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Q1. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) since 2015, provides skill development training across the country. Under PMKVY 4.0, the prescribed duration for Short-Term Training (STT) courses is:

- A. 400–700 hours
- B. 60–150 hours
- C. 300–500 hours
- D. 100–300 hours
- E. 200–500 hours

Answer: C

Q2. Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), financial assistance for setting up cold storage facilities is provided through State and Central Level Committees. What is the maximum eligible cold storage capacity for assistance under the scheme?

- A. 6000 MT
- B. 5000 MT
- C. None of these
- D. 3000 MT
- E. 4000 MT

Answer: B

Q3. Contributions deposited by banks towards meeting their Priority Sector Lending (PSL) shortfall are credited to which of the following funds?

- A. FIDF
- B. RIDF
- C. DIDF
- D. LITF
- E. RIPP

Answer: B

Q4. In the Union Budget 2024–25, the Government announced Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plans for 14 major cities having a population exceeding:

- A. 50 lakh
- B. 30 lakh
- C. 15 lakh
- D. 40 lakh
- E. 20 lakh

Answer: B

Q5. Union Minister Shri Arjun Munda launched the SARTHI portal under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in collaboration with which of the following organisations?

- A. World Food Programme (WFP)
- B. World Bank
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India
- D. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- E. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Answer: C

Q6. Which of the following is FSSAI's flagship initiative aimed at promoting safe, healthy and sustainable food environments across institutions, workplaces and hospitals?

- A. Food for Health
- B. Every Bite Counts
- C. Savour the Taste
- D. Eat Right India
- E. India Eats Smart

Answer: D

Q7. Which of the following is not one of the targets envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)?

- A. Raising fisheries' contribution to agricultural Gross Value Addition (GVA) to nearly 9% by 2024–25
- B. Increasing aquaculture productivity from 3 tonnes/hectare to 5 tonnes/hectare
- C. PMMSY was launched with a total investment of ₹20,050 crore during 2021–22 to 2024–25
- D. Reducing post-harvest losses from around 20–25% to nearly 10%
- E. Enhancing seafood exports to ₹3,00,000 crore by 2024–25

Answer: E

Q8. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) seeks to improve the socio-economic conditions of minority communities through skill development, education, women empowerment and entrepreneurship. Which of the following schemes have been integrated under PM VIKAS?

1. Seekho aur Kamao
2. Nai Manzil
3. Nai Roshni
4. USTTAD

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4
- C. 1, 3 and 4
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- E. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: E

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Q9. Under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP), what is the total budgetary allocation approved for the implementation period from April 2021 to March 2026?

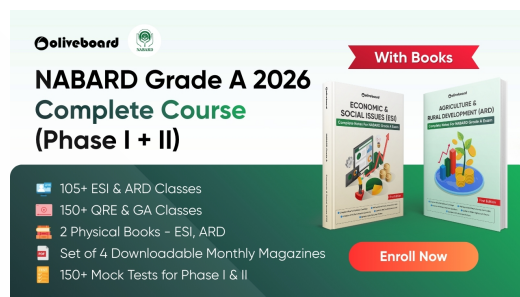
- A. ₹18,000 crore
- B. ₹43,500 crore
- C. ₹22,500 crore
- D. ₹31,000 crore
- E. ₹35,000 crore

Answer: C

Q10. In the Union Budget 2024–25, the Government announced the creation of a venture capital fund of _____ to accelerate the growth of India's space economy by five times over the next decade.

- A. ₹2,000 crore
- B. ₹1,500 crore
- C. ₹3,000 crore
- D. ₹1,000 crore
- E. ₹2,500 crore

Answer: D



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Q11. The OCI Surajya Recognition & Ranking Framework, launched in August 2024, is based on four key pillars. Which of the following is not one of those pillars?

- A. Shiksha (Education)
- B. Sushasan (Good Governance)
- C. Samriddhi (Prosperity)
- D. Swasthya (Health)
- E. Samanvay (Coordination)

Answer: E

Q12. Which of the following objectives have been envisaged under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, announced in the Union Budget 2024–25?

1. Achieving saturation of benefits for tribal households in tribal-majority villages
2. Extending coverage to tribal families residing in aspirational districts
3. Covering nearly 75,000 villages under the programme
4. Benefiting around 5 crore tribal citizens

- A. 2 and 3 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer: B

Q13. Consider the following statements regarding the Cabinet-approved modifications to the Credit Risk Guarantee Scheme for affordable housing loans:

1. The corpus of the Credit Risk Guarantee Fund Trust (CRGFT) has been enhanced from ₹1,000 crore to ₹3,000 crore.
2. Housing loans extended by Banks, Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs) are eligible for credit guarantee coverage.
3. Affordable housing loans provided to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Groups (LIG) are covered under the scheme.
4. The management of CRGFT has been shifted from the National Housing Bank to HUDCO.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A. 2, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1, 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- E. Only 3 and 4

Answer: B

Q14. As announced in the Union Budget 2024–25, financial assistance in the form of e-vouchers will be provided for education loans up to _____ for one lakh students pursuing higher education in domestic institutions who have not availed benefits under any other Central Government scheme.

- A. ₹20 lakh
- B. ₹15 lakh
- C. ₹12 lakh
- D. ₹7.5 lakh
- E. ₹10 lakh

Answer: E

Q15. According to the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), the share of MSME-related products in India's total merchandise exports during 2023–24 was closest to:

- A. 51%
- B. 38%
- C. 46%
- D. 33%
- E. 54%

Answer: C

Q16. The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) has been launched for the development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Which of the following is not one of the five PVTGs found in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

- A. Sentinelese
- B. Onges
- C. Birhor
- D. Shompen
- E. Jarawa

Answer: C

Q17. As per the Botanical Survey of India, nearly 2,970 non-endemic Indian plant species are included in the IUCN Red List. Which of the following does not represent an official IUCN Red List threat category?

- A. Least Concern
- B. Rare
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Critically Endangered
- E. Endangered

Answer: B

Q18. Based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the Government announces the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for which of the following crops?

- A. Raw Jute
- B. Cotton
- C. Sugarcane
- D. Copra
- E. Sesamum

Answer: C

Q19. Which of the following bodies is not administered as a commodity board under the Department of Commerce?

- A. Tobacco Board
- B. Raisin and Gum Board
- C. Rubber Board
- D. Spices Board
- E. Tea Board

Answer: B

Q20. As per the recent Government notification, what percentage of vacancies has been reserved for Ex-Agniveers in recruitment to the posts of Constable (GD)/Rifleman in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles, including BSF and CISF?

- A. 15%
- B. 5%
- C. 12.5%
- D. 10%
- E. 7.5%

Answer: D

Q21. NABARD has been accredited as the National Implementing Entity (NIE)/Direct Implementing Entity (DIE) for which of the following climate-related funds?

- A. National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)
- B. Adaptation Fund under the UNFCCC
- C. Green Climate Fund (GCF) under the UNFCCC
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer: D

Q22. The PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks initiative aims to establish seven world-class textile parks across India. Which of the following states is not among the locations selected for setting up a PM MITRA Park?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: D

Q23. The Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme has been introduced to promote ethanol blending with petrol in India. The Government has set the target of achieving 20% ethanol blending by which Ethanol Supply Year (ESY)?

- A. 2034–35
- B. 2025–26
- C. 2031–32
- D. 2029–30
- E. None of the above

Answer: B

Q24. To encourage investment in the renewable energy sector, the Government of India permits up to _____ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) under the automatic route, including for solar energy projects.

- A. 74%
- B. 100%
- C. 26%
- D. 51%
- E. 49%

Answer: B

Q25. In the August 2024 Monetary Policy, which of the following RBI policy rates continued to remain at 6.75%?

- 1. Bank Rate
 - 2. Repo Rate
 - 3. Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate
 - 4. Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate
 - 5. Reverse Repo Rate
- A. 2 and 4 only
 - B. 1 and 3 only
 - C. 3 only
 - D. 1 and 3 only
 - E. 1 and 3

Answer: E

Q26. Under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), Central Ministries, Departments and CPSEs are required to procure at least _____ of their annual purchases from MSEs, including specified shares for SC/ST and women-owned enterprises.

- A. 18%
- B. 25%
- C. 20%
- D. 15%
- E. 30%

Answer: B

Q27. Arrange the following legislations in chronological order based on the year they were enacted by the Parliament of India.

1. Equal Remuneration Act
2. Minimum Wages Act
3. Payment of Wages Act
4. Maternity Benefit Act

- A. 4, 3, 1, 2
- B. 3, 2, 4, 1
- C. 2, 4, 1, 3
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4
- E. 3, 1, 4, 2

Answer: E

Q28. The DIKSHA platform developed under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan is administered by which of the following organisations?

- A. UGC
- B. NCERT
- C. AIU
- D. CBSE
- E. NGO 'Pratham'

Answer: B

Q29. The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of three national-level multi-state cooperative societies. These societies are associated with which of the following sectors?

1. Certified Seeds
2. Organic Farming
3. Distribution of P&K Fertilisers
4. Exports
5. Palm Oil Production

- A. 2, 3, 4 and 5
- B. 1, 2 and 4
- C. 1, 2, 4 and 5
- D. 1, 2, 3 and 5
- E. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Answer: B

Q30. At present, the cooperative sector in India is actively engaged in which of the following activities?

- 1. Banking
- 2. Fertilisers
- 3. Handloom
- 4. Dairy

- A. 2 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- D. 1, 3 and 4 only
- E. 1, 2 and 3 only

Answer: C



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Q31. Mission Vatsalya supports vulnerable children through various interventions under its Non-Institutional Care component. Which of the following is not covered under this component?

- A. Foster Care
- B. Guardianship
- C. Sponsorship
- D. After Care
- E. Adoption

Answer: B

Q32. The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PMSYM) Scheme provides old-age pension benefits to eligible unorganised workers. Which of the following is the prescribed age eligibility for joining the scheme?

- A. 20–35 years
- B. 18–40 years
- C. 21–55 years
- D. 18–50 years
- E. 21–55 years

Answer: B

Q33. The Ministry of MSME conducts skill development and entrepreneurship programmes through several organisations. Which of the following is not one of the implementing organisations?

- A. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- B. National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
- C. Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)
- D. Coir Board
- E. Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation (MGIRI)

Answer: C

Q34. Which organisation serves as the implementing agency for the RAMP, MSE GIFT, and MSE SPICE schemes of the Ministry of MSME?

- A. IFCI Ltd.
- B. Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME
- C. SIDBI
- D. KVIC
- E. None of the above

Answer: C

Q35. Under the Union Budget 2024–25, the comprehensive development initiative 'Purvodaya' covers several eastern states. Which of the following states is not included under this initiative?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Bihar
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer: E

Q36. The nationwide campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day, observed annually on:

- A. 15 May
- B. 4 July
- C. 5 June
- D. 26 May
- E. 21 June

Answer: C

Q37. Under NITI Aayog's Sampoornta Abhiyan, which Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare scheme corresponds to the KPI monitored in both the Aspirational Districts Programme and the Aspirational Blocks Programme?

- A. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
- B. Soil Health Card
- C. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture
- D. National Bamboo Mission
- E. Per Drop More Crop

Answer: B

Q38. Which online portal was introduced by the Ministry of Labour & Employment for effective implementation of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986?

- A. TEAM
- B. GAME
- C. PENCIL
- D. LIGHT
- E. SMILE

Answer: C

Q39. According to RBI guidelines, in the case of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), a Bulk Deposit refers to a single Rupee Term Deposit of _____ or more.

- A. ₹3 crore
- B. ₹2 crore
- C. ₹50 lakh
- D. ₹1 crore
- E. None of the above

Answer: A

Q40. Which of the following was the first community-based institution promoted by NABARD for advancing inclusive development in India?

- A. Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- B. Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs)
- C. Vikas Volunteer Vahini (VVV)
- D. Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)
- E. Off-farm Producer Organisations (OFPOs)

Answer: C



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