

1. Fiscal Consolidation implies:
 1. rationalisation of expenditure
 2. increase in tax revenues
 3. increase in non-tax revenues
 4. adoption of sound budgeting techniques like Zero Based Budgeting and Outcome Budgeting
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) **1, 2, 3 and 4** (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only
2. Consider the following statements:
 1. GDP at constant prices tries to eliminate the role of price rise in National Income calculation.
 2. The ratio of GDP at current prices to GDP at constant prices is called GDP Deflator.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 only
 (c) **Both 1 and 2**
 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
3. Monetary Policy determines
 1. Level of Money Supply
 2. Availability of Credit
 3. Cost of Credit
 Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) **1, 2 and 3**
4. Foreign Exchange Reserves of India comprise of
 1. Hard currencies
 2. Gold
 3. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)
 4. Securities of US and British Government held by the RBI
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) **1, 2 and 3 only**
 (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1 and 3 only
5. Which of the following sectors are covered under Priority Sector Lending in India?
 1. Agriculture
 2. Small Scale Industries
 3. Education loans
 4. Housing loans
 Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only
 (c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) **1, 2, 3 and 4**
6. Consider the following statements:
 1. Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (NEER) is the weighted average of bilateral nominal exchange rates of the home currency in terms of foreign currencies.
 2. Depreciation of currency in terms of bilateral exchange rate may not imply its depreciation in terms of NEER.
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
 (c) **Both 1 and 2** (d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. Which of the following methods is best suited to infuse liquidity quickly in the economy?
 - (a) Reduction in Repo Rate
 - (b) Reduction in Reverse Repo Rate
 - (c) **Reduction in CRR**
 - (d) Increase in SLR
8. Consider the following statements:
 1. Direct tax revenues in the Indian Economy exceeds Indirect tax revenues.

2. Direct taxes are more sensitive to relative income distribution than Indirect taxes.
Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) **Both 1 and 2**
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
9. Balance of Payments (BOP) Accounts of a country reflects
- (a) Summary of the payment obligations of the government with respect to the rest of world
(b) **Summary of all economic interactions between the country and the rest of world**
(c) Excess of the expenditure over the revenue generated by government which has to be paid through borrowings
(d) Excess of the expenditure over the revenue generated by importers and exporters which has to be paid through borrowings
10. Consider the following statements regarding the Advocate General of a state:
1. The Advocate General of a state must be qualified to be appointed as a judge of high court.
2. The advocate general hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) **Both 1 and 2** (d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Which of the following are statutory bodies?
1. National Human Rights Commission
2. Election Commission
3. National Green Tribunal
4. National Commission for Backward Classes
5. State Public Service Commission
- Choose the correct codes given below :
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
(b) 1, 3, 4, 5
(c) **1, 3, 4**
(d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
12. What are the powers of Gram Sabha in the areas covered under the Panchayat (Extension to the scheduled Areas) Act, 1996?
1. It shall approve all plans for social and economic development for implementation
2. It shall have the power to exercise control over institutions and functionaries in all social sectors
3. It shall identify/select the beneficiaries under poverty alleviation programme
4. It shall have the power to reject grant of license for carrying arms to any resident of the village
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 3 and 4 only
(d) **1, 2 and 3 only**
13. Consider the following statements:
1. If the Lok Sabha is going to complete its normal five year term, then the next general election to the Lok Sabha shall be held before the completion of the five year term of the Lok Sabha.
2. The speaker vacates his seat after the dissolution of the Lok Sabha.
- Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) **1 only** (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
14. Which of the following ideals in the Preamble to the constitution of India have been borrowed from the Russian Revolution?
- (a) **Justice** (b) Liberty
(c) Equality (d) Fraternity

15. Which of the following statements is not correct with respect to Article 32 of the Constitution of India?
- It provides remedies to citizens for the enforcement of fundamental rights.
 - It is a part of the fundamental rights.
 - The Supreme Court cannot refuse a writ petition under the Article 32 of the Constitution of India.
 - Protection under Article 32 also applies to the enforcement of ordinary law which has nothing to do with the fundamental rights.**
16. Consider the following statements:
- The speaker may not be a member of the House at the time of his/her election as speaker, but he/she shall become, a member of the house within six months.
 - The speaker may be removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of both the houses.
- Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - Both 1 and 2
 - Neither 1 nor 2**
17. Consider the following statements:
- The Anti defection Law is applicable only to independent and nominated members of the House.
 - The Anti defection Law does not apply to mergers but it applies to the splits of legislative parties.
 - The Anti Defection Law is not applicable to the speaker of Lok Sabha.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 and 2 only
 - 2 only**
 - 1 and 3 only
 - 1, 2 and 3
18. Which of the following are the provisions to safeguard the independence of the UPSC?
- The salaries of members are charged to the consolidated fund of India, which do not require a vote by the legislature.
 - Members can be removed only on the recommendation of the chairperson, after an enquiry by the supreme court of India.
 - Functions of the UPSC cannot be altered without an amendment to the constitution
 - Members on ceasing to hold office, are ineligible for appointment to any employment under the government.
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- 1 only
 - 2 and 3 only
 - 1, 3 and 4 only**
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
19. With reference to National Recruitment Agency (NRA), consider the following statements:
- The NRA will be a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
 - It will conduct the Common Eligibility Test (CET) for recruitment to all gazetted and non-gazetted posts in government and public sector banks
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only**
 - 2 only
 - both 1&2
 - neither 1 nor 2
20. With reference to 'Draft Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2020', consider the following statements:
- The draft code introduces the concept of floor wage.
 - The minimum wages cannot be fixed by state governments below floor wage.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- 1 only
 - 2 only
 - both 1 & 2**
 - neither 1 nor 2
21. Consider the following statements regarding Contempt of court in India:
- Criminal contempt is the wilful disobedience to any judgment, decree, direction, order, writ or other process of a court.
 - On finding guilty of Contempt of Court, the court can only impose the fines.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) **Both 1 and 2**
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

22. Which of the following countries are not the members of the EastMed Gas Forum?

- 1. Israel
- 2. Italy
- 3. Hungary
- 4. Turkey

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 & 2 only
- (b) 1,2,3 only
- (c) **3 & 4 only**
- (d) 1,2,3 & 4

23. With reference to Lingaraj temple, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site.
- 2. The temple is dedicated to the sun god.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) both 1 & 2
- (d) **neither 1 nor 2**

24. SHAGUN, an initiative of Govt. of India aims for

- (a) Promoting self help groups in rural areas.
- (b) Promoting the education & health of adolescent girls.
- (c) **Increasing efficiency of elementary education sector.**
- (d) Providing financial & technical assistance to Shagun tribe in Western Maharashtra.

25. Consider the following statements:

- 1. BIMSTEC is a sub-regional group of 7 countries.
- 2. Nepal will host 2018 BIMSTEC Meet.

Choose the correct one

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) **Both 1 and 2**
- (d) None of these