

Target Prelims 2021

Indian Polity based Current Affairs: 4

Q1. Which of the following statement(s) regarding the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) is/are correct?

1. The ONORC scheme is aimed at enabling only the migrant workers and not their family members to buy subsidised ration from any fair price shop anywhere in the country under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
 2. The Centre has set the implementation of ONORC as a precondition for additional borrowing by states.
 3. Non-NFSA ration card holders — ration cards issued by the state government — are also covered under the ONORC.
- a) 1 & 2
 - b) Only 2
 - c) 2 & 3
 - d) All of the Above

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme:

1. Annavitran portal maintains a record of inter-state transactions.
2. The Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS) portal records the intra-state transactions.

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

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

Q3. Which of the following statement(s) regarding the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) reforms is/are correct?

1. These reforms are stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
2. The States implementing the reforms become eligible to mobilise additional financial resources through Open Market Borrowings.

Goa is the only state to complete such reforms.

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

Q4. The four citizen centric areas for reforms identified by the Department of Expenditure which enables the states to borrow additional funds are:

- a) Implementation of One Nation One Ration Card System
- b) Ease of doing business reform
- c) Urban Local body/ utility reforms
- d) Power Sector reforms

Q5. With respect to the functioning of the Parliament, consider the following statements:

1. The Presiding Officer of both the houses can order the removal of a misbehaving member in their respective houses.
2. Both Speaker and Chairman can suspend a member in their respective house.
3. A member of the house can't be suspended for a period exceeding the remainder of the session.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q6. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. If a person is elected to both the houses of the Parliament, he must intimate within 10 days in which house he desires to serve. Else, his seat in the Rajya Sabha becomes vacant.
2. If a sitting member of one house is also elected to the other house he must intimate within 6 months which house he desires to serve. Else, his seat in the first house becomes vacant.
3. A person elected to both the Parliament and the state legislature must intimate within 14 days in which house he desires to serve. Else, his seat in the Parliament becomes vacant.

Options:

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

Q7. Which of the following is/are special powers of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha?

1. Certification of a bill as a money bill.
2. Disqualification of members for violating the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.
3. Appointment of Chairpersons of all the Parliamentary Committees of the Lok Sabha.

Options:

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

Q8. Consider the following statements:

1. Whenever the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha is appointed a member of a parliamentary committee, he automatically becomes its chairman.
2. The salary of the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha is charged on the Consolidated Fund of India.

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

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

Q9. Consider the following statements:

1. The maximum size of the Council of Ministers is determined by the Prime Minister.
2. The Council of Ministers is responsible only to the Lok Sabha.

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

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

Q11. Which of the following is correct regarding the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy (PLCP) ?

- a) It is a process through which citizens engage with the government by providing feedback and comments on policies and draft bills.
- b) It is a process through which members of the opposition engage with the government to resolve parliamentary logjam.
- c) It is a process through which members of the bureaucracy keep the legislators informed of the draft bills.
- d) All of the above.

Q12. Which of the following is/are the special powers of the Lok Sabha?

- 1. Adjournment motion can be introduced in the Lok Sabha only.
- 2. A special session can be convened to disapprove the continuation of national emergency in the Lok Sabha.
- 3. A constitutional amendment bill shall have to be introduced first in the Lok Sabha.

Options:

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

Q13. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Rajya Sabha elections?

- 1. Voters have the option of choosing NOTA
- 2. Not voting for the party candidate will attract disqualification under the anti-defection law.
- 3. A member can vote in a Rajya Sabha election even before taking oath as legislator.

Options:

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

Q14. Consider the following statements:

1. According to the Indian Penal Code, sexual intercourse with a wife, against her consent, above the age of 16 is not rape.
2. Section 377 of Indian Penal Code in its entirety was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India 2018 case.

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

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

Q16. 'Mission Karmayogi' deals with:

- a) Skill enhancement program for the artisans of the North-East India
- b) Scholarship program for the SC/ST students
- c) Post-recruitment training mechanism of the officers and employees at all levels
- d) None of the Above

Section 321 CrPC

Q17. Which among the following is not a fundamental right?

- a) Right to Privacy
- b) Right to Reservation
- c) Right to access the internet
- d) Right to marry the person of one's choice

Q18. With reference to the Fundamental duties provided in the Indian Constitution, consider the following statements:

- 1. Fundamental duties were not part of the original constitution, but all were added later by the 42nd Amendment Act.
- 2. They were added on the basis of the recommendations of Balwant Rai Mehta committee.
- 3. Fundamental duties are only applicable to Indian citizens and not to foreigners.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q19. The State can impose reasonable restrictions on the Freedom of Religion on which of the following grounds?

- 1. Public Order
- 2. Morality
- 3. Health

Options:

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

Q20. Consider the following statements:

1. Any amendment to the citizenship law needs to be passed by the Parliament with a special majority.
2. The central government may waive the conditions for naturalisation in case of a person who has rendered distinguished service.
3. Every naturalised citizen must take an oath of allegiance to the government of India.
4. In India, a naturalized citizen cannot become the President or the Prime Minister of the country.

Which of the above-given statements are incorrect?

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

Q21. With reference to election symbols, consider the following statements:

1. No two Political Parties can have the same election symbol.
2. After a split in a political party, the Supreme Court has the power to decide which faction of a political party gets to use the allotted symbol.

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

Q22. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. Appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior most Judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office.
 2. Whenever there is any doubt about the fitness of the senior most Judge to hold the office of the Chief Justice of India, the President shall seek the opinion of the Parliament before making any appointment.
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both
 - d) None

Q23. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Memorandum of Procedure (MoP)' followed for judicial appointments:

1. In practice, if the collegium reiterates a recommendation, it is binding on the government.
2. It was last re-negotiated by the Executive and the Judiciary in 2016.

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

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

Q24. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA)?

1. The Chief Justice of India is the Executive Chairman of NLSA.
2. The administrative expenses of the Authority, including the salaries, allowances and pensions payable to the officers and other employees shall be defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund of India.
3. The function of the Authority is to encourage the settlement of disputes by way of negotiations, arbitration and conciliation.

Select the correct option from below:

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

Q25. Consider the following statements

1. Lok Adalat is a forum where only the disputes/cases pending in the court of law are settled/ compromised amicably.
2. Lok Adalat is an extra-constitutional entity.

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

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

.Q26. Consider the following statements

1. National Level Lok Adalats are held for at regular intervals where on a single day Lok Adalats are held throughout the country, in all the courts right from the Supreme Court till the Taluk Levels wherein cases are disposed off in huge numbers.
2. Since 2015, National Lok Adalats are being held on a specific subject matter every month.

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

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

Q27. Article 142, which allows the Supreme Court to pass any order necessary to do “complete justice” in any case, has been invoked in which of the following cases?

1. Union Carbide case
2. Banning the sale of alcohol within a distance of 500 metres on national and state highways across the country
3. Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case

Options:

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

Q28. Consider the following statements

1. The Comptroller and Auditor-General shall not be eligible for further office either under the Government of India or under the Government of any State after he has ceased to hold his office.
2. The CAG takes oath, before entering his office, to uphold the Constitution.

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

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

- The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020;
- The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020; and
- The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.
- Agriculture is a State subject in the Constitution, listed as Entry 14 in the State List (List II).
- This apart, Entry 26 in List II refers to "trade and commerce within the State"; Entry 27 refers to "production, supply and distribution of goods"; and Entry 28 refers to "markets and fairs".
- Trade and commerce in, and the production, supply and distribution of, —
 - The products of any industry where the control of such industry by the Union is declared by Parliament by law to be expedient in the public interest, and imported goods of the same kind as such products;
 - foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and oils;
 - cattle fodder, including oilcakes and other concentrates;
 - raw cotton, whether ginned or unginned, and cotton seed; and
 - Raw jute.

Q29. Consider the following statements regarding the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and select the correct option:

1. The chairperson of the NHRC is a person who has been a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
 2. The Act does not allow for the reappointment of members of the NHRC.
- a) Only 1
b) Only 2
c) Both
d) None

NHRC

Q30. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

1. CCI consists of a Chairperson and 6 Members appointed by the Central Government.
 2. It is the duty of the Commission to protect the interests of consumers.
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both
 - d) None

Q31. Which of the following statement(s) regarding Electoral Bonds is/are correct?

1. Only recognized Political Parties can raise funds through electoral bonds.
 2. Electoral Bonds cannot be purchased multiple times by same applicant.
 3. Once the Electoral Bond is purchased it cannot be cancelled and no amount will be refunded to the Purchaser.
 4. The Electoral Bonds shall be valid for Fifteen Days from the Date of Issue.
- a) 1, 2 & 3
 - b) 1, 3 & 4
 - c) 3 & 4
 - d) All of the Above

Electoral Bonds

Q32. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. National and State parties can only field 30 star campaigners during election campaigns.
 2. Unrecognised parties cannot field star campaigners during the election period.
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 2
 - c) Both
 - d) None

Q33.

1. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) possesses information about the caste and religion of the Aadhaar card holders.
2. Employers can credit their contribution of the provident fund (PF) only if the employee's Aadhaar number is linked to their Universal Account Number (UAN).

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

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

Q34.

1. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Act, 2016.
2. One of the mission of the UIDAI is to provide for good governance.

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

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

Q35. Which of the following is correct regarding 'Blue Aadhaar'?

- a) Aadhaar issued to children below the age of 5.
- b) Aadhaar issued for fully vaccinated residents of India.
- c) Aadhaar issued to the eligible beneficiaries of Aquaculture industry for direct transfer of benefits.
- d) None of the Above

Q36.

- 1. Model Code of Conduct (MCC) was introduced by the Election Commission during the tenure of CEC TN Seshan.
- 2. Model Code of Conduct comes (MCC) into operation right from the time and day, the election notification is issued.

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

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

Q37.

- 1. In case the constituency going to bye-election is comprised in the state capital/metropolitan city/municipal corporation, Model Code would be applicable in the particular assembly constituency segment only and not in the whole of the district.
- 2. Candidate shall not print or publish any election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face names and addresses of the printer and the publisher.

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

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

Q38.

1. Encouraging settlement of international disputes by arbitration
2. Separation of legislature from judiciary
3. To raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living
4. To promote cottage industries

Which of the above is/are Directive Principles of State Policy under Part IV of the Indian Constitution?

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

Q39.

Which of the following is/are incorrect regarding the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act?

1. There is no provision for anticipatory bail for a person accused of atrocities against SC/STs.
2. Preliminary inquiry is a must and prior approval is required to file FIRs in cases of atrocities on SC and ST.

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

Q40. Consider the following statements regarding the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP):

1. These shall not be enforceable by any court.
2. These are fundamental for the governance of the country.
3. In case of conflict between DPSPs and Fundamental Rights, the former will always prevail.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q41. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Directive Principles of State Policies (DPSPs)?

1. The Constitution of India classifies DPSPs into Social, Liberal-Intellectual and Gandhian principles.
2. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar hailed DPSPs as the 'Conscience of the Constitution'.
3. They are non-justiciable in nature and hence not cited by the judiciary while deciding the constitutionality of a law.

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) None of the above

Q42. Which of the following statements is *incorrect* regarding the concept of democratic decentralization in India?

- a) Democratic decentralization is a constitutional mandate in India.
- b) It facilitates greater participation of the people in the decision-making process.
- c) This process has helped in significantly reducing the level of corruption in India.
- d) It helped to increase the participation of women in the political process.

Q43.

- 1. A Gram Sabha may exercise such powers and perform such functions at the village level as the Legislature of a State may, by law, provide.
- 2. All the seats in a Panchayat shall be filled by persons chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the Panchayat area.

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

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

Q44. Consider the following statements regarding the State Finance Commission:

- 1. The Governor of a State shall, every fifth year, constitute a Finance Commission to review the financial position of the Panchayats.
- 2. The President shall cause every recommendation made by the Commission together with an explanatory memorandum as to the action taken thereon to be laid before the Parliament of India.

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

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

Q45. Who has the authority to direct that the provisions of Panchayats shall apply to any Union Territory or any part of it?

- a) President of India
- b) Parliament of India
- c) Rajya Sabha under article 249
- d) None of the Above

