

MCQ FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Q1. The main reason for low growth rate in India, inspite of high rate of savings and capital formation is

- a) high birth rate
- b) low level of foreign investment
- c) low capital output ratio
- d) high capital output ratio

Answer: d

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Q4. Which of the following is/are the indicator/indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report?

- 1) Undernourishment
- 2) Child stunting
- 3) Child mortality

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: c

Q5. In the Interim Government formed in 1946, the Vice-President of the Executive Council was

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (b) Dr. S Radhakrishnan
- (c) C. Rajagopalachari
- (d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

Answer: A

Q6. If a new state of the Indian Union is to be created which one of the following schedules of Constitution must be amended?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fifth

Answer: A

Q7. Which of the following is/are cited by the scientists as evidence/evidences for the continued expansion of universe?

1. Detection of microwaves in space
2. Observation of redshift phenomenon in space
3. Movement of asteroids in space
4. Occurrence of supernova explosions in space

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 1, 3 and 4
- d) None of the above can be cited as evidence

Answer: a

Q8. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has been launched for :

- a) providing housing loan to poor people at cheaper interest rates
- b) promoting women's Self Help Groups in backward areas
- c) promoting financial inclusion in the country
- d) providing financial help to marginalised communities

Answer: c

Q9. The group of small pieces of rock revolving round the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter are called:

- a) meteors
- b) comets
- c) meteorites
- d) asteroids

Answer: d

Q10. A meteor is :

- a) a rapidly moving star
- b) a piece of mater which has entered the earth's atmosphere from outer space
- c) part of a constellation
- d) a comet without a tail

Answer: b

Q11. Which one of the following schedules of the Indian Constitution lists the names of states and specifies their territories?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth

Answer: A

Q12. Under which one of the following Constitution Amendment Act, four language were added to the languages under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India, thereby raising their number to 22?

- (a) Constitution (Ninetieth Amendment) Act
- (b) Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Act
- (c) Constitution (Ninety-second Amendment) Act
- (d) Constitution (Ninety-third Amendment) Act

Answer: C

Q13. The national income of a country for a given period is equal to the

- a) total value of goods and services produced by the nationals
- b) sum of total consumption and investment expenditure
- c) sum of personal income of all individuals
- d) money value of final goods and services produced

Answer: d

Q14. To obtain full benefits of demographic dividend, what should India do?

- a) Promote skill development
- b) Introduce more social security schemes
- c) Reduce infant mortality rate
- d) Privatize higher education

Answer: a

Q15. The Multi-dimensional Poverty Index developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative with UNDP support covers which of the following?

1. Deprivation of education, health, assets and services at household level
2. Purchasing power parity at national level
3. Extent of budget deficit and GDP growth rate at national level

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: a

Q16. In the context of Indian economy, consider the following statements

1. The growth rate of GDP has steadily increased in the last five years.
2. The growth rate in per capita income has steadily increased in the last five years.

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

Answer: b

Q17. In order of their distances from the Sun, which of the following planets lie between Mars and Uranus?

- a) Earth and Jupiter
- b) Jupiter and Saturn
- c) Saturn and Earth
- d) Saturn and Neptune

Answer: b

Q18. The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following?

- (a) The Preamble
- (b) The Fundamental Rights
- (c) The Directive Principles of State Policy
- (d) The Fundamental Duties

Answer: a

Q19. A British Citizen staying in India cannot claim Right to:

- (a) Freedom of trade and profession
- (b) Equality before the Law
- (c) Protection of life and personal liberty
- (d) Freedom of Religion

Answer: a

Q20. Which one of the following planets has largest number of natural satellites or moons?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Mars
- c) Saturn
- d) Venus

Answer: a

Q21. Persons below the poverty line in India are classified as such based whether:

- a) they are entitled to a minimum prescribed food basket
- b) they get work for a prescribed minimum number of days in a year
- c) they belong to agricultural labour household and the scheduled caste/tribe social group
- d) their daily wages fall below the prescribed minimum wages

Answer: a

Q22. Which one of the following stars is nearest to the Earth?

- a) Polaris
- b) Alpha Centauri
- c) Sun
- d) Sirius

Answer: c

Q23. Variations in the length of daytime and night time from season to season are due to

- a) the earth's rotation on its axis
- (b) the earth's revolution round the sun in an elliptical manner
- (c) latitudinal position of the place
- (d) revolution of the earth on a tilted axis.

Answer: d

Q24. Who among the following constitute the National Development Council?

1. The Prime Minister
2. The Chairman, Finance Commission
3. Ministers of the Union Cabinet
4. Chief Ministers of the States

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

Answer: b

Q25. The Government of India has established NITI Aayog to replace the

- a) Human Rights Commission
- b) Finance Commission
- c) Law Commission
- d) Planning Commission

Answer: d

Q26. During which Five Year Plan was the Emergency clamped, new elections took place and the Janata Party was elected?

- a) Third
- b) Fourth
- c) Fifth
- d) Sixth

Answer: c

Q27. The main objective of the 12th Five-Year Plan is

- a) inclusive growth and poverty reduction
- b) inclusive and sustainable growth
- c) sustainable and inclusive growth to reduce unemployment
- d) faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth

Answer : d

Q28. If the stars are seen to rise perpendicular to the horizon by an observer, he is located on the:

- a) Equator
- b) Tropic of Cancer
- c) South Pole
- d) North Pole

Answer: a

Q29. Assertion (A): To orbit around the Sun the planet Mars takes lesser time than the time taken by the earth.

Reason (R) : The diameter of the planet Mars is less than that of earth. Codes:

- (a) Both 'A' and 'R' are individually true and 'R' is the correct explanation of 'A' .
- (b) Both 'A' and 'R' are individually true but 'R' is not the correct explanation of 'A'.
- (c) 'A' is true but 'R' is false.
- (d) 'A' is false but 'R' is true.

Answer: d

Q30. Which Article of the Constitution of India says, "No child below the age of 14 years shall be employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment?"

- (a) Article 24
- (b) Article 45
- (c) Article 330
- (d) Article 368

Answer: A

Q31. In the structure of planet Earth, below the mantle, the core is mainly made up of which one of the following?

- a) Aluminium
- b) Chromium
- c) Iron
- d) Silicon

Answer: c

Q32. Economic liberalisation in India started with: (2000)

- a) substantial changes in industrial licensing policy
- b) the convertibility of Indian rupee
- c) doing away with procedural formalities for foreign direct investment
- d) significant reduction in tax rates

Answer: a

Q33. Economic growth is usually coupled with:

- a) Deflation
- b) Inflation
- c) Stagflation
- d) Hyperinflation

Answer: b

Q34. The correct sequence of different layers of the atmosphere from the surface of the Earth upwards is:

- (a) Troposphere, Stratosphere, Ionosphere, Mesosphere
- (b) Stratosphere, Troposphere, Ionosphere, Mesosphere
- (c) Troposphere, Stratosphere, Mesosphere, Ionosphere
- (d) Stratosphere, Troposphere, Mesosphere, Ionosphere

Answer: c

Q35. Which one of the following layers of the atmosphere is responsible for the deflection of radio waves?

- (a) Troposphere
- (b) Stratosphere (c) Mesosphere
- (d) Ionosphere

Answer: d

Q36. Normally, the temperature decreases with the increase in height from the Earth's surface, because

- 1. the atmosphere can be heated upwards only from the Earth's surface**
- 2. there is more moisture in the upper atmosphere**
- 3. the air is less dense in the upper atmosphere**

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer: c

Q37. Which of the following statements is/are true of the Fundamental Duties of an Indian citizen?

1. A legislative process has been provided to enforce these duties.
2. They are correlative to legal duties.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: d

Q38. For election to the Lok Sabha, a nomination paper can be filed by

- (a) anyone residing in India.
- (b) a resident of the constituency from which the election is to be contested.
- (c) any citizen of India whose name appears in the electoral roll of a constituency.
- (d) any citizen of India.

Answer: C

Q39. A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the “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

Answer: c

Q40. What causes wind to deflect toward left in the Southern Hemisphere?

- (a) Temperature
- (b) Magnetic field
- (c) Rotation of the earth
- (d) Pressure

Answer: c

Q41. With reference to ‘Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana’, consider the following statements:

1. Under this scheme, farmers will have to pay a uniform premium of two percent for any crop they cultivate in any season of the year.
2. This scheme covers post-harvest losses arising out of cyclones and unseasonal rains.

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

Answer: b

Q42. Assertion (A): India does not export natural rubber.

Reason (R): About 97% of India's demand for natural rubber is met from domestic production.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b) Both A and R is true but R is not a correct explanation of A

c) A is true but R is false d) Both A and R is false

Answer: d

Q43. In which State is the Guru Shikhar Peak located?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: d

Q44. Consider the following States

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Mizoram

In which of the above States do 'Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests' occur?

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

Answer: c

Q45. Who among the following have the right to vote in the election to both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha?

- (a) Elected members of the Lower House of the Parliament.
- (b) Elected members of the Upper House of the Parliament.
- (c) Elected members of the Upper House of the State Legislature.
- (d) Elected members of the Lower House of the State Legislature.

Answer: d

Q46. In what way does the Indian Parliament exercise control over the administration?

- (a) Through Parliamentary Committees.
- (b) Through Consultative committees of various ministries.
- (c) By making the administrators send periodic reports.
- (d) By compelling the executive to issue writs.

Answer: a

Q47. Why does the Government of India promote the use of 'Neem-coated Urea' in agriculture?

- a) Release of Neem oil in the soil increases nitrogen fixation by the soil microorganisms
- b) Neem coating slows down the rate of dissolution of urea in the soil
- c) Nitrous oxide, which is a greenhouse gas, is not at all released into atmosphere by crop fields
- d) It is a combination of a weedicide and a fertilizer for particular

Answer: b

Q48. When the Reserve Bank of India announces an increase of the Cash Reserve Rate, what does it mean?

- a) The commercial banks will have less money to lend
- b) The Reserve Bank of India will have less money to lend
- c) The Union Government will have less money to lend
- d) The commercial banks will have more money to lend

Answer: a

Q49 . Consider the following statements:

1. The repo rate is the rate at which other banks borrow from the Reserve Bank of India.
2. A value of 1 for Gini Coefficient in a country implies that there is perfectly equal income for everyone in its population.

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

Answer: a

Q50. Which one of the following lakes forms an international boundary between Tanzania and Uganda?

- (a) Chained
- (b) Malawi
- (c) Victoria
- (d) Zambezi

Answer: c