

Target Prelims 2021

Polity based Current Affairs: 1

Q1. Consider the following statements:

1. A decision about reservations in public employment on the basis of residence can be taken only by the Parliament of India.
2. Reservation in jobs and educational institutions is a Fundamental Right for the members of SC/ST community.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

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

Q2. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the Public Employment (Requirement as to Residence) Act?

1. The act sought to abolish every existing residence requirement from States for public appointments.
2. Exceptions were provided for Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh.

Options:

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

Q3. Consider the following statements:

1. States and Union territories have the authority to prepare and maintain, for their own purposes, a list of socially and educationally backward classes, entries in which may be different from the Central List.
2. National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is a constitutional body.
3. National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) consists of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other members.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 2 & 3
- c) 3 Only
- d) All of the Above

Caste Census.

Q4. Consider the following statements:

1. Every Census in independent India from 1951 to 2011 has published data on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, but not on other castes.
2. The responsibility of conducting the decennial Census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India under The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct:

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

Q5. Which of the following were the objectives of the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011?

1. To enable households to be ranked based on their Socio- Economic status.
2. To make available authentic information that will enable caste-wise population enumeration of the country
3. To make available authentic information regarding the socio-economic condition, and education status of various castes and sections of the population

Select the correct option from below:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) 1 & 3
- d) All of the above

Q6. Under which of the following circumstances does a bill lapse upon the dissolution of Lok Sabha?

1. A bill pending in the Rajya Sabha but not passed by the Lok Sabha.
2. A bill passed by the Lok Sabha but pending in the Rajya Sabha.
3. A bill passed by both Houses but returned by the President for reconsideration of the House.
4. A bill passed by both Houses but pending assent of the President.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q7. With reference to the Legislative Council in the states, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Its strength cannot exceed one-third of the strength of the respective legislative assembly in that state.
2. The composition of the Legislative Council of a State provided in the Constitution is final.
3. Only an elected member of the Legislative Council is eligible to become its Chairman.
4. The State Legislature needs Parliamentary approval only for the creation of a Legislative Council and not for its abolition.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Q8. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund' (PM CARES Fund)?

1. The fund consists entirely of voluntary contributions from individuals/organizations and does not get any budgetary support.
2. Donations to PM CARES Fund would qualify for 100% exemption under the Income Tax Act.
3. Donations to PM CARES Fund qualify to be counted as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure under the Companies Act.
4. PM CARES Fund has got exemption under the FCRA to accept donations and contributions from individuals and organizations based in foreign countries.

Select the correct option from below:

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 1, 2 & 3
- c) 2, 3 & 4
- d) All of the Above

Q9. Which of the following statement(s) regarding the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) is/are correct?

1. Conditional contributions, where the donor specifically mentions that the amount is meant for a particular purpose, are not accepted in the Fund.
2. Assistance from PMNRF is also rendered, to partially pay the expenses for medical treatment like heart surgeries, kidney transplantation, cancer treatment and acid attack.
3. PMNRF is a statutory fund.

Options:

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 1 & 3
- c) 2 & 3
- d) Only 2

Voting Rights to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** had informed the Ministry of Law and Justice that it is **“technically and administratively ready”** to extend the **Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS)** to **Non Resident Indian (NRI)** voters for elections in Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- The ECI started to look for possible options after receiving **several requests from MPs, industrialists, ministers and also writ petitions by NRIs** in the **Supreme Court** in 2013 and 2014.
 - After the **2014 Lok Sabha elections**, a **12-member committee** was set up to **study mainly three options** of:
 1. Voting by post.
 2. Voting at an Indian mission abroad.
 3. Online voting.
 - At present, postal ballots are **allowed** for certain categories of voters (**Service Voters**) living in India, which include:
 - Members of the Armed Forces.
 - Members of the Armed Police Force of a State, serving outside that State.
 - Persons employed under Government of India on post outside India.
 - To extend the postal voting facility to overseas voters, only amendment to the **Conduct of Election Rules 1961** is required. It does not require Parliament's nod.

Delimitation

Q10. Consider the following statements:

1. The 84th Amendment to the Constitution in 2002 has put a freeze on the delimitation of Lok Sabha and State Assembly constituencies till the first Census after 2026.
2. The current boundaries were drawn on the basis of the 2001 Census.
3. The number of Lok Sabha seats and State Assembly seats have remained frozen on the basis of the 1971 Census.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) 1 & 2
- c) 2 & 3
- d) All of the Above

Q11. Which of the following statements regarding the Delimitation Commission is/are correct?

1. It is a constitutional body that is independent in its functioning.
2. The orders of the commission cannot be challenged before any court of law.
3. Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly members are also part of the delimitation commission without the right to vote.

Options:

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 2 & 3
- c) Only 2
- d) Only 3

Q12. Manipulating the boundaries of an electoral constituency so as to favour one party is known as:

- a) Gerrymandering
- b) Filibuster
- c) Roll Call
- d) None of the Above

Q13. Consider the following statements

1. Press Council of India is a statutory body.
2. A journalists' association needs to be a registered body for six years, and should have a presence in a single state in order to be eligible to become a member of the Council.
3. The Chairperson of the PCI is nominated by a Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and a person elected by the members of the Council.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 1 & 3
- c) 2 & 3
- d) All of the Above

Q14. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. A financial emergency proclaimed by the President remains in force for a maximum period of 3 years.
2. A financial emergency has been imposed in the country twice; in 1991 and 2008.
3. During the financial emergency no new taxes can be imposed on the people.

Options:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 & 2
- c) Only 2 & 3
- d) None of the Above

Q15. Which of the following is incorrect regarding the President's Rule under article 356?

- a) The Presidential proclamation imposing President's Rule is subject to judicial review.
- b) The Governor can dissolve the Legislative Assembly immediately after the Presidential proclamation.
- c) Violation of secularism can lead to the imposition of President's Rule in a state.
- d) None of the Above

Q16. Which of the following changes regarding the national emergency were not made through the 44th Amendment of the Constitution?

- a) The proclamation of National Emergency may be applicable to the entire country or only a part of it.
- b) The ground 'internal disturbance' was replaced by 'armed rebellion'.
- c) The emergency can be proclaimed by the President only on the written advice of the cabinet.
- d) None of the Above.

Q17. Which of the following is correct regarding The Inter-State River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019?

- 1. The central government will refer an inter-state river water dispute to the Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal only after the Disputes Resolution Committee (DRC) fails to resolve the dispute amicably.
- 2. The central government will set up an Inter-State River Water Disputes Tribunal for all the inter-state river water disputes.
- 3. The proposed Tribunal must give its decision on the dispute within two years, which may be extended by another year.

Options:

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 & 2
- c) Only 2 & 3
- d) All of the Above

Q18. Consider the following statements:

- 1. The National Integration Council (NIC) held its first meeting in 1962.
- 2. The National Integration Council (NIC) held its last meeting in 2013.
- 3. The President of India is the Chairperson of the National Integration Council (NIC).

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- a) 1 & 2
- b) 1 & 3
- c) 2 & 3
- d) All of the Above

Q19. Which of the following is incorrect regarding the Kesavananda Bharati case (1973)?

- a) The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Article 31C.
- b) The Supreme Court ruled that laws placed in 9th schedule after the verdict shall be subject to judicial review.
- c) The Supreme Court ruled Judicial Review is part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
- d) None of the Above

Q20. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Summoning a session of the Legislative Assembly is the discretionary power of the Governor of a state.
- 2. The Governor of a state may nominate one member of the Anglo-Indian community to the Legislative Assembly.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct:

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