

# NABARD Gr-A Previous Year Solved Papers (2020) (In English)



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1. The village (1)/ in the valley (2)/ was know for (3)/ its kind and close-knit community. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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2. Lest we never forget the (1)/ men and women who (2)/died for our country, we (3)/ should always honor our veterans. (4)

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3. An optimal agri-food policy (1) should look at issues pertinent (2)/ to not only the short run (3)/ also try to address medium to long-term challenges. (4)

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5. Why did the Otts leave Fort Lauderdale?

- I. Increase in local population.
- II. Increase in gambling joints.
- III. Diminishing fishing industry.
- A. Only I
- B. Only III
- C. Both II & III
- D. Both I & II
- E. All are correct

6. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a feature of "certified retirement communities"?

- A. Population of town.
- B. Availability of medical facilities.
- C. Access to coastal areas.
- D. Convenience of travel.
- E. None of the above

7. Which of the following statement (s) is/are NOT TRUE in accordance with the information provided in the passage?



- I. Retirees become a burden on the communities.
  - II. Fort Lauderdale is a highly religious town.
  - III. Most people in small towns do not live an idle life.
- A. Only I
  - B. Only III
  - C. Both II & III
  - D. Both I & II
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8. Which of the following statements can follow paragraph 2 to form a connection with paragraph 3?

- A. Arizona has always been a popular retirement destination because of its weather and low cost of living, Haines says.
- B. The amenities are open to everyone in the community.
- C. The golf courses, which are managed by Troon Golf, are a big draw for many residents.
- D. The couple also enjoy wine tastings with the wine club and dinners with food and wine pairings.
- E. But before you pull up stakes for the village square or the boondocks, you need to do some hard thinking.

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"Communities are hostile against those who do not partake in it."

- A. Definitely true
- B. Probably true
- C. The data are inadequate
- D. Probably false
- E. Definitely false

10. What experience does Rand Morrison refer to in the sentence, "He knows from personal experience,

having moved from Los Angeles to Nantucket, Mass"?

- A. Playing golf.
- B. Living in a small town.
- C. As a legal advisor.
- D. Commuting to work.
- E. Moving away from Los Angeles.

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11. Which of the given options can be used to complete the blank labelled (A) in the most appropriate way, contextually and grammatically?

- A. a suitable home
- B. an isolated cabin.
- C. an undisturbed vegetation.
- D. an underground villa.
- E. a nature's retreat.

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12. Which of the following is/are correctly inferred from the given passage?

- I. Doctors escape big cities to avoid demanding patients.
  - II. People tend to be nosy in rural areas.
  - III. Golf and fishing are quite common among retirees.
- A. Only I
  - B. Only III
  - C. Both II & III
  - D. Both I & II
  - E. All are correct

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13. The college authorities did not allow Miss Sullivan to read the examination papers to me; so Mr. Eugene C. Vining, one of the instructors at the Perkins Institution



for the Blind, **were employed to copy the papers for myself** in American braille.

- i. was employed to copy the papers for myself
  - ii. was employed to copy the papers for me
  - iii. were employed to copy the papers for me
- A. Only iii  
B. Only ii  
C. Both ii and iii  
D. All i, ii, and iii  
E. No correction required

14. The city of Leon, **found by Francisco Hernandez de Cordova on 1523**, was originally situated at the head of the western bay of Lake Managua, and was not removed to its present position till 1610.

- i. found by Francisco Hernandez de Cordova in 1523
  - ii. founded by Francisco Hernandez de Cordova on 1523
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15. Its nauseous bitter taste may to some extent be concealed by acidifying the solution with dilute

sulphuric acid, and in some cases where full doses have failed, **the repeated administration of small ones have proved effectually.**

- i. the repeated administration of small ones has proved effectual
  - ii. the repeated administration of small ones has proved effectually
  - iii. the repeated administration of small ones have proven effectual
- A. Both i and ii  
B. All i, ii, and iii  
C. Only i  
D. Only iii  
E. No correction required

16. Muller brought out, at Nuremberg, a German translation of the Systema Naturae, completing it in 1776 by a Supplement containing a list of animals thus described, **which had hitherto been technically anonymously**, with diagnoses and names on the Linnaean model.

- i. that had hitherto been technically anonymously
  - ii. which had hitherto been technically anonymous
  - iii. which had been technically anonymous until now
- A. Only ii  
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C. Only iii  
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17. **A group of passer-by**, including an off-duty fire official, came to the aid of a 4-year-old boy and saved him from drowning.

- I. The group of passer-by
- II. A group of passersby
- III. A group with passerby
- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both II and III
- E. Both I and II

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18. Locals and visitors love to \_\_\_\_\_ along the beautiful coastline.

- I) Meander
- II) Stroll
- III) Roam
- A. Only II
- B. Both I and II
- C. Both II and III
- D. All I, II, and III
- E. Only II

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19. The first step in managing that diversity was being able to \_\_\_\_\_ key differences.

- I) Discern
- II) Putrefy

- III) Enjoin
- A. Only II
- B. Only I
- C. Only III
- D. Both I and II
- E. Both I and III

20. Not allowing her to speak in her own defence was a \_\_\_\_\_ of justice.

- I) Exult
- II) Travesty
- III) Derision
- A. Only I
- B. Both I and II
- C. Only II
- D. Only III
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21. His criticisms were always captious and \_\_\_\_\_, never offering constructive suggestions.

- I) Frivolous
- II) Thoughtless
- III) Flippant
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22. It was one of those \_\_\_\_\_ events that cause a sea change in public attitudes.

- I) Sagacious
- II) Momentous
- III) Significant
- A. Both II and III
- B. All I, II, and III
- C. Both I and II



- D. Only III
- E. Only II

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A recent study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill reveals that less than 40 percent of employers have taken action to address the imminent loss of detailed know-how. Adding even well-trained millennials to the workforce may not be enough to restore the balance when your company is **haemorrhaging its veteran employees**.

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responsibilities. Leonard calls it "tacit knowledge." Unlike a checklist or a binder full of procedures or reports, this knowledge is hard to identify and even harder to pass on.

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23.

What is described by Dorothy Leonard as "tacit knowledge"?

- A. Knowledge held by longtime workers.



- B. Both A & C
- C. Experience held by longtime workers.
- D. Procedures known only to longtime workers.
- E. Experience that can't be passed down to new employees.

24. Which of the following correctly describes the tone of the passage?

- A. Lighthearted
- B. Mournful
- C. Nostalgic
- D. Apprehensive
- E. Descriptive

25. Given below is a possible inference that can be drawn from the facts stated in the fifth paragraph. You have to examine the inference in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity.

"There is no fixed strategy dedicated to the transfer of knowledge and experience from older workers to new ones."

- A. Definitely true
- B. Probably true
- C. The data are inadequate
- D. Probably false
- E. Definitely false

26. What does the phrase "haemorrhaging its veteran employees", as used in paragraph 2, refer to?

- A. Not providing them with proper healthcare post retirement.
- B. Pressuring them into coming back to work.
- C. Severing all ties with them after they retire.
- D. Laying off their oldest employees.
- E. Retiring of their most experienced employees.

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27. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given word as used in the passage?

SUNK

- A. Submerge
- B. Subside
- C. Slump
- D. Succumb
- E. Sag

28. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true about "knowledge", but NOT "information", with reference to the given passage?

- A. Cannot be stored by physical means.
- B. Accessible to all.
- C. Comes only with field experience.
- D. Cannot be shared with anyone.
- E. Not taught in colleges.

29. Which of the following statements can follow paragraph 6 to form a connection with paragraph 7?

- A. Most businesses have had this experience, and it's a perfect, small-scale example of what happens when knowledge transfer goes by the wayside.
- B. Now they're poised to reshape retirement and take everything they know with them when they walk out the door.
- C. Longevity and new cultural norms have caused many retirement-age employees to want and/or need to keep working.
- D. Alternatives might include job-sharing, part-time schedules, flex time, telecommuting, phased retirement, and opportunities for consulting.
- E. In the end, businesses must be prepared for this mega-generation to retire after decades of experience.

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement has been divided into five segments, each of which is denoted by (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Rearrange all the segments to form a coherent statement.

30.

- A) in California in the United States
- B) of the Australian wildfires have dwarfed
- C) the catastrophe caused by the fires in



- D) the extent of damages and the intensity  
E) Brazilian Amazon forests and
- A. DBCEA
  - B. BCAED
  - C. EDCBA
  - D. ABCDE
  - E. ABDEC

31.

- A) a fever along with  
B) people with the virus report  
C) such as a cough or  
D) other symptoms of lower-respiratory infection  
E) breathing difficulties
- A. DBCEA
  - B. BADCE
  - C. EDCBA
  - D. ABCDE
  - E. ABDEC

32.

- A) these global warming-induced intense fires have also  
B) triggered a vicious cycle,  
C) wherein the Australian forests may require decades to regenerate  
D) their cover and absorb back the carbon dioxide released,  
E) which, meanwhile, will keep affecting the increase in temperatures
- A. DBCEA
  - B. BADCE
  - C. EDCBA
  - D. ABCDE
  - E. ABDEC

33.

- A) virus traces in swabs  
B) the virus's original source must be confirmed –  
C) something that is proving difficult but  
D) researchers have found  
E) taken from the animal market
- A. BCDAE
  - B. BADCE

- C. EDCBA
- D. ABCDE
- E. ABDEC

34.

- A) reportedly, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
B) has warned repeatedly about the  
C) in its assessment reports, 2007 onwards  
D) increased frequency of forest fires  
E) due to climate change,
- A. BCDAE
  - B. BADCE
  - C. EDCBA
  - D. ABCDE
  - E. ABDEC

35.

- A) what more they are uncovering  
B) to report what they know and  
C) now, they must continue  
D) to act more quickly than in the past,  
E) China's health authorities did well
- A. BCDAE
  - B. BADCE
  - C. EDCBA
  - D. ABCDE
  - E. ABDEC

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36. India's **federal** (A) power structure was greatly **strengthened** (B) in the 1990s as a **result** (C) of a **realities** (D) accommodation of new political **grudging** (E).

- A. A – D & B – E
- B. A – D
- C. B – C
- D. No exchange required



E. D – E

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It is increasingly **apparent** (A) that various state and local **authorities** (B) will soon have no **other** (C) choice except to shut down activities to **cope** (D) with this frightening **surge** of cases (E).

- A. A-C
- B. C-D & B-C
- C. C-E
- D. A-B & C-E
- E. No exchange required

38. With Iran **sanctions** (A) that the USA should remove **insisting** (B) first and Washington asking Iran to take the first step by **restarting** (C) its compliance with the **remains** (D), the divide between the two sides **pact** (E) huge.

- A. B – D
- B. C – D
- C. A- B & D – E
- D. No exchange required
- E. A – E & B – C

39. The **vacuum** (A) that is being created with the **departure** (B) of the US's military machine must be filled with **stability** (C) that are not **inimical** (D) to the peace, prosperity and **forces** (E) of Afghanistan and its neighbours.

- A. No exchange required
- B. C – E
- C. A – C
- D. C – D & B – C
- E. A – B & D – E

40. Jonathan is **mindful** (A) that Shashi Tharoor has **accused** (B) the British of **loot** (C) the railways to **facilitate** (D) getting **building** (E) out of India.

- A. No exchange required
- B. C – E
- C. A – C
- D. C – D & B – C
- E. A – B & D – E

41. Recently, BIMSTEC Disaster management Exercise 2020 was held at which of the following places?

- A. Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai (Maharashtra)
- D. Pune (Maharashtra)
- E. Chennai (Tamil Nadu)

42. Who was the captain of the Indian team in ICC U-19 cricket world cup?

- A. Prithvi Shaw
- B. Atharva Ankolekar
- C. Ravi Bishnoi
- D. Priyam Garg
- E. Shubhang Hegde

43. Who won Men's single title in Australian Open 2020?

- A. Dominic Thiem
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Roger Federer
- E. Daniil Medvedev

44. R.K Pachauri who recently passed away was related to which field?

- A. Textile
- B. Environment
- C. Energy
- D. Science and Technology
- E. Classical Singer

45. 'Ajeya Warrior' exercise 2020 which was held recently, took place



between India and which of the following country?

- A. United States of America
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Myanmar
- D. Indonesia
- E. Sri Lanka

46. BARC has developed India's lightest & cheapest bulletproof jacket, which has been named as Bhabha \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Bhabha Rakshak
- B. Bhabha Aavaran
- C. Bhabha Kavach
- D. Bhabha Sena
- E. Bhabha Shield

47. Which of the following has won the Academy awards for best picture at Oscars 2020?

- A. Parasite
- B. Joker
- C. The Irishman
- D. La La Land
- E. Moonlight

48. Addis Ababa is the capital of which of the following countries?

- A. Eritrea
- B. Somalia
- C. Sudan
- D. Qatar
- E. Ethiopia

49. India signed Memorandum of Understanding in the field of sustainable fisheries with which of the following countries recently?

- A. Australia
- B. Maldives
- C. Iceland
- D. Greenland
- E. Peru

50. According to the Public Enterprises Survey, which of the following PSUs are among top three profitable PSUs

along with IOCL and NTPC in 2018-19?

- A. ONGC
- B. BSNL
- C. POWERGRID
- D. BPCL
- E. HPCL

51. Union Minister of MSME has released an initiative titled as 'Apiary on wheels' for the easy upkeep and migration of Bee Boxes. 'Apiary on wheels' has been designed by which of the following organizations?

- A. National Bee Board of India
- B. KVIC
- C. Aayush Ministry
- D. NABARD
- E. None of the above

52. Recently, Kaamya Karthikeyan became the youngest girl to summit Mount Aconcagua. She is the student at Navy Children School \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai
- E. Lucknow

53. Recently, WHO (World Health Organization) has named Corona Virus as \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. COVID-19
- B. COVID-SARS
- C. SARS-COVID
- D. SARS-CoV-19
- E. None of the above

54. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is the President of which of the following nation?

- A. Germany
- B. Spain
- C. Morocco
- D. Portugal
- E. Eritrea



55. What is the name of World's cheapest gunshot locator which has been developed by Indian Army's College of Military Engineering?

- A. Akash
- B. Dhruv
- C. Prahar
- D. Parth
- E. Prithvi

56. What was the theme of UN International Day of Education 2020, which is observed on 24th January 2020?

- A. Education: A Key Driver for Inclusion and Empowerment
- B. Learning for People, Planet, Prosperity, and Peace
- C. Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation
- D. Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers
- E. None of the above

57. In which country, UNESCO World Heritage site Buddhist Monument 'Horyu-Ji Area' is located?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. North Korea
- E. Maldives

58. Which of the following firm is going to set up two data centres in the state of Telangana?

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. Google
- D. Tesla Motors
- E. Ant Group

59. President Ram Nath Kovind has released a mobile app of Red Cross Society of India, which has been developed by Telangana Centre for Good Governance in which of the following city?

- A. Warangal
- B. Nizamabad
- C. Karimnagar
- D. Ramagundam
- E. Hyderabad

60. Who won the 55th Jnanpith Award 2019?

- A. Itigi Eranna
- B. Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri
- C. P.T. Narasimhachar
- D. Jayant Kaikini
- E. Kumaran Asan

61. Which state of India is the largest producer of rice?

- A. Punjab
- B. West Bengal
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

62. Which type of farming consists of large amounts of labour and capital relative to land available?

- A. Extensive Farming
- B. Mixed Farming
- C. Intensive Farming
- D. Cooperative Farming
- E. Collective Farming

63. Production of raw silk by domestication of caterpillars (larvae) is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Sericulture
- B. Silviculture
- C. Apiculture
- D. Pisciculture
- E. Vermiculture

64. Which of the following is not the components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana?

- A. Har Khet ko Pani
- B. More crop per drop
- C. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme



- D. Sewage water or untreated water Programme
- E. Watershed Development

65. What was the venue of fifth edition 'The Pulses Conclave' 2020 that was held in February 2020?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Goa
- D. Odisha
- E. Lonavala, Maharashtra

66. Identify the institutional reforms out of the given technological reforms taken by government to boost farming sector in the country.

- A. Improved tools and mechanization
- B. Transport and Communication
- C. Irrigation Development
- D. Provisions of loans and subsidies
- E. Certified Seed Distribution

67. The 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance was recently held in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Amritsar
- D. Panipat
- E. Delhi

68. What does R stand for in GOBAR-DHAN yojana?

- A. Recollection
- B. Revival
- C. Resources
- D. Re-ignite
- E. Reliance

69. What is the Total horticulture production in 2019-20 according to first advance estimates?

- A. 313.35 million tonnes
- B. 183.17 million tonnes
- C. 377 million tonnes
- D. 320.48 million tonnes
- E. 140.47 million tonnes

70. Practice of tilling sloped land along lines of consistent elevation is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Mulch farming
- B. Conservation tillage
- C. Strip cropping
- D. Contour farming
- E. Vegetative strips

71. If a bank fails to meet the Priority Sector Lending, then the due of amount of PSL goes to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. RBI
- B. Centre
- C. RIDF
- D. NABARD
- E. None of the above

72. What is the estimated kharif foodgrains crop output for 2019-20, as per first advance estimate?

- A. 140.57 million tonnes
- B. 120.47 million tonnes
- C. 130.28 million tonnes
- D. 150.44 million tonnes
- E. 160 million tonnes

73. What is India's GDP rate as estimated by Global Economic Prospects Report, published by World Bank?

- A. 4%
- B. 5%
- C. 6%
- D. 7%
- E. 8%

74. What is the sunset date for Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2025
- D. 2027
- E. 2030



75.Third Industrial policy will replace the earlier industrial policy that was launched in the year \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 1988
- B. 1989
- C. 1990
- D. 1991
- E. 1992

76.The 50<sup>th</sup> edition of 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting was held in Davos, Switzerland. What was the theme of WEF 2020?

- A. Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- B. Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World
- C. Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World
- D. Responsive Leadership
- E. The Great Reset

77.Government has recently extended the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) cases resolution from 270 days to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 300 days
- B. 310 days
- C. 330 days
- D. 350 days
- E. 365 days

78.IMF has lowered down India's GDP growth for 2019 due to which of the following reasons?

- A. Industrialization
- B. NBFC crises
- C. Weak financial system
- D. Demonetization
- E. None of the above

79.NABARD is going to raise Rs 55,000 crore from the domestic market in the current financial year through long term bonds for \_\_\_\_\_ years tenure

- A. 5-10
- B. 5-15
- C. 10-15
- D. 15-20
- E. 10-20

80.What is the main aim of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission?

- A. To alleviate rural poverty and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the rural poor.
- B. To provide nutrition for rural people.
- C. To provide infrastructure in rural areas
- D. To create sustainable environment in rural areas
- E. To spread education in rural India

81.Draft National Education Policy 2019 was based on five pillars of access, equity, quality, affordability and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Recourses
- B. Accountability
- C. Adversity
- D. Reliability
- E. Supportability

82.Which of the following state has the highest gross state domestic product in financial year 2019?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Karnataka

83.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana is an initiative of which of the following Ministries?

- A. Ministry of Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



E. Ministry of Panchayati Raj

84. New Agriculture Export Policy, 2019 aims to double farm exports to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. \$30 billion by 2021
- B. \$40 billion by 2022
- C. \$50 billion by 2023
- D. \$60 billion by 2022
- E. \$70 billion by 2021

85. Retail inflation rises to a record of five-and-half year in December 2019 to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 6.35%
- B. 7.35%
- C. 8.35%
- D. 9.35%
- E. 10%

86. What is the unique feature of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, in which each Member of Parliament adopts a Gram Panchayat?

- A. People's Participation
- B. Black Money Transformation
- C. Social Reformation
- D. Ideal Transformation
- E. None of the above

87. What is the share of service sector in Indian economy as per Economic Survey 2019-20?

- A. 53%
- B. 55%
- C. 57%
- D. 58%
- E. 60%

88. What is the name of the scheme that provided single all-weather road connectivity to the eligible unconnected habitations?

- A. Bharatmala
- B. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- C. SARATHI
- D. Setu Bharatam Programme

E. VAHAN

89. Which year has been declared by FAO as International Year of Millets?

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024
- E. 2025

90. What should be the age group of farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)?

- A. 40 to 60 years
- B. 18 to 40 years
- C. 28 to 50 years
- D. 30 to 40 years
- E. 50 above years

91. Which of the following organisation releases Agricultural Marketing & Farm Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI) index, that compares the status of reforms in the agriculture sector?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. RBI
- E. NABARD

92. According to World Economic Forum's Global Risks report 2020, the top five factors belong to which of the following?

- A. Geopolitics
- B. Space Technology
- C. Environment
- D. Marine Life
- E. Migration

93. The 124<sup>th</sup> amendment act aims to 10% reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically backward sections. In this category, the family income of the person should be less than \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Rs 5 Lakhs



- B. Rs 6 Lakhs
- C. Rs 7 Lakhs
- D. Rs 8 Lakhs
- E. Rs 9 Lakhs

94. What is the growth rate of India as per Economic Survey 2019-20?

- A. 3.8%
- B. 4.0%
- C. 4.8%
- D. 5.0%
- E. 5.8%

95. Mega Food Park Scheme provide grant-in-aid at 50% to plain areas and \_\_\_\_\_ to North East Region and difficult areas (Hilly States and ITDP areas).

- A. 60%
- B. 70%
- C. 75%
- D. 80%
- E. 90%

96. 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' initiative has been launched by NITI Aayog to improve India's ranking in which of the following index?

- A. Human Development Index
- B. Global Economic Prospect report
- C. World Development Report
- D. Asian Development outlook
- E. World Economic Outlook

97. What is India's rank in the 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) among 189 countries?

- A. 125<sup>th</sup>
- B. 129<sup>th</sup>
- C. 130<sup>th</sup>
- D. 135<sup>th</sup>
- E. 147<sup>th</sup>

98. Consider the following statements about PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana and identify the **incorrect** statement:

- A. It converges with MGNREG
- B. It has subsumed the Desert Development Programme.
- C. It has not subsumed the Drought Prone Area Development Programme.
- D. It follows a cluster based approach.
- E. None is incorrect.

99. Which of the following is incorrect with respect to LibTech India study conducted on MGNREGS?

- A. As per the report, for most rural workers dependent on the MGNREGS, their labour does not end at the work site.
- B. Many of MGNREGS are forced to make multiple trips to the bank, adding travel costs and income losses.
- C. MGNREGS provides for 130 days of employment in a year to people in rural areas of the country.
- D. The study was initially conducted in Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan
- E. None of the above

100. Which of the following organization is one of the parts of the 'World Bank'?

- A. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- B. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- C. The International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- D. The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- E. Financial Action Task Force



###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

The error lies in the third part of the sentence. Being preceded by the helping verb 'was', the verb 'know' needs to take on its past participle form to maintain the tone of the sentence.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

2. Ans. A.

Note that Lest is a negative word and we do not use 'not, never or no' with lest.

3. Ans. D.

Note the correct co-relative conjunction is 'Not only...but also'. In the fourth part, 'but' is missing which must be placed before 'also' for the sentence to make sense.

4. Ans. C.

Note that belonging is (uncountable) the action of the verb to belong while belongings is possessions or personal items. And in the given context, the latter makes sense.

5. Ans. A.

The Otts said they left Fort Lauderdale as "...Fort Lauderdale was getting too crowded" indicates the increase in the population of Fort Lauderdale. Hence, the correct answer is A.

6. Ans. C.

"A certified community must meet criteria that are important to retirees..." "Access to coastal areas" is not an important factor to retirees. People have changed their residence when places get "overcrowded", and are advised to check travel convenience and availability of medical facilities. Hence, the correct answer is C.

7. Ans. D.

Only option III is correct. The reasons are as follows:

I: "Communities are actively seeking out retirees as a way to boost

economic development." Clearly, the retirees have much to give to the communities. So, option I is false.

II: Here, Fort Lauderdale is described as even a retirement mecca because it attracts plenty of retirees. So, option II is false.

III: "If you ever wanted to be useful or needed, a small town is the place for you..." When people have such involvement in the communities, they do not live an idle life. So, option III is true.

Hence, the correct answer is D.

8. Ans. E.

The first two paragraphs present an idyllic picture of the small towns as retirement settings. But the third paragraph starts with the downside of such a setting. This shift in mood should be marked by a suitable statement. Option E begins with "but" and introduces the topic that small towns may not be as perfect as we think them to be. Hence, the correct answer is E.

9. Ans. D.

The paragraph suggests that there is a "social pressure to become involved". This could be seen as an obligation, neglect of which might direct resentment towards you. But the passage doesn't make it clear how far this resentment will go. But, since most people in the community don't turn hostile, we can say that the given reference is probably false. Hence, the correct answer is D.

10. Ans. B.

Morrison was advising about how to keep oneself busy while living in a small town. This advice was the result of him living in one. Hence, the correct answer is B.

11. Ans. A.

If housing options are limited, then from the given options, "a suitable



home" will be the most difficult to find, as experienced by the Carlsens of Walla Walla. Hence, the correct answer is A.

12. Ans. C.

Only options II & III are correct. The reasons are as follows:

I: Doctors "...escape big cities for the simpler life". This is a personal life choice and has no relation to their work environment. So, option I is false.

II: "If you treasure your anonymity, you may not want to live in a place where everyone really knows your name, as well as your business..." shows that the people have no regard for personal privacy. They even notice tiny details like "...a new awning on your house or whether you left 15 minutes early that day, or whether your cat was wandering down the street." So, option II is true.

III: Of all the community activities, golf and fishing are the ones specifically mentioned. Clearly, there's a preference among the retirees. So, option III is true.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

13. Ans. B.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The phrase 'one of the' is always followed by a singular verb. Also, "myself" is a reflexive pronoun and is used when you are the object of your own action - i.e., when "you" are doing something to "you." (Ex: I could write the songs myself, but they sound better when they are written by Barry Manilow and me). However, the pronoun "me" is used as an object. (Ex: The songs are written by me.).

Therefore, the emboldened segment should be replaced with 'was employed to copy the papers for me' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

14. Ans. C.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The word 'found' is the past tense of the verb 'find'. The word 'founded' is the part tense of the verb 'found' which means to establish/set up.

We need a past tense in the sentence. Also, the preposition 'in' is used to express a period of time during which an event happens, or a situation remains the case.

Hence, the emboldened segment should be replaced with 'founded by Francisco Hernandez de Cordova in 1523' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, **option C** is the correct answer.

15. Ans. C.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The subject in the sentence is singular i.e. 'the repeated administration'. Since the verb must agree with the main subject and not with the intervening plural object of a preposition, the verb should be singular i.e. 'has'.

Also, an adjective is required to modify the noun 'repeated administration'. Therefore, the emboldened phrase must be replaced with 'the repeated administration of small ones has proved effectual' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

16. Ans. B.

The emboldened phrase is erroneous. The error is because of the usage of adverb 'anonymously'. We need an adjective to modify the noun 'a German translation of the Systema Naturae'. Therefore, 'anonymous' must be used instead of 'anonymously'. Also, 'hitherto' means



'until now or until the point in time under discussion'.

Hence, the emboldened phrase can be replaced by 'which had hitherto been technically anonymous' or 'which had been technically anonymous until now' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Therefore, **option B** is the correct answer.

17. Ans. B.

Note that with the phrase 'A group of' we always use a plural noun. In this case the correct plural of 'passer by' is 'passersby'. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

18. Ans. D.

The sentence implies that locals and visitors love to move along the beautiful coastline.

All the three words, 'meander', 'stroll', and 'roam' meaning 'wander at random' are the apt fits for the blank.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

19. Ans. B.

To manage the diversity, one should be able to understand or determine the key differences among them. 'Discern' meaning 'recognize or find out' is the apt fit for the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words are: Putrefy: (of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.

Enjoin: instruct or urge (someone) to do something.

20. Ans. C.

The sentence implies that it was misrepresentation of justice when she was not allowed to speak in her own defence.

'Travesty' meaning 'a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something' is the apt fit for the blank.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words are: Exult: feel or show triumphant elation or jubilation.

Derision: contemptuous ridicule or mockery.

21. Ans. D.

The sentence implies that the subject's criticisms were always insignificant, and they never offered constructive suggestions.

All the three words, 'frivolous' meaning 'not having any serious purpose or value', 'thoughtless' meaning '(of a person or their behaviour) not showing consideration for the needs of other people', and 'flippant' meaning 'not showing a serious or respectful attitude' can fit in the blank aptly.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

22. Ans. A.

The sentence implies that the event was an historic one that caused a sea-change in public attitudes.

Both 'momentous' meaning 'of great importance or significance, especially in having a bearing on future events' and 'significant' meaning 'sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy' are the apt fits for the blanks.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

'Sagacious' means 'having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd'.

23. Ans. A.

In the sentence, "Leonard calls it "tacit knowledge"", "it" refers to the knowledgeable gainer from the experience, not the experience itself. Hence, the correct answer is A.

24. Ans. D.

Even while bidding the senior employee farewell, the current



employees are worried about the future in her absence. This makes them, and by extension, the passage's overall tone. *apprehensive*. Hence, the correct answer is D.

25. Ans. B.

The company had to come up with a board game instead of a proper strategy. This strategy is also limited to just one company (Duke). Despite all the shortcomings, this is a strategy nonetheless, however unconventional. This given inference, thus, is probably true. Hence, the correct answer is B.

26. Ans. E.

The first paragraph talks about how employees retire over 10,000 times a day. The employees, while retiring, take away valuable experience along with them. So, when the paragraph says "haemorrhaging its veteran employees", it refers to lose or expend large amounts of experience employees. Hence, the correct answer is E.

27. Ans. C.

Sunk means experiencing serious trouble, or unable to solve a problem. Submerge means cause (something) to be under water.

Subside means become less intense, violent, or severe.

Slump means a period of substantial failure or decline.

Succumb means fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.

Sag means sink, subside, or bulge downwards underweight or pressure or through lack of strength.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

28. Ans. A.

"Knowledge is the critically-important stuff in your head that has never been written down." Stuff in the head that can't be written down, cannot be

stored by any physical means. Hence, the correct answer is A.

29. Ans. E.

The seventh paragraph begins with "Business can start...". We need the previous sentence to state what needs to be started. Option E states this as the preparations for the retirement of a generation. It also provides a solution for the loss of experienced employees discussed in the given passage. Hence, the correct answer is E.

30. Ans. A.

From the different parts it is evident that the sentence aims to present a comparison between forest fires in different areas. The sentence should begin with part D. parts E and A form an unit which list two areas. Part B which talks of a single area and uses the comparative 'dwarfed' must come in second position. This makes option A the only eligible correct answer.

31. Ans. B.

From the given parts, it is evident that part B should start the sentence. This is because it draws attention to the people who have the virus and the rest of the sentence then goes on to explain their symptoms. Thus, option B which has part B in the beginning is the correct answer.

32. Ans. D.

When we observe the given parts we can see that part A should begin the sentence as it introduces the topic of fires. Their immediate effect is listed in part B which becomes the second part. Thus, options D or E can be the correct answer. Part B should be followed by part C which introduces the said 'vicious cycle'. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

33. Ans. A.

From the given parts it is clear that the sentence should begin with part B which presents the problem. It should



be followed by part C which talks about the issues with the problem. Since we have established that the sequence should go 'BC...' it is clear that option A is the correct answer.

34. Ans. E.

From the given parts it is evident that the sentence wants to point towards a warning issued by an authority/organisation. Thus, the sentence should begin with part A followed by part B. this makes either options D or E the correct answer. Part D talks about the issue of warning and thus comes in third spot. This makes option E the correct answer.

35. Ans. C.

From the given parts it is evident that part E should begin the sentence as the sentence aims to praise the quick action of authorities while urging them regarding future actions. Now, only option C has E in the first spot making it the correct answer.

36. Ans. E.

The above given sentence intends to state that India's federal power structure was highly reinforced during the 1990s as an outcome of a reluctant placing of new political realities. Hence, D-E should interchange each other to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, E will be right answer choice.

37. Ans. E.

The given sentence is giving perfect sense. The context of the sentence is that it is obvious that soon, there will be no choice left to the state and local authorities to restrict the activities in order to manage with the disturbing surge of cases. Hence, option E is the right answer choice.

38. Ans. C.

A-B and D-E will need replacement to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

The context of the sentence is Iran is insisting USA to remove the sanctions first while Washington is asking Iran to take the first step and resume its compliance with the pact, the dispute between USA and Iran remains to be huge. 'Sanctions' should come in place of 'insisting' and 'remains' should come in place of 'pact' to make the sentence contextually meaningful and grammatically correct. Hence, option C is the right answer choice.

39. Ans. B.

The context of the sentence is that the void created by the departure of the US military machine should be filled forces that are not contrary to the peace, prosperity and permanency of Afghanistan and its neighbours. In this context, C-E i.e. 'forces-stability' will interchange each other to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, B will be right answer choice.

40. Ans. B.

The given sentence above intends to state that Jonathan is aware of the fact that Shashi Tharoor has accused the British of building the railways so that they can smoothen the process of getting the loot out of India. In this context, C-E should be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, B will be right answer choice.

41. Ans. A.

\* 2nd Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), Disaster Management Exercise (BIMSTEC DMEx-2020) was held in Bhubaneswar (Odisha)

\* The exercise was held from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and concluded at Puri, Odisha.

42. Ans. D.



\* Indian Under-19 cricket team represents India in cricket at Under-19 level.

\* Indian team has won four Under-19 World Cups and has the best win percentage in ODIs (77%) among all Under-19 national teams.

\* Priyam Garg is currently the captain of Indian team in ICC U-19 cricket world cup.

43. Ans. B.

\* Novak Djokovic has won Men's single title in Australian Open 2020, defeating Dominic Thiem in the final by 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.[2]

\* It was his eighth Australian Open and 17th Grand Slam singles title, Djokovic also regained the ATP no. 1 singles ranking from Rafael Nadal.

44. Ans. C.

\* R.K Pachauri who recently passed away was the Chief Executive of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) since 1981 and led the institute for more than three decades and demitted office as Executive Vice Chairman of TERI in 2016.

45. Ans. B.

\* 'Ajeya Warrior' exercise is being held between India and United Kingdom.

\* The fifth edition of India-UK joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' was conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom

\* It was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

\* Aim of this exercise is to conduct army level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations.

46. Ans. C.

\* Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has developed India's lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket (6.8 kgs nominal weight), which is named as Bhabha Kavach.

\* This jacket is based on indigenous hot pressed boron carbide and carbon nanotube technologies.

\* It has qualified all the ballistic tests required as per the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the new Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

47. Ans. A.

\* Parasite became the first non-English language film to win Best Picture at Oscars 2020.

\* Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) presented Oscars 2020 (92<sup>nd</sup> Academy Awards).

48. Ans. E.

\* Addis Ababa is the capital and largest city of Ethiopia.

\* It is located on a well-watered plateau surrounded by hills and mountains, in the geographic centre Ethiopia.

49. Ans. C.

\* India signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Iceland in the field of Fisheries.

\* MoU will facilitate creation of facilities for exchange of scientists and technical experts and their proper placement, especially in areas of estimating Total Allowable Catches in off shore and deep sea areas.

50. Ans. A.

\* According to Public Enterprises Survey tabled in Parliament, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) were the top three profitable PSUs in 2018-19

\* BSNL, Air India and MTNL incurred highest losses for a third consecutive year, according to a survey 2018-19.

51. Ans. B.

\* Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has designed a unique concept 'Apiary on Wheels' for the easy upkeep and migration of bee boxes having live bee colonies.



\* It has been flagged off in Delhi by Union Minister of MSME, Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari.  
52. Ans. C.

\* Kaamya Karthikeyan became the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America.

\* She is a class seven student of Navy Children School (NCS) in Mumbai

\* Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak outside Asia at 6962 metres.

53. Ans. A.

\* The official names for Corona Virus as issued by WHO (World Health Organization) are COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 on 11 February 2020.

54. Ans. D.

\* Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has been elected as the President for a second term as Portugal in the first round of voting.

55. Ans. D.

\* Army's College of Military Engineering jointly with a private firm has developed "Parth" gunshot locator device

\* It costs much cheaper than the imported ones.

\* The device costs around Rs 3 lakhs, and if inducted, would replace a similar imported item which costs around Rs 65 lakhs.

56. Ans. B.

\* Theme of UN International Day of Education 2020 is 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity and peace'.

\* The theme highlights the integrated nature of education, its humanistic aims, as well as its centrality to our collective development ambitions.

57. Ans. A.

\* UNESCO World Heritage Site Buddhist Monuments 'Hōryū-ji Area' is located at Hōryū-ji and Hokki-ji in Ikaruga, Nara Prefecture, Japan.

\* These buildings were designated in 1993 along with the surrounding landscape, under several criteria.

58. Ans. A.

\* Amazon has invested Rs 11,624 crore (\$1.6 billion) for setting up of two data centres on the outskirts of Hyderabad in Ranga Reddy district.

\* More than 90 per cent of the investment would go towards the high-end computer and storage equipment that would be housed at these two data centres.

59. Ans. A.

\* President Ram Nath Kovind has released mobile app of Red Cross Society of India in Hyderabad, Telangana

\* The app has been developed by the Telangana Centre for Good Governance in less than three months, the mobile app is accessible in all languages.

60. Ans. B.

• Noted Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri (known as 'Akkitham'- 93 years) has been declared the recipient of the 55th Jnanpith Award (country's highest literary honour) for the year 2019.

• His work includes Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, or the legend of the 20th century, which is considered to have brought modernism into Malayalam poetry.

• Akkitham is the 6th Malayalam writer to be conferred this award.

• Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri is the recipient of the Padma Shri (in 2017), Kerala Sahitya Academy Award (in 1971), the Sahitya Academy Award (in 1973), and the Vayalar Award (in 2012).



- Writer Amitav Ghosh was the recipient of the Jnanpith Award in 2018.

61. Ans. B.

- West Bengal is the largest producer of rice in India.
- Rice is regarded as the master crop of coastal India and in few regions of eastern India.
- Rice is the basic food crop and being a tropical plant, it flourishes comfortably in hot and humid climate. Rice is mainly grown in rain fed areas that receive heavy annual rainfall.

62. Ans. C.

- Intensive agriculture is a system of cultivation using large amounts of labour and capital relative to land area.
- Large amounts of labour and capital are necessary to the application of fertilizer, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides to growing crops, and capital is particularly important to the acquisition and maintenance of high-efficiency machinery.

63. Ans. A.

- Sericulture is the production of raw silk by means of raising caterpillars (larvae), particularly those of the domesticated silkworm (*Bombyx mori*).
- It involves two processes: Care of the silkworm from the egg stage through completion of the cocoon.

64. Ans. D.

- PMKSY has the following components:
  - **Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP):** It focuses on faster completion of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.
  - **Har Khet ko Pani:** Creation of new water sources through Minor Irrigation (both surface and ground water), Repair, restoration and renovation of water bodies, Creating

and rejuvenating traditional water storage systems, etc

- **Per Drop More Crop**

- **Watershed Development:**

Effective management of runoff water and improved soil & moisture conservation activities and Converging with MGNREGS for creation of water source.

65. Ans. E.

- Fifth edition of biennial global pulses conference, 'The Pulses Conclave' was held from February 12th to 14th, 2020 at Amby Valley City in Lonavala, Maharashtra.

- It was organized by India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the nodal body for India's pulses trade and industry.

66. Ans. D.

- Provisions of loans and subsidies is an institutional reform.

- Improved tools and mechanization, Transport and Communication, Irrigation Development, Certified Seed Distribution, Development of surface and ground water irrigation and rural electrification are the technological reforms.

67. Ans. E.

- 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance was recently held in Delhi.

- It was jointly organized by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Asia - Pacific Rural Agricultural and Credit Association (APRACA) on 12th and 13th November.

- It aims at bringing together stakeholders of rural and agricultural finance all over the world.

68. Ans. C.

- GOBAR-DHAN stands for Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN)

- The scheme is implemented under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin-Phase



2, by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Jal Shakti ministry.

- It to augment income of farmers by converting biodegradable waste into compressed biogas (CBG).

69. Ans. A.

- Total horticulture production in 2019-20 is expected to be 313.35 million tonnes (mt), about 0.84% higher than 2018-19, according to first advance estimates.

- As per the final estimates, the total horticulture production of the country in 2018-19 was estimated to be 310.74 mt.

70. Ans. D.

- Contour farming is the practice of tilling sloped land along lines of consistent elevation in order to conserve rainwater and to reduce soil losses from surface erosion.

- It has been proved to reduce fertilizer loss, power and time consumption, and wear on machines, as well as to increase crop yields and reduce erosion.

71. Ans. C.

- Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) Deposits are drawn from banks who have already defaulted in priority sector lending.

72. Ans. A.

- First Advance Estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2019-20 have been released by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare

- As per First Advance Estimates, the estimated production of foodgrains crops is estimated at 140.57 million during Kharif 2019-20 showing decline from 141.71 million tonnes in kharif 2018-19.

73. Ans. B.

- World Bank on Wednesday cut India's growth for financial year 2020 to 5% from 6% estimated earlier, a

day after the country's statistics office pegged growth in the current financial year at 5%.

74. Ans. E.

- \* Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is designed to strengthen Gram Sabhas to function as effective institutions with social inclusion of citizens particularly the vulnerable groups.

- \* Sunset date for RGSA will be 31<sup>st</sup> March 2030.

75. Ans. D.

- \* Third industrial policy will replace the industrial policy of 1991 which was prepared in the backdrop of the balance of payment crisis.

- \* First industrial policy was launched in 1956.

- \* DPIIT had initiated the process of formulation of a new industrial policy in May 2017 and will subsume the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP).

76. Ans. B.

- \* The 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting was held in Davos, Switzerland from January 21-24, 2020.

- \* The theme for World Economic Forum 2020 was "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World".

77. Ans. C.

- \* Government has extend the final deadline of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for resolution of insolvency and bankruptcy cases from the current 270 days to 330 days.

78. Ans. B.

- \* IMF lowered down the 2019 growth forecast of India to 4.8% for this fiscal year due to the crisis in the non-banking financial sector and weak rural demand.

79. Ans. C.

- \* National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is



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planning to raise Rs 55,000 crore from the domestic market in the current financial year to fund its organisation's growth and also support various agricultural and rural development schemes of the government.

\* It will raise this funds through long term bonds for 10-15 years tenures.

80. Ans. A.

\* Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) aims to alleviate rural poverty and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the rural poor.

\* This mission is launched by Ministry of Rural Development.

81. Ans. B.

\* Draft National Education Policy 2019 is based on five pillars of “access, equity, quality, affordability, accountability” and will transform India into a “vibrant knowledge hub.

82. Ans. D.

\* Maharashtra had the highest gross state domestic product in financial year 2019, valued at over 26.3 trillion Indian rupees.

\* Maharashtra is being followed by Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

83. Ans. D.

\* Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is the skill and placement initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development.

\* It aims to target youth, in the age group of 15–35 years.

\* It is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

84. Ans. D.

\* The 'Agriculture Export Policy, 2019' aim to double farm exports to \$60 billion by 2022 from \$30 billion last year, and will invest Rs 1,400 crore to set up specialised clusters in different states for different produce to push exports.

85. Ans. B.

\* Retail inflation in India rises to about five-and-half year high in December 2019 to 7.35% surpassing the RBI's comfort level, mainly due to spiralling prices of vegetables as onions were selling costlier.

86. Ans. A.

\* Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) was launched on 11th October 2014

\* Under SAGY, each Member of Parliament adopts a Gram Panchayat and guides its holistic progress giving importance for social development at par with infrastructure.

\* Its distinct feature are:

\* Demand Driven

\* Inspired by Society

\* Based on People's Participation

87. Ans. B.

\* Share of services sector in the Indian economy has continued accounts for around 55% of total size of the economy and GVA growth, two-thirds of total FDI inflows into India and about 38 % of total exports.

\* The share of services sector now exceeds 50 per cent of Gross State Value Added in 15 out of the 33 states and UTs.

88. Ans. B.

\* Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched, as a one-time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations of designated population size (500+ in plain areas and 250+ in North-Eastern States, Himalayan States, Deserts and Tribal Areas as per 2001 census)

\* Setu Bharatam Programme is to make all national highways free of railway crossings

\* VAHAN (an ICT-based solution for vehicle registration) and SARATHI



(for licencing) apps have been launched to curb malpractices in issuing licences and vehicle registration.

89. Ans. C.

\* Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has announced 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

\* Millet is a collective term referring to various small-seeded annual grasses that are cultivated as grain crops, primarily on marginal lands in dry areas in temperate, subtropical and tropical regions.

90. Ans. B.

\* Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) aims to secure the lives of 5 crore small and marginal farmers by providing them a minimum pension of ₹3000 per month, who attains the age of 60 years.

\* Age eligibility for PM-KMY: 18 to 40 years.

91. Ans. A.

\* National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog releases Agricultural Marketing & Farm Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI)

\* AMFFRI is an index which compares the status of reforms in the agriculture sector across all the states and UTs in the country.

\* The first-ever index was released in October 2016.

92. Ans. C.

\* As per the World Economic Forum's Global Risks report 2020, top 5 risk factors belongs to environment or climate change.

93. Ans. D.

\* 124<sup>th</sup> amendment bill seeks to amend the Constitution to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically backward sections in the general category.

\* Eligibility criteris for EWS quota:

\* Candidate's annual family income must be less than Rs. 8 lakhs per annum.

\* Family must not own more than 5 acres of agriculture land.

\* Residential flat area should be below 1000 sq ft.

94. Ans. C.

\* As per the Economic Survey 2019-20, GDP growth rate of India is 4.8 %, amidst a weak environment for global manufacturing, trade and demand.

95. Ans. C.

\* Mega Food Park Scheme that provide finance to set up food processing units, facilitate grant-in-aid at 50% of eligible project cost in general areas and at 75% of eligible project cost in the North East Region and difficult areas (Hilly States and ITDP areas) subject to maximum of Rs.50 crores per project.

96. Ans. A.

\* NITI Aayog's Transformation of Aspirational Districts' initiative was launched in 2018 to improve the rank of India Human Development Index.

\* It aims to remove this heterogeneity through a mass movement to quickly and effectively transform these districts.

97. Ans. B.

• India was ranked 129 out of 189 countries on the 2019 Human Development Index (HDI) improving from the 130th position in 2018.

• HDI is part of the Human Development Report that is published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

• Norway, Switzerland, Ireland are the top three nations on the index.

• Germany occupies the fourth position along with Hong Kong, and Australia secured the fifth rank on the global ranking.



- India's neighbours Sri Lanka and China ranked higher, at 71 and 85 positions, respectively.
- HDI emphasizes that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone.
- HDI measures average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of human development:
  - 1) A long and healthy life,
  - 2) Access to knowledge, and
  - 3) A decent standard of living.

98. Ans. D.

Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Area Development Programme and INtergrated Watershed Development Programme were consolidated under this component. The scheme doesn't follow a cluster based approach which is followed in Rurban Mission or PKVY.

99. Ans. D.

- LibTech India had recently conducted a study on MGNREGS that showed the following:
  - o For most rural workers dependent on the MGNREGS, their labour does not end at the work site.
  - o Many of them are forced to make multiple trips to the bank, adding travel costs and income losses, and face repeated rejections of payment, biometric errors and wrong information, just to get their hands on their wages.
  - o MGNREGS: 100 days of wage employment in rural India
  - o The study was conducted initially in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Rajasthan.

100. Ans. A.

The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of the poorer countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.

- It comprises two institutions:
  - The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and
  - The International Development Association (IDA).
- The World Bank is a component of the World Bank Group, which has five organizations, including the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

