young entrepreneurs to set up business particularly in rural areas. 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

13. Which of the following is a most likely consequence of implementing the 'Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

- (a) Mobile wallets will not be necessary for online payments.
- (b) Digital currency will totally replace the physical currency in about two decades.
- (c) FDI inflows will drastically increase.
- (d) Direct transfer of subsidies to poor people will become very effective.

ANSWER A

14. Recognition of Prior Learning Scheme' is sometimes mentioned in the news with reference to

- (a) Certifying the skills acquire by construction workers through traditional channels.
- (b) Enrolling the persons in Universities for distance learning programmes.
- (c) Reserving some skilled jobs to rural and urban poor in some public sector undertakings.
- (d) Certifying the skills acquired by trainees under the National Skill Development Programme.

ANSWER A

15. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Smart India Hackathon 2017?

- 1. It is a centrally sponsored scheme for developing every city of our country into Smart Cities in a decade.
 - 2. It is an initiative to identify new digital technology innovations for solving the many problems faced by our country.
 - 3. It is a programme aimed at making all the financial transactions in our country completely digital in a decade. Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

ANSWER B

16. The term 'Digital Single Market Strategy' seen in the news refers to

- (a) ASEAN (b) BRICS (c) EU (d) G20

ANSWER C

17. With reference to the 'Prohibition of Benami Property Transaction Act, 1988 (PBPT Act)', consider the following statements:

- 1. A property transaction is not treated as a benami transaction if the owner of the property is not aware of the transaction.
- 2. Properties held benami are liable for confiscation by the Government.
- 3. The Act provides for three authorities for investigations but does not provide for any appellate mechanism. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANSWER B

18. Which of the following are the objectives of 'National Nutrition Mission'?

- 1. To create awareness relating to malnutrition among pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- 2. To reduce the incidence of anaemia among young children, adolescent girls and women.
- 3. To promote the consumption of millets, coarse cereals and unpolished rice. 4. To promote the consumption of poultry eggs. Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

ANSWER A