

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS UPSC PRE 2019**

**1. What was the purpose of Inter-Creditor Agreement signed by Indian banks and financial institutions recently?**

- (a) To lessen the Government of India's perennial burden of fiscal deficit and current account deficit.
- (b) To support the infrastructure projects of Central and State Governments
- (c) To act as independent regulator in case of application for loans of Rs. 50 crore or more
- (d) To aim at faster resolution of stressed assets of Rs. 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending

**Answer D**

**2. Consider the following statements:**

1. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is the first regulatory body set up by the Government of India.

2. One of the tasks of PNGRB is to ensure competitive markets for gas.

3. Appeals against the decisions of PNGRB go before the Appellate Tribunals for Electricity.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

**3. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Maternity Benefit Amendment Act, 2017?**

1. Pregnant women are entitled for three months pre-delivery and three months post-delivery paid leave.

2. Enterprises with creches must allow the mother minimum six creche visits daily.

3. Women with two children get reduced entitlements. Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

**4. Which one of the following is not a sub-index of the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business Index'?**

(a) Maintenance of law and order (b) Paying taxes

(c) Registering property (d) Dealing with construction permits **Answer A**

**5. Consider the following statements:** The Reserve Bank of India's recent directives relating to 'Storage of Payment System Data', popularly known as data diktat, command the payment system providers that

1. they shall ensure that entire data relating to payment systems operated by them are store in a system only in India.

2. they shall ensure that the systems are owned and operated by public sector enterprises. 3. they shall submit the consolidated system audit report to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India by the end of the calendar year

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**6. Consider the following statements about Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India:**

1. PVTGs reside in 18 States and one Union Territory.

2. A stagnant or declining population is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.

3. There are 95 PVTGs officially notified in the country so far.

4. Irular and Konda Reddi tribes are included in the list of PVTGs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1, 3 and 4 **Answer C**

**7. Consider the following statements: As per the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central (Amendment) Rules, 2018**

1. if rules for fixed-term employment are implemented, it becomes easier for the firms/companies to lay off workers

2. no notice of termination of employment shall be necessary in the case of temporary workman

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**

**8. The word 'Denisovan' is sometimes mentioned in media in reference to**

(a) fossils of a kind of dinosaurs (b) an early human species

(c) a cave system found in North-East India

(d) a geological period in the history of Indian subcontinent **Answer B**

**9. Recently, there was a growing awareness in our country about the importance of Himalayan nettle (Girardinia diversifolia) because it is found to be a sustainable source of**

- (a) anti-malarial drug (b) biodiesel (c) pulp for paper industry (d) textile fibre **Answer D**