

ECONOMY , POLITY , CURRENT AFFAIRS

ECONOMY

1. With reference to the World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF), consider the following statements:

1. While IMF aims at the expansion of international trade, the aim of World Bank is to reduce global poverty.
2. It is mandatory to be a member of World Bank to become eligible for loans by IMF.
3. While IMF lends to both member countries and private sector, World Bank only lends to the member countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) **1 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

2. Consider the following pairs:

Types of Currency

Characteristics

1. Hard currency High level of liquidity in international currency market
2. Heated currency Domestic currency which is under pressure of depreciation
3. Soft currency Currency having very high demand in the Forex market

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- a) 2 and 3 only
- b) 1 only
- c) **1 and 2 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

3. Which of the following factors/policies were affecting the price of rice in India in the recent past?

1. Minimum Support Price
2. Government's trading
3. Government's stockpiling
4. Consumer subsidies

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

4. Which of the following are the possible impact of rising external debt on Indian economy?

1. It may lead to interest rate fluctuations.
2. It may lead to exchange rate fluctuations.
3. Government will have less flexibility to manipulate currency to boost exports.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) **1, 2 and 3**

5. Which of the following statements correctly defines the term 'Inverted duty structure'?

- a) It is duty levied on imports to make domestic manufacturing competitive in comparison to foreign goods.
- b) It arises when combined taxes and duties on exports are more than imports.

- c) It is laid on the export of certain goods exempted from WTO regime to make it globally competitive.
- d) **It arises when taxes on raw materials is more than taxes on final goods.**
6. Consider the following statements:
1. Inflation benefits the debtors.
 2. Inflation benefits the bondholders.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) **1 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
7. With reference to the new labor code on Industrial Relations, consider the following statements:
1. Workers, now have to give a notice period of minimum of 14 days to go on strike in any industry.
 2. Employers need to contribute to the Reskilling fund, the amount equivalent to one year of salary of worker before firing any worker.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) **1 only**
 - b) 2 only
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) Neither 1 nor 2
8. Consider the following statements with respect to recession and depression:
1. While the depression marks fall in both employment and inflation rate, recession only results in fall in employment rate with no impact on inflation.
 2. While recession is often limited to single country, depression may have global impacts.
 3. While industries go for price-cuts only in depression, they usually resort to labour-cuts in recession.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- a) 1 only
 - b) **2 only**
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 2 and 3 only
9. A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the “base effect”. What is “base effect”?
- a) It is the impact of drastic deficiency in supply due to failure of crops
 - b) It is the impact of the surge in demand due to rapid economic growth
 - c) **It is the impact of the price levels of previous year on the calculation of inflation rate**
 - d) None of the statements (a), (b) and (c) given above is correct in this context
10. Regarding the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI), which of the following statements is incorrect?
- a) Unlike WPI, CPI takes into account the change in prices of both goods and services.
 - b) In WPI, highest weightage is given to manufactured goods, while in CPI highest weightage is given to food items.
 - c) The Reserve Bank of India uses CPI to set the monetary and credit policy.
 - d) **WPI is used by policymakers for fixing dearness allowance (DA) of employees and industrial workers.**

POLITY

11. Which of the following instruments/ways can be used by the Parliament to keep an effective check on the executive?
1. Parliamentary privilege
 2. Question hour
 3. Adjournment motion
 4. Financial approval

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

12. Consider the following statements with respect to elections in India:

- 1. With respect to Lok Sabha general elections, the voter turnout was highest in the 2019 elections in India's history.
- 2. The present Lok Sabha has the highest number of women MPs at 30% of total members.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

13. With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation?

- a) Committee on Government Assurances
- b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation**
- c) Rules Committee
- d) Business Advisory Committee

14. With reference to the role of Rajya Sabha in the Indian democratic system, consider the following statements:

- 1. It exercises control over executive through no confidence motion.
- 2. It has the power to initiate constitutional amendments.
- 3. It alone can initiate the procedure for the removal of Vice-President.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

15. Consider the following statements with respect to the comparison between US Senate and Indian Rajya Sabha:

- 1. Both, the members of Rajya Sabha and the members of US Senate are elected indirectly.
- 2. The number of members from each state varies in both Rajya Sabha and US Senate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

16. In India, which of the following review the independent regulators in sectors like telecommunications, insurance electricity, etc.?

- 1. Ad Hoc Committee set up by the Parliament.
- 2. Parliamentary Department Related Standing Committee
- 3. Finance Commission
- 4. Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission
- 5. NITI Aayog

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) 1 and 2 only**
- b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- c) 3, 4 and 5 only
- d) 2 and 5 only

17. With reference to the Rajya Sabha elections, consider the following statements:

1. Only the elected members of State Legislative Assembly can participate in the election of the members of Rajya Sabha.
2. Two-thirds of the members of Rajya Sabha retire after every two years.
3. The President can nominate twelve members to Rajya Sabha from persons who have contributed to art and social service.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) **1 and 3 only**
- d) 1, 2 and 3

18. Consider the following statements with respect to the powers of Indian Parliament:

1. The constituent powers of both houses of Parliament are similar.
2. It has not been granted any electoral function.
3. It has the power to consider the proposal for the removal of High Court judges.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) **1 and 3 only**

19. Out of the following statements, choose the one that brings out the principle underlying the Cabinet form of Government:

- a) An arrangement for minimizing the criticism against the Government whose responsibilities are complex and hard to carry out the satisfaction of all.
- b) A mechanism for speeding up the activities of the Government whose responsibilities are increasing day by day.
- c) **A mechanism of parliamentary democracy for ensuring collective responsibility of the Government to the people.**
- d) A device for strengthening the hands of the head of the Government whose hold over the people is in a state of decline.

20. With reference to the Rajya Sabha, consider the following statements:

1. The approval of the Rajya Sabha is necessary if the government wants to remove a subject from the 'state list' of Seventh Schedule.
2. It has the power to authorise the Parliament to create an all-India service by passing a resolution supported by a simple majority.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

CURRENT AFFAIRS

21. Consider the following statements with regards to SMILE scheme

1. SMILE is an umbrella scheme to provide welfare measures to Transgender community and people engaged in begging
2. The scheme provides shelter homes to the intended beneficiaries

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

22. Consider the following statements regarding Corner-Shot Weapon System (CSWS)?

1. The Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune developed the CSWS as a special purpose weapon.
2. The body is built of a high-grade aluminium alloy to make it lighter and more robust.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

23. With respect to differences between New Pension System (NPS) and Old Pension system, consider the following statements:

- 1. Both New Pension system and Old Pension system provide for equal contribution by Employer and Government.
- 2. Unlike Old Pension System, NPS provides for defined benefit upon retirement.

Which among the statements given above is/are correct?

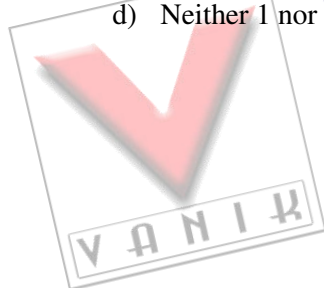
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) **Neither 1 nor 2**

24. Vishaka Guidelines given by Supreme Court can be associated with?

- a) Right to Clean Environment
- b) Public Trust Doctrine
- c) **Sexual Harassment at workplace**
- d) Arrest without warrant

25. PRASAD scheme is related to which of the following ?

- a) Pilgrimage Rejuvenation
- b) Spiritual augmentation drive
- c) **Both a and b**
- d) Neither 1 nor 2



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