

## UPSC 2021: Weekly GK and Current Affairs Quiz Jul 24 - Jul 30

### 1. 1. Question

#### Category: Current Affairs

Which of the following is/are correct about the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)?

1. It is a statutory body.
2. It has been registered as a National level Cooperative body.
3. It was established in 1967.

Options:

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

Answer: c

Only 1 and 2 are correct statements. [TRIFED](#) was established in 1987.

### 2. 2. Question

#### Category: Geography

Which of the following is/are correct about the Tharu Tribe?

1. Tharu people live in the Terai lowlands, amidst the Sivaliks or lower Himalayas, generally in the southern part of Nepal and northern part of India.
2. They are part of a home stay scheme under the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct. Know more about the [Tharu Tribe](#) in the link.

### 3. 3. Question

#### Category: Art and Culture

Which of the following dance forms and their states is/are correctly matched?

1. Sattriya – Jharkhand
2. Mohiniyattam – Kerala
3. Yakshagana – Karnataka

Options:

- a) Only 2 and 3
- b) Only 1 and 3
- c) Only 1 and 2
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: a

Only 2 and 3 are correctly matched. Sattriya is a dance form originating in Assam.

4. **4. Question**

**Category: Art and Culture**

Pithora Paintings are associated with which of the following states?

- a) Odisha
- b) Gujarat
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Karnataka

Answer: b

Gujarat

5. **5. Question**

**Category: Economy**

Which of the following is/are correct with respect to the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)?

1. It gives powers to the Central Government to regulate the flow of payments to and from a person situated outside the country.
2. It replaced the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct. Read more on [FEMA](#).

6. **6. Question**

**Category: Economy**

Which of the following is/are correct about the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)?

1. The focus of the AoA is the elimination of what are called “trade-distorting” agricultural subsidies.
2. It does not cover forestry and fishery products.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct. Read more on the [Agreement on Agriculture](#) in the link.

7. **7. Question**

**Category: Economy**

Which of the following is/are correct statements?

1. Intellectual property rights are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds.
2. IP rights entitle the owners to receive a royalty or any sort of financial compensation or payment when another person uses their creations.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct.

8. **8. Question**

**Category: Current Affairs**

Consider the following statements regarding the National Security Act (NSA):

1. The NSA is a preventive detention law that empowers only the Centre to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security.
2. Under NSA, a person could be kept in the dark about the reasons for his arrest for up to five days.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: b

Statement 2 is only correct. NSA is a preventive detention law. The NSA empowers the Centre or a State government to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to national security. Under NSA, a person could be kept in the dark about the reasons for his arrest for up to five days.

#### 9. 9. Question

**Category: Polity**

Under 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013' which of the following circumstances may amount to sexual harassment?

1. implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in her employment.
2. humiliating treatment likely to affect her health or safety.
3. implied or explicit threat about her present or future employment status.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

All of the above are correct. Under 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, the following circumstances, among other circumstances, if it occurs or is present in relation to or connected with any act or behaviour of sexual harassment may amount to sexual harassment:

1. implied or explicit promise of preferential treatment in her employment; or
2. implied or explicit threat of detrimental treatment in her employment; or
3. implied or explicit threat about her present or future employment status; or

4. interference with her work or creating an intimidating or offensive or hostile work environment for her; or
5. humiliating treatment likely to affect her health or safety.

10. **10. Question**

**Category: Polity**

Consider the following statements:

1. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is a Public Sector entity under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
2. IREDA reported an all-time high annual Profit Before Tax (PBT) in 2020-21.
3. IREDA has been notified as a "Public Financial Institution" as well as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: d

All the statements are correct. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is a Public Sector entity under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. IREDA reported an all-time high annual Profit Before Tax (PBT) in 2020-21. IREDA has been notified as a "Public Financial Institution" as well as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC). A public financial institution takes funds from customers and places them in financial assets. The most common financial assets include deposits, loans and bonds issued by or made by the public financial institution.

11. **11. Question**

**Category: Polity**

Which of the following are not necessarily the consequences of the proclamation of the President's rule in a State? (UPSC 2017)

1. Dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly
2. Removal of the Council of Ministers in the State
3. Dissolution of the local bodies

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: a

Only statements 1 and 3 are correct. President's rule is the suspension of state government and imposition of direct Union government rule in a state. When the President's Rule is imposed in a state, the President removes/dismisses the council of ministers in the state headed by the chief minister. The governor of the state carries on the administration of the state. The President can either suspend or dissolve the Legislative assembly. Therefore, the dissolution of the state legislative assembly is not necessarily the consequence of the proclamation. The President's rule does not lead to the dissolution of local bodies.

## 12. 12. Question

### Category: Environment and Ecology

Consider the following:

1. Batagur baska
2. Irrawaddy dolphins
3. Gharial

Which of the above species is/are Critically Endangered?

- a) Only 1 and 2
- b) Only 1 and 3
- c) Only 2 and 3
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: b

Only 1 and 3 are critically endangered.

IUCN classification:

1. Batagur baska – Critically Endangered
2. Irrawaddy dolphins – Endangered
3. Gharial – Critically Endangered

## 13. 13. Question

### Category: Environment and Ecology

Which of the following species are most likely to be seen at the Sundarbans?

1. Indian python
2. Irrawaddy dolphin
3. Hangul
4. Batagur baska

Select the correct option from below:

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

Answer: c

Only 1, 2 and 4. The Hangul is also known as the Kashmir stag. It is native to Kashmir and is found in dense riverine forests in the high valleys and mountains of the Kashmir Valley and the northern Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh. The Sundarbans forest is among the largest mangrove forest ecosystem in the world. It is home to Indian python, Batagur baska (Northern river terrapin-a species of riverine turtle), Irrawaddy dolphins, Estuarine Crocodile and Royal Bengal Tiger among the others.

#### 14. 14. Question

##### Category: International Relations

Which of the following is/are correct about the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)?

- 1. It is a grouping of countries that support free-market economies.
- 2. India is a member of the OECD.
- 3. Most OECD members are high-income economies with a very high Human Development Index (HDI).

Options:

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

Answer: c

Only 1 and 3 are correct. India is not a member of the [OECD](https://oecd.org/).

#### 15. 15. Question

##### Category: Schemes

YUVA, recently seen in news, is:

- a) A skill development program for youth below the age of 30
- b) An Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors
- c) A National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

1. YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.
2. It was launched by the Department of Higher Education as a scheme Mentoring Young Authors.
3. The National Book Trust, India under the Ministry of Education is the Implementing Agency.

#### 16. 16. Question

##### Category: G K

Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report? (UPSC 2016)

1. Undernourishment
2. Child stunting
3. Child mortality

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: d

All three are correct. Global Health Index (GHI) ranks countries on a 100 point scale, 0 representing zero/no hunger. The GHI scores are based on four indicators.

- I. Undernourishment: the share of the population whose caloric intake is insufficient.
- II. Child Stunting: the share of children under the age of five who have low height for their age.
- III. Child Wasting: the share of children under the age of five who have low weight for their height.
- IV. Child Mortality: the mortality rate of children under the age of five (a reflection of the fatal mix of inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environments).

Taken together, the component indicators reflect deficiencies in calories as well as in micronutrients. Thus, the GHI reflects both aspects of hunger (undernutrition and malnutrition).

#### 17. 17. Question

##### Category: Polity

With reference to the Attorney General (AG) of India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The term of AG is not fixed by the Constitution.
2. AG is barred from private legal practice.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a

Statement 1 only is correct. The Attorney-General of India is the first law officer of the Government of India. The tenure of the AG of India is not fixed by the Constitution. The Attorney-General is appointed by the President and he holds office during the pleasure of the President. The Attorney General represents the government but is allowed to take up private practice provided the other party is not the state.

#### 18. 18. Question

**Category: International Relations**

Which of the following statements about Exercise Sea Breeze is/are correct?

1. It brings South China Sea nations and US Allies together to train and operate in the pursuit of building increased capability.
2. It will be an annual exercise beginning from 2021 as it marks the centenary celebration of the Communist Party of China.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: d

Both are incorrect. Exercise Sea Breeze has been held since 1997. It involves NATO states and their allies in the Black Sea region. The drill is aimed at improving naval and land operations and improving cooperation among participating countries.

#### 19. 19. Question

**Category: Geography**

Consider the following statements:

1. Baihetan Dam is the world's second-biggest hydroelectric dam on the Jinsha River, a tributary of the Yangtze.
2. The Yangtze is the longest river in Asia, the third-longest in the world and the longest in the world to flow entirely within one country, and drains into the South China Sea.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a

1 only is correct. Baihetan Dam is the world's second-biggest hydroelectric dam on the Jinsha River, a tributary of the Yangtze. The Yangtze is the longest river in Asia and the third-longest in the world. It is the longest in the world to flow entirely within one country and drains into the East China Sea.

## 20. 20. Question

### Category: Polity

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Persons with Disabilities (PwD) have the right to reservation in promotions.
2. Reservation to promotion can be given to a PwD even if the person was not originally appointed in the PwD quota.

Options:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct. The Supreme Court has said that a disabled person can avail the benefit of reservation for promotion even if he/she was recruited in the regular category or developed the disability after gaining employment. The important thing is the employee should be a 'person with disability' (PwD) at the time of the promotion to avail of the disabled quota. The Persons with Disabilities Act of 1995 does not make a distinction between a person who may have entered service on account of disability and a person who may have acquired a disability after having entered the service. The Supreme Court has said that the mode of entry in service cannot be a ground to make out a case of discriminatory promotion.

## 21. 21. Question

### Category: Geography

Consider the following statements: (UPSC 2013)

1. Natural gas occurs in the Gondwana beds.
2. Mica occurs in abundance in Kodarma.
3. Dharwars are famous for petroleum.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

2 only is correct. Coal deposits are found in Gondwana beds. Kodarma mines in Jharkhand are one of the important mica producing areas. Mica occurs in abundance in Kodarma. Dharwar, a district in Karnataka is not famous for petroleum.

## 22. 22. Question

### Category: History

Consider the following statements:

- 1. He is known as Sahitya Samrat.
- 2. He published his novel Anandamath depicting a Sanyasi army fighting the British soldiers.

The above statements best describe:

- a) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- b) Rabindranath Tagore
- c) Rash Behari Bose
- d) Chittaranjan Das

Answer: a

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay is known as Sahitya Samrat. He is widely regarded as a key figure in the literary renaissance of Bengal. His political novel Anandamath depicted a Sanyasi army fighting the British soldiers. It was inspired by the sanyasi rebellion. Anandamath is the source of the national song "Vande Mataram". His other celebrated books are Kapalkundala, Mrinalini, Vishbriksha, Durgeshnandini, Rajmohan's Wife.

## 23. 23. Question

### Category: Current Affairs

Arrange the following sectors in the decreasing order in the total share of power generated:

- 1. Thermal
- 2. Hydro
- 3. Nuclear
- 4. Renewable energy sources

Options:

- a) 1-2-3-4
- b) 1-4-3-2
- c) 1-4-2-3
- d) 1-3-2-4

Answer: c

1-4-2-3 is the correct order.

#### 24. 24. Question

##### Category: Polity

Consider the following statements:

1. The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the Chief Minister.
2. The total number of ministers, including the Chief Minister in the council of ministers shall not exceed 15 percent of the total number of members of the legislative assembly of that State.
3. A person who is not a member of either house of the state legislature can also be appointed as a minister.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1 and 3
- b) Only 2 and 3
- c) Only 2 and 1
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: b

Only 2 and 3 are correct.

1. The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the Governor on the advice of the Chief Minister.
  - The Ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.
- The total number of ministers, including the Chief Minister in the council of ministers shall not exceed 15 percent of the total number of members of the legislative assembly of that State. Provided that the number of Ministers, including the Chief Minister in a State, shall not be less than twelve.
  - This provision was introduced through the 91st Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2003.
- A person who is not a member of either house of the state legislature can also be appointed as a minister. However, he must be elected or appointed to either of the houses within 6 months of such appointment, failing which he ceases to be a minister.

#### 25. 25. Question

##### Category: Science and Technology

The jet aircrafts fly very easily and smoothly in the lower stratosphere. What could be the appropriate explanation? (2011)

1. There are no clouds or water vapour in the lower stratosphere.
2. There are no vertical winds in the lower stratosphere.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct in this context?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: c

Both are correct.

- Jet aircraft mostly fly in the lower stratosphere to avoid turbulence.
- The stratosphere is dry. There is very little water vapour because of which there are no clouds.
- Vertical winds are almost absent in the stratosphere. The air tends not to overturn in the region as there is an increase in temperature with height in the stratosphere. Therefore, the vertical winds are almost absent.

#### 26. 26. Question

**Category: Science and Technology**

Which of the following elements formed the initial atmosphere on the earth?

1. Hydrogen
2. Oxygen

Choose the correct answer:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a

Only 1 is correct. Earth's first atmosphere was comprised of hydrogen and helium (the two most abundant gases found in the universe). Through the process of outgassing, the outpouring of gases from the earth's interior, many other gases were injected into the atmosphere.

#### 27. 27. Question

**Category: G K**

Consider the following statements with respect to UN Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD):

1. It addresses the land degradation in the drylands.
2. It is not legally binding on the parties.

Which of the given statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both
- d) None

Answer: a

1 only is correct. [UNCCD](#) addresses the land degradation in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas, known as the drylands.

#### 28. 28. Question

**Category: Economy**

Broad money is

- a) The unaccounted money that is concealed from the tax administrator
- b) Currencies of other countries in the Indian economy
- c) The total stock of money that is circulating in the economy
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

It is the total stock of money that is circulating in an economy. It is also called money supply.

#### 29. 29. Question

**Category: History**

Consider the following statements with respect to saint Dnyaneshwar:

1. He is one of the foundations of the Varkari Bhakti movement tradition of Hinduism in Maharashtra.
2. His ideas reflected the Advaita Vedanta Philosophy.
3. His work "Dnyaneshwari" is a commentary on the Bhagavad Gita.
4. Saints Eknath, Tukaram were his contemporaries.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: d

All the statements are correct. Saint Dnyaneshwar was a 13th-century Marathi saint, poet, philosopher and yogi. Saints Eknath (16th Century) and Tukaram (17th Century) were his followers. He is one of the founders of the Varkari Bhakti movement tradition of Hinduism in Maharashtra.

### 30. 30. Question

**Category: Environment and Ecology**

Indravati National Park is located in:

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Telangana
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) West Bengal

Answer: a

Indravati National Park is a national park located in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh state of India. It is home to one of the last populations of rare wild buffalo.

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