



# NABARD Grade A 2023

## Phase 2 PYQs

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## **Agriculture Rural Development/ Economic and Social Issues:2023**

Cabinet approves Computerization of PACS, 63,000 functional PACS will be computerized with an overall budget outlay of Rs 2516 crore. This will benefit approx. 13 crore farmers most of which are Small & Marginal Farmers. Will bring transparency, and efficiency, enhance trustworthiness, and help PACS to become a nodal delivery service point at the Panchayat level.

Cloud-based unified software with data storage, Cyber Security, Hardware, digitization of existing records, Maintenance, and Training are the main components. This project proposes computerization of about 63,000 functional PACS years with a total budget outlay of Rs. 2516 crore with a Government of India share of Rs. 1528 crore.

**Q.1) PACS has been mentioned in the above paragraph. What does the PACS stand for?**

- A. Primitive Agriculture Cooperative Society
- B. Primary Agriculture Credit Society
- C. Provisional Agriculture Cooperative Society
- D. Primary Agriculture and Cooperative Society
- E. None of the above

**Answer – B**

**Explanation:**

PACS full form is Primary Agriculture Credit Society.

**Q.2) The center has announced a 47-member committee under former union minister \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare the national cooperation policy to promote a cooperative-based economic development model.**

- A. Suresh Prabhu
  - B. Arjun Munda
  - C. Narayan Rane
  - D. Ashwini Vaishnaw
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E. None of the above

**Answer – A**

**Explanation:** The central government has established a 47-member committee led by former **Union Minister Suresh Prabhu**. This committee is tasked with formulating a national cooperation policy aimed at promoting an economic development model based on cooperatives.

Hence, option A is correct.

**Q.3) In order to make PACS self-reliant and in tune with 'Atmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan' the government of India has, on 29th June 2022 approved the centrally sponsored project for the computerization of PACS for the period of \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. 2 years

B. 3 years

C. 4 years

D. 5 years

E. 6 years

**Answer - D**

**Explanation:**

In alignment with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan,' the Government of India approved a centrally sponsored project on June 29, 2022, for the computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over a **five-year period**, aiming to make them self-reliant.

Hence, option D is correct.

**Q.4) Which of the following is the implementing agency for the centrally sponsored project for the computerization of primary agriculture credit societies?**

A. FCI

B. RBI

C. NABARD

D. IFFCO

E. APEDA

**Answer -C**

**Explanation:**

**NABARD** has been designated as the implementing agency for the centrally sponsored project focused on the computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).

Hence, option C is correct.

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Rice cultivation is well-suited to countries and regions with low labour costs and high rainfall, as it is labour-intensive to cultivate and requires ample water. Ploughing is the

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ operation, which is performed to cut, break, and invert the soil partially or completely suitable for sowing seeds. Puddling is churning the soil with water. It is done in paddy fields with standing water of 5-10 cm depth after initial ploughing with a country plow. It breaks up the clods and churns the soil. The tractor will not work satisfactorily in ploughing/puddling of rice fields due to the slippage of rubber wheels. So, to overcome this difficulty iron wheels are introduced which are called cage wheels. \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is used for churning the soil with standing water while preparing fields for paddy transplantation. It is used after completing an initial ploughing with an iron plough or country plough.

Based on the paragraph given fill in the blanks with appropriate options.

Q.5) Ploughing is the \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ operation, which is performed to cut, break, and invert the soil partially or completely suitable for sowing seeds.

- A. Primary Tillage
- B. Secondary Tillage
- C. Blind Tillage
- D. Clean Tillage
- E. None of the above

**Answer – A**

**Explanation:**

Ploughing is recognized as the primary tillage operation. It involves cutting, breaking, and partially or completely inverting the soil to make it suitable for sowing seeds.

Hence, option A is correct.

Q.6) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is used for churning the soil with standing water while preparing fields for paddy transplantation. It is used after completing an initial plowing with an iron plow or country plow.

- A. Harrow
- B. Puddler
- C. Scraper
- D. Disc Plough
- E. Mold Board Plough

**Answer - B**

**Explanation:**

A **puddler** is used in the preparation of paddy fields that contain standing water following the initial plowing. It helps break up soil clods and churn the soil, with the primary goals of

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reducing water percolation, killing weeds through decomposition, and easing the transplantation of paddy seedlings by softening the soil.

Hence, option B is correct.

**Q.7) Which of the following is /are the objectives of tillage in Rice?**

- A. Seedbed preparation
- B. Weed Control
- C. Soil and Water Conservation
- D. To remove the hard pan
- E. All of the above

**Answer – E**

**Explanation:**

The objectives of tillage in rice cultivation include seedbed preparation, weed control, soil and water conservation, and removing the hard pan.

Hence, option E is correct.

**Q.8) Recently Indian Institute of Millet Research has established a “Center of Excellence” for the promotion of millets in which of the following places?**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. New Delhi
- D. Haryana
- E. Uttarakhand

**Answer - A**

**Explanation:**

To establish India as a global center for 'Shree Anna,' the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) in **Hyderabad** has been recognized as a Centre of Excellence. It will share best practices, research, and technologies at both national and international levels.

Hence, option A is correct.

**Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is a demand driven wage employment Scheme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.**

**Based on above paragraph, answer the following questions.**

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**Q.9) How many days of wage employment is provided under MGNREGS for Scheduled Tribe households living in forest areas?**

- A. 120
- B. 130
- C. 140
- D. 150
- E. 175

**Answer – D**

**Explanation:**

Under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**, Scheduled Tribe households residing in forest areas are entitled to a total of **150 days** of employment.

Hence, option D is correct.

**Q.10) Under the MGNREGS, additional 50 days of wage employment are provided over and above 100 days in the areas affected due to which of the following reasons?**

- A. Fire hazard
- B. Drought/ natural calamity
- C. Naxal affected
- D. Arsenic contaminated
- E. None of the above

**Answer – B**

**Explanation:**

In regions affected by **drought or natural calamities**, MGNREGS provides an additional 50 days of wage employment on top of the standard 100 days.

Hence, option B is correct.

**Q.11) Under the MGNREGS, if the demanded employment is not provided within 15 days, the applicant is entitled to an unemployment allowance of at least \_\_\_\_ of the minimum wage for the first 30 days, and \_\_\_\_ of the minimum wage thereafter for the remaining financial year.**

- A. Half, One-fourth
  - B. Half, Half
  - C. One-fourth, Half
  - D. One-third, One-fourth
  - E. One-fourth, One-fourth
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**Answer – C**

**Explanation:**

**Under MGNREGS**, if employment is not provided within 15 days of demand, the applicant is entitled to an unemployment allowance. This allowance is at least one-fourth of the minimum wage for the first 30 days and **half of the minimum wage** thereafter for the remainder of the financial year.

Hence, option C is correct.

**Q.12) Which among the following initiative are organised at every ward and Gram Panchayat level at least once a month for creating awareness about the employment generation in the rural areas.**

- A. Gram Chaupal Diwas
- B. Gram Rozgar Diwas
- C. Gram Sahyog Diwas
- D. Gram Saarthi Diwas
- E. Gram Sahayak Diwas

**Answer - B**

**Explanation:**

**Gram Rozgar Diwas** are organized at the ward and Gram Panchayat levels at least once a month to raise awareness about employment generation in rural areas.

Hence, option B is correct.

**On July 1, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the \_\_\_\_\_ Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh and distributed sickle cell genetic status cards to beneficiaries. The mission aims to address the serious health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, especially among the tribal population. The launch marks an important milestone in the ongoing efforts of the government to eliminate sickle cell disease as a public health problem by 2047.**

Based on above paragraph, answer the following questions.

**Q.13) Identify the programme mentioned in the paragraph.**

- A. National Sickle Cell Deficiency Improvement Mission
- B. National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission
- C. National Strategy for Elimination of Sickle Cell
- D. National Inclusive Mission for Sickle Cell Anaemia
- E. None of the above

**Answer – B**

**Explanation:**

The paragraph provided describes the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission.

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Hence, option B is correct.

**Q.14) Which of the following preventive measures have been taken as a part of the programme mentioned in the paragraph?**

1. Strengthening of screening and testing facilities
2. Health promotion- Awareness generation & pre-marital genetic counselling
3. Strengthening of laboratory services for diagnosis

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

**Answer - D**

**Explanation:**

Preventive measures taken under the '**National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**' include **strengthening screening and testing facilities, promoting health through awareness generation and pre-marital genetic counseling, and enhancing laboratory services** for diagnosis.

Hence, option D is correct.

**Q.15) Which of the following statement(s) is correct with respect to the mission discussed in above paragraph?**

1. People from zero to 18 years of age are eligible to avail benefit.
2. It shall incrementally include the entire population up to 45 years as a part of National Health Mission.
3. The mission aims to cover 7 crore people with screening, counselling for prevention and care for people with SCD in three and half years.

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

**Answer - C**

**Explanation:**

Key features of the '**National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**' include the eligibility for people aged zero to 18 years to avail benefits. The mission will progressively cover the

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entire population up to **40 years as part of the National Health Mission (making Statement 2 incorrect)**. The mission aims to screen and counsel 7 crore people over three and a half years for the prevention and care of those with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).

Hence, option C is correct.

**Q.16) The programme mentioned in the paragraph aims to eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by which year?**

- A. 2030
- B. 2035
- C. 2040
- D. 2045
- E. 2047

**Answer - E**

**Explanation:**

The '**National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission**' targets the elimination of Sickle Cell Disease by the year 2047.

Hence, option E is correct.

**Q.17) Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has announced in her budget speech about the allocation of an amount of INR 2248.77 crore as against the corresponding figure of INR 1624.18 crore during 2022-23 and INR 1360 crore during 2021-22 for the Department of Fisheries. She has announced a new Central Sector Sub-scheme under PMMSY to enhance further the earnings and incomes of fishermen, fish vendors and micro & small enterprises engaged in fisheries sector. Identify the scheme?**

- A. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- B. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sahkar Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Yojana
- E. Pradhan Mantri Sahakar Samridhi Yojana

**Answer -B**

**Explanation:**

The paragraph provided explains the '**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana.**'

**In saline soils, the sodium ions are present in soluble form in the soil water. It mainly occurs in the coastal areas where the sea water splashes on the land during high tide and when it recedes back, the salt is left dissolved in the soil water. Because the salt is present in soluble form, it can conduct electricity better when compared to the other forms like the alkali soils.**

**Based on the paragraph given answer the following questions.**

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**Q.18) What is the pH and Electrical Conductivity of the saline soil?**

- A. pH 6- 5, EC 4<
- B. pH 7- 8.5, EC 4>
- C. pH 7- 8.5, EC 4<
- D. pH 6- 7, EC 4<
- E. None of the above

**Answer – C**

**Q.19) Saline soil has \_\_\_\_\_g/l of Na.**

- A. 10g/L
- B. 11g/L
- C. 12g/L
- D. 13g/L
- E. 14g/L

**Answer - C**

Water salinity refers to the concentration of salt in the water, often expressed in grams of salt per liter. Saline soil typically contains **12 g/l of sodium (Na)**.

**Q.20) Which of the following process lead to the accumulation of Na in soil?**

- A. Reclamation
- B. Salinization
- C. Solodization
- D. Humification
- E. Decomposition

**Answer - B**

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**Q.21) Which of the following is a complex fertilizer?**

- A. DAP
- B. SSP
- C. Urea
- D. MOP
- E. All of the above

**Answer - A**

**Q.22) Balangir is a breed of which of the following?**

- A. Cattle
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- B. Buffalo
- C. Goat
- D. Sheep
- E. Camel

**Answer - D**

**Explanation:**

Balangir is recognized as a breed of sheep.

Hence, option D is correct.

**Q.23) In which of the following cropping patterns 4 crops can be grown, but one crop is cultivated before the harvest of the previous crop?**

- A. Mixed Intercropping
- B. Row Intercropping
- C. Relay Intercropping
- D. Strip Intercropping
- E. Multistory Intercropping

**Answer - C**

**Q.24) In which of the following culture systems more than 1 type of fish is cultivated?**

- A. Monoculture
- B. Mixed culture
- C. Monosex culture
- D. Multisex culture
- E. Polyculture

**Answer - E**

**Q.25) The idea of the establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendra was developed by which of the following committees?**

- A. Mohan Singh Mehta Committee
- B. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee
- C. Ashok Mehta Committee
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

**Answer – A**

**Explanation:**

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The 1970s saw the launch of **Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)**, also known as Farm Science Centers, as well as Lab-to-Land programs and Operational Research Programs by ICAR. These initiatives were established based on the recommendations of **the Mohan Singh Mehta Committee**, with the goal of bridging the gap between technology developed in research institutions and its adoption at the field level.

Hence, option A is correct.

**Q.26) Which of the following persons are eligible to get the benefits under PM Vishwakarma Scheme?**

1. Ram who is a wood rubber artisan
2. An artisan involved in the toy making
3. A girl tailor whose husband is a Class-3 clerk in a government department

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

**Answer – C**

**Explanation:**

According to the eligibility guidelines under the **PM Vishwakarma Scheme**, family members of government employees are not eligible to receive benefits. Therefore, Statement 3 is incorrect.

Hence, option C is correct.

**Q.27) Which of the following persons can apply under the “National Overseas Scheme for SCs”, a subscheme of umbrella scheme SHREYAS?**

1. A person willing to do PhD from London
2. An undergraduate professional whose annual income is Rs. 7.5 lakh
3. A person willing to pursue masters in science

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

**Answer -B**

**Explanation:**

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As per the 'National Overseas Scheme for SCs,' the annual income should not exceed Rs. 5 lakh, making Statement 2 incorrect.  
Hence, option B is correct.

**Q.28) \_\_\_\_\_ aims to provide the 'Record of Rights' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited areas, called Abadi in some States, with legal ownership rights (Property cards/Title deeds).**

- A. SMILE Scheme
- B. DAY-NRLM Scheme
- C. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin
- D. AMRUT 2.0
- E. SVAMITVA Scheme

**Answer - E**

**Explanation:**

The SVAMITVA Scheme (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) aims to provide '**Record of Rights**' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited areas (referred to as Abadi in some states), granting them legal ownership rights.

Hence, option E is correct.

**Q.29) Which programme has been announced in the Union Budget 2023-24 with an outlay of Rs. 2,200 Crore to boost availability of quality planting material for high value horticulture crops?**

- A. Atmanirbhar Horticulture Clean Plant Programme
- B. National Agricultural Development Scheme
- C. Green Revolution Horticulture Initiative
- D. Sustainable Horticulture Enhancement Project
- E. Integrated Crop Management Program

**Answer – A**

**Explanation:**

The '**Atmanirbhar Horticulture Clean Plant Program**' was announced in the Union Budget 2023-24, with an allocation of Rs. 2,200 crore. The program aims to boost the availability of disease-free, high-quality planting material for valuable horticultural crops.

Hence, option A is correct

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**Q.30) Which scheme aims to provide financial support to street vendors to resume their livelihoods and help them become self-reliant?**

- A. Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana
- B. Pradhan Mantri Swarajgar Yojana
- C. Stand-up India Scheme
- D. PM SVANidhi
- E. Sashakt Bharat Mission

**Answer - D**

**Explanation:**

The **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme**, launched in June **2020** during the pandemic, is a micro-credit facility offering street vendors a collateral-free loan of Rs 10,000 at low-interest rates for a one-year period.

Hence, option D is correct.

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