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2-Mark Questions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

Agroforestry refers to a land-use system in which trees are deliberately integrated with agricultural crops and/or livestock on the same piece of land. It facilitates the production of multiple outputs while conserving the natural resource base. The system encourages the use of indigenous tree and shrub species that are well adapted to fragile ecosystems and low-input conditions. Compared to monoculture, agroforestry is structurally and functionally more diverse and reflects stronger socio-cultural interactions. _____ is a land-use system where multipurpose trees and shrubs are intentionally grown in close association with annual and perennial crops as well as livestock within household compounds. These integrated tree–crop–livestock units are generally managed intensively by family labour.

Q1. Which of the following land-use systems involves the planned integration of multipurpose trees and shrubs with crops and livestock within the premises of individual households?

- A. Wind Breaker
- B. Kumari System
- C. Homestead Forestry
- D. Taungya System
- E. Agrisilviculture

Answer: C

Q2. Which combination best describes the desirable characteristics of trees suitable for high-forest ecosystems?

- A. Slow growth with low allelopathy
- B. High growth with low allelopathy
- C. High growth with high allelopathy
- D. None of the above
- E. Slow growth with high allelopathy

Answer: B

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

The **Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Centres (ACABC) Scheme** is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, with NABARD serving as the subsidy channelizing agency. The scheme seeks to complement the public agricultural extension system by providing advisory and extension services to farmers, either on a fee-based model or free of cost depending on business viability, local requirements, and farmers' affordability. It also aims to promote agricultural development and create self-employment opportunities for unemployed agricultural graduates, diploma holders, intermediate pass-outs in agriculture, and biological science graduates possessing postgraduate qualifications in agriculture-related disciplines. Agri-Clinics are

expected to provide professional guidance to farmers on various aspects of agriculture to improve crop and livestock productivity and enhance farm incomes.

Q3. Agri-Clinics provide advisory and support services in which of the following areas?

1. Soil Health
 2. Cropping Practices
 3. Plant Protection
- A. Only 1
B. Only 1 and 2
C. All 1, 2 and 3
D. Only 2
E. Only 1 and 3

Answer: C

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the objectives of the ACABC Scheme:

- A.** The scheme supplements the public extension system by offering extension services to farmers either on a paid basis or free of cost, depending on the business model adopted.
- B.** The scheme is exclusively intended to generate employment opportunities for agricultural diploma holders.
- C.** One of the objectives is to encourage agricultural development while promoting self-employment among agricultural graduates, diploma holders, and other eligible candidates.
- D.** The scheme restricts employment opportunities only to intermediate-level agriculture students.

Which of the following is correct?

- A. Only B
B. Only A
C. Only A and C
D. None of the above
E. Only A and B

Answer: C

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

NABARD, during its **69th Board Meeting held on 2 February 1993**, approved the creation of the _____ under the provisions of **Section 45 of the NABARD Act, 1981**, with an initial corpus of **₹10 crore**. Subsequently, the corpus was augmented through annual contributions from NABARD's profits. The **Cooperative Development Fund (CDF)** supports activities aimed at strengthening cooperative institutions and improving their operational efficiency.

Q5. Which of the following funds was constituted following NABARD's 69th Board Meeting held on 2 February 1993?

- A. District Cooperative Bank (DCB)
- B. Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO)
- C. Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS)
- D. State Cooperative Bank (StCB)
- E. Cooperative Development Fund (CDF)

Answer: E

Q6. Assistance available under the Cooperative Development Fund (CDF) can be utilized for which of the following purposes?

- A. Financial Inclusion Programmes
- B. Capacity Building and Training Programmes
- C. Infrastructure Development Projects
- D. Strengthening Rural Cooperatives
- E. All of the above

Answer: B

Read the following and answer the questions that follow

The three principal cropping seasons in India are described below:

A – Commonly referred to as the **winter cropping season**, crops are sown after the withdrawal of the southwest monsoon and harvested during summer.

B – Popularly known as the **monsoon cropping season**, crops are sown with the onset of the southwest monsoon and harvested after the rainy season.

C – Also called the **summer cropping season**, crops are cultivated during the short period between the Rabi and Kharif seasons.

Q7. Which one of the following crops is primarily cultivated during Season A?

- A. Sesame
- B. Chickpea
- C. Jute
- D. Bajra
- E. Bitter Gourd

Answer: B

Q8. If adequate irrigation facilities are available, which of the following cropping systems can be adopted?

- A. Intercropping
- B. Monoculture
- C. Multiple Cropping
- D. Monocropping
- E. None of the above

Answer: C

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

India is the **second-largest producer of eggs** and the **fifth-largest producer of meat** globally. Egg production in the country has increased significantly from **78.48 billion eggs in 2014–15** to **138.38 billion eggs in 2022–23**, registering a **Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 7.35%** over the last nine years. Likewise, meat production has risen steadily from **6.69 million tonnes in 2014–15** to **9.77 million tonnes in 2022–23**, reflecting sustained growth in the livestock sector.

Q9. Approximately what proportion of India's total meat production is contributed by the poultry sector?

- A. 30%
- B. 60%
- C. 51%
- D. 75%
- E. 45%

Answer: C

Q10. What was the per capita availability of eggs in India during 2022–23?

- A. 120
- B. 90
- C. 101
- D. 121
- E. 110

Answer: C

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, approved the **X** with a total financial outlay of **₹79,156 crore** to improve the socio-economic conditions of **tribal communities**. The scheme adopts a **saturation approach** to ensure comprehensive coverage of tribal families residing in **tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts**. It seeks to bridge critical gaps in **health, education, livelihood, and social infrastructure** through convergence of various Government schemes, while promoting holistic and sustainable development of tribal regions. The initiative draws inspiration from the successful implementation of **Y**, launched to achieve **100% saturation of Government schemes** in **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)** habitations. Since

Independence, tribal development planning has evolved from the **Tribal Sub-Plan (1974–75)** to the present **Scheduled Tribe Component (STC)** and **Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)**.

Q11. Which of the following objectives is associated with the scheme represented by X in the passage?

- A. Promoting Economic Empowerment
- B. Developing Enabling Infrastructure
- C. Ensuring Universal Access to Quality Education
- D. Promoting Healthy Living and Dignified Ageing
- E. All of the above

Answer: E

Q12. The initiative represented by X has introduced several innovative measures to enhance livelihood opportunities for tribal and forest-dwelling communities. Which of the following are included among these initiatives?

1. Tourism Promotion
2. Distribution of Forest Rights Act (FRA) Pattas
3. Improvement of infrastructure in Ashram Schools, Tribal Schools, Government Residential Schools and selected Private Schools

- A. Only 2 and 3
- B. Only 1 and 2
- C. Only 1 and 3
- D. All of the above
- E. Only 3

Answer: A

Q13. The X scheme has been conceptualised by drawing upon the experience and success of Y, which was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with a special focus on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Which of the following statements regarding Y is/are correct?

1. It was launched on **15 November 2023**.
2. It covers **75 PVTG communities** across the country.
3. The identified PVTG communities are spread across **18 States and 1 Union Territory**.

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 2
- C. Only 2

- D. Both 1 and 3
- E. All of the above

Answer: E

Q14. According to the passage, which of the following development planning approaches was subsequently restructured into the Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) and the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)?

- A. Tribal Development Plan
- B. Tribal Welfare Plan
- C. Tribal Sub-Plan
- D. Tribal Benefits Plan
- E. Tribal Action Plan

Answer: C

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

The **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Annual Report (July 2023–June 2024)** has recently been released. The survey estimates key employment indicators such as the **Worker Population Ratio (WPR)**, **Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** and **Unemployment Rate (UR)** for urban areas at **three-month intervals** under **A**. It also provides annual estimates of employment and unemployment indicators for both **B** and **C** across rural and urban India.

Further, the **Economic Survey 2023–24** observes that demand for work under **MGNREGS** does not necessarily indicate higher rural distress at the micro level. Instead, MGNREGS has gradually evolved from being merely the **last resort for employment** to becoming a preferred option for **household asset creation** and **sustainable income generation**.

Q15. As per the report, for persons aged 15 years and above in rural areas under the usual status (ps+ss) approach, the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) has _____, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) remained _____ than in urban areas, while the Unemployment Rate (UR) has _____ compared to the previous year.

- A. Increased, less, increased
- B. Increased, more, decreased
- C. Decreased, less, increased
- D. Increased, more, increased
- E. Increased, less, decreased

Answer: B

Q16. Which of the following correctly fills the blanks "A", "B" and "C" in the passage?

- A. Usual Status, Current Weekly Status, Usual Status
- B. Current Monthly Status, Usual Status, Current Monthly Status
- C. Current Weekly Status, Usual Status, Current Weekly Status

- D. Monthly Status, Usual Status, Current Weekly Status
- E. Current Weekly Status, Monthly Status, Current Weekly Status

Answer: C

Q17. According to the report, which of the following states recorded comparatively low rural unemployment while also registering higher utilization of MGNREGA funds?

- A. Haryana, Kerala, Goa
- B. Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram
- C. Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan
- D. Rajasthan, Goa, Mizoram
- E. Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan

Answer: E

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

An industrial undertaking is classified as an 'Expansion' when the investment incurred on **new Plant and Machinery (P&M)** reaches the prescribed minimum proportion of the unit's overall investment. Such expansion facilitates higher production capacity, technology upgradation and improved industrial competitiveness.

Further, **Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** have been established to encourage exports, attract investments and promote manufacturing and service activities through a business-friendly regulatory environment. SEZs provide several operational and fiscal incentives, including simplified import procedures, subcontracting flexibility and streamlined customs clearances, thereby improving India's export ecosystem.

Q18. An industrial unit shall be regarded as an 'Expansion' only if the expenditure on new Plant & Machinery (P&M) is at least _____ of the total investment in the unit.

- A. 10%
- B. 15%
- C. 20%
- D. 25%
- E. 30%

Answer: D

Q19. What is the number of operational Special Economic Zones (SEZs) currently functioning in India?

- A. 240
- B. 250
- C. 260

D. 270

E. 280

Answer: E

Q20. Which of the following represent the important features of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Scheme?

A. Imports are exempt from licensing requirements.

B. Manufacturing as well as service activities are permitted.

C. Complete flexibility is provided for subcontracting.

D. Export and import consignments are generally exempt from routine customs examination.

E. All of the above

Answer: E

1 Mark Questions

Q21. Which of the following is recognized as a draught-purpose breed of cattle?

A. Ongole

B. Red Sindhi

C. Hallikar

D. Tharparkar

E. Murrah

Answer: C

Q22. What is the tenure of the Panchayati Raj Institutions constituted under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act?

A. 2 years

B. 4 years

C. 7 years

D. 5 years

E. 1 year

Answer: D

Q23. Who among the following acts as the principal agent of agricultural extension?

A. Farmer

B. Extension Agent

C. Extension Technique

D. Physical Technique

E. None of the above

Answer: B

Q24. According to the classification of operational holdings, a small farmer possesses land in which range?

- A. 0–1 hectare
- B. 1–2 hectares
- C. 2–5 hectares
- D. 5–10 hectares
- E. Above 10 hectares

Answer: B

Q25. Agriculture contributes nearly one-fifth of India's Gross Value Added (GVA). Approximately what proportion of India's workforce is engaged in agriculture?

- A. 20%–25%
- B. 25%–30%
- C. 40%–45%
- D. 45%–55%
- E. 55%–60%

Answer: D

Q26. India will closely monitor foreign capital movements following its inclusion in the _____ emerging market bond index and take measures to avoid excessive _____, which may lead to volatility in the currency and bond markets.

- A. JP Morgan; easy money
- B. JP Morgan; cold money
- C. JP Morgan; hot money
- D. JP Morgan; tight money
- E. JP Morgan; loose money

Answer: C

Q27. Which mobile application offers farmers information related to weather forecasts, market prices, agri-advisories and plant protection measures?

- A. Kisan Nirdesh App
- B. Kisan Uddhar App
- C. Kisan Suvidha App
- D. Kisan Sahayata App
- E. Kisan Salaah App

Answer: C

Q28. Which of the following statements regarding the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is/are correct?

1. It seeks to inculcate desirable values among villagers so that villages emerge as role models for others.
2. It aims to improve the quality of life by providing better basic amenities, enhancing livelihoods, reducing disparities, ensuring access to entitlements and strengthening social capital.
3. Adarsh Grams are expected to function as centres of health, sanitation, greenery and participatory governance, inspiring neighbouring Gram Panchayats.

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 & 3
- D. Both 2 & 3
- E. All of the above

Answer: E

Q29. Which of the following statements regarding the Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is/are correct?

1. It promotes the use of on-farm indigenous cow dung and cow urine formulations.
2. It aims to enhance agricultural productivity.
3. It does not provide standards, certification mechanisms or branding support for natural farming produce.

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 & 2
- C. Both 1 & 3
- D. Both 2 & 3
- E. All of the above

Answer: B

Q30. The Soil Health Management (SHM) component focuses on improving soil fertility and moisture conservation through sustainable soil management practices. It functions under which of the following missions?






- A. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture
- B. National Agriculture Mission
- C. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization
- D. National Mission on Soil Health Management
- E. National Mission for Organic Agriculture

Answer: A

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