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NABARD Grade A 2024 Phase I Memory Based Paper (ARD ESI & GA)



Economic and Social Issues

101. What is the year-on-year (YOY) growth rate for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for June 2024?

Options :

1. 5.25%
2. 6.50%
3. 7.70%
4. 8.00%
5. 9.20%

Answer : 7.70%

Explanation : The GST collection for June 2024 grew by 7.7% compared to June 2023, reaching ₹1.74

lakh crore. The slower growth is attributed to a deceleration in economic activity and lower imports, despite strong domestic consumption and compliance efforts by the tax authorities.

102. Who won the Special Jury award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024?

Options :

1. S. S. Rajamouli
2. Rishab Shetty
3. Amitabh Bacchan
4. Sharukh Khan
5. Manoj Bajpayee

Answer : Rishab Shetty

Explanation :

Rishab Shetty was recognized for his contributions to Indian cinema, particularly in regional language films, reflecting the growing diversity and appreciation of Indian cinema on international platforms.

103. What is the ISO standards code for risk management?

Options :

1. ISO 9001
2. ISO 14001
3. ISO 31000
4. ISO 27001
5. ISO 50001

Answer : ISO 31000

Explanation :

ISO 31000 is the international standard providing guidelines on managing risk faced by organizations, aimed at embedding risk management into organizational processes and ensuring resilience.

104. Which entity launched the ship-to-ship LNG transfer initiative?

Options :

1. Indian Oil Corporation
2. ONGC
3. GAIL
4. Bharat Petroleum
5. Reliance Industries

Answer : GAIL

Explanation :

GAIL, India's top gas firm, has achieved the world's first ship-to-ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) transfer as part of its innovative approach to reduce shipping costs and cut emissions

105. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the objectives of the CDP Suraksha scheme?

- 1. CDP Suraksha aims to improve exports of targeted crops by about 20% and create cluster-specific brands to enhance the competitiveness of cluster crops.**
- 2. The scheme leverages geographical specialization and promotes integrated and market-led development of horticulture clusters.**
- 3. CDP Suraksha focuses exclusively on promoting organic farming practices within the horticulture sector.**

Options :

1. Only Statement 1 is incorrect
2. Only Statement 2 is incorrect
3. Only Statement 3 is incorrect
4. Both Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect
5. Both Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect

Answer : Only Statement 3 is incorrect

Explanation :

Statement 3 is incorrect because the CDP Suraksha scheme does not focus exclusively on promoting organic farming practices. Instead, the scheme addresses a broader range of objectives, including improving exports, creating cluster-specific brands, leveraging geographical specialization, and promoting integrated and market-led development of horticulture clusters.

106. Which of the following entities is not an intermediary in the National Pension System (NPS)?

Options :

1. Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA)
2. Pension Fund Managers (PFMs)
3. NPS Trustee Bank
4. EPFO
5. Custodian

Answer : EPFO

Explanation :

PFRDA is the regulator for the NPS. PFRDA is responsible for the appointment of various intermediaries in the system such as the Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA), Pension Funds, Custodians, NPS Trustee Bank, etc. PFRDA monitors the performance of the various intermediaries.

107. The Green Tug Transition Program (GTTP) is primarily related to which of the following sectors?

Options :

1. Agriculture and Rural Development
2. Urban Transportation and Infrastructure
3. Maritime and Port Operations
4. Renewable Energy and Power Generation
5. Environmental Conservation and Forestry

Answer : Maritime and Port Operations

Explanation :

The Green Tug Transition Program (GTTP) is a key initiative launched by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal. It focuses on transitioning from conventional fuel-based harbour tugs to greener, more sustainable alternatives within Indian Major Ports. This program is a significant step in decarbonizing maritime operations in India, marking its primary relevance to the maritime and port operations sector.

108. Which country became the 100th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

Options :

1. Bolivia
2. Paraguay
3. Uruguay
4. Ecuador
5. Venezuela

Answer : Paraguay

Explanation :

Paraguay has officially become the 100th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Fleming Raul Duarte, Ambassador of Paraguay formally handed over the Instrument of Ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (ED and MER) and Head of Depository

109. How often is the Net Asset Value (NAV) of a mutual fund updated?

Options :

1. Weekly
2. Monthly
3. Quarterly
4. At the end of each working day
5. Annually

Answer : At the end of each working day

Explanation :

NAV is updated daily. Mutual funds update NAV by the end of each working day. SEBI mandates this update by 9 pm every day. NAV, short for Net Asset Value, signifies the per-unit price of a mutual fund.

110. Which of the following schemes is not related to science and technology?

Options :

1. Digital India
2. Make in India
3. Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)
4. Atal tinkering mission
5. National Supercomputing Mission

Answer : Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)

Explanation :

The Pradhan Mantri Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) is a government of India scheme that promotes the welfare of girl children. It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, 2015 as part of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign unlike other schemes related to science and technology.

111. What is the global rank of Hindon Airbase among the world's airbases?

Options :

1. 5th
2. 8th
3. 10th
4. 12th
5. 15th

Answer : 8th

Explanation :

Air Force Station Hindan (Hindan AFS) (also Hindan) is an Indian Air Force base under the Western Air Command (WAC). It is the biggest and largest air base in Asia and 8th in the world. Its area measured 14 km rounded and 55 square kilometres (21 sq mi).

112. What are Certificates of Deposits (CDs), and how are they used in the financial market?

Options :

1. Short-term debt instruments issued by banks to raise funds, typically used by institutional investors for liquidity management
2. Long-term bonds issued by the government, primarily for infrastructure funding, traded in the secondary market
3. Equity shares issued by companies, providing ownership stakes to investors, and traded on stock exchanges
4. Derivative contracts used to hedge against financial risks, commonly employed by large corporations
5. Digital currencies issued by central banks, aimed at enhancing transaction efficiency in the financial system

Answer : Short-term debt instruments issued by banks to raise funds, typically used by institutional investors for liquidity management

Explanation :

Certificates of Deposits (CDs) are short-term, negotiable debt instruments issued by banks to raise funds. They are widely used by institutional investors such as mutual funds and corporations to manage liquidity due to their low-risk and fixed-term nature. CDs are often traded in the secondary market, making them an important tool for managing short-term cash needs in the financial market.

113. What is the current FDI policy related to the food processing sector in India?

Options :

1. 49%
2. 74%
3. 100%
4. 51%
5. 26%

Answer : 100%

Explanation :

Indian Government allows 100% FDI in the food processing sector under the automatic route, facilitating a straightforward and efficient investment process.

114. What is the new settlement period for transactions in the primary market as of June 2024?

Options :

1. T+0
2. T+1
3. T+2

4. T+3

5. T+5

Answer : T+1

Explanation :

The settlement period for primary market transactions is T+1, which means the settlement date is one business day after the transaction date. This new rule became effective on May 28, 2024. The settlement date is when the buyer pays the seller and the seller delivers the assets to the buyer. The T in T+1 stands for the transaction date, and the +1 means the transaction will clear one business day later.

115. What is the primary role of the Coir Board, and under which ministry does it operate?

Options :

1. Promotes the coir industry and regulates exports; Ministry of Textiles
2. Develops and enhances the coir industry; Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
3. Oversees coir production and rural employment; Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
4. Facilitates small-scale industrial growth and coir processing; Ministry of Commerce and Industry
5. Enhances rural crafts and coir industries; Ministry of Rural Development

Answer : Develops and enhances the coir industry; Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Explanation :

The Coir Board is primarily tasked with the development and promotion of the coir industry, including enhancing production, improving quality, and facilitating marketing. It operates under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

116. What is the minimum bulk deposit threshold for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) as per the recent RBI guidelines?

Options :

1. ₹50 Lakhs
2. ₹1 Crore
3. ₹2 Crores
4. ₹5 Crores
5. ₹10 Crores

Answer : ₹1 Crore

Explanation :

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on October 26, 2023, announced that the bulk deposit limit for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) has been increased from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 1 crore.

117. Which of the following is not in the top five of the world's most recognizable brands?

Options :

1. Apple
2. Google
3. Meta
4. Amazon
5. Microsoft

Answer : Meta

Explanation :

Top 10 most recognizable brands

1. Apple (AAPL)

2. Google (GOOGL)
3. Amazon (AMZN)
4. Microsoft (MSFT)
5. Coca-Cola (KO)
6. Samsung (SMN)
7. Toyota (TSE)
8. Mercedes-Benz (DAIG)
9. McDonald's (MCD)
10. Disney (DIS)

In this list Meta is not part of this top 10 so Meta is the answer.

118. What is the name of the comprehensive digital insurance platform launched in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India?

Options :

1. Suraksha
2. Sarthi
3. Raksha
4. Shakti
5. Sarathi

Answer : Sarthi

Explanation :

Sandbox for Agricultural and Rural Security, Technology and Insurance (SARTHI) is the comprehensive digital insurance platform launched in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India.

119. What is the minimum locking period for venture capitalists as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

Options :

1. 3 months
2. 6 months
3. 1 year
4. 2 years
5. 18 months

Answer : 6 months

Explanation :

Typically, there is a six month lock up. After that, it is all up to the investing strategy and financial needs of the investor.

120. Which variety of wheat was recently launched by ICAR-IARI?

Options :

1. HD 2967
2. HI 8830
3. PBW 550
4. WH 1080
5. DBW 303

Answer : HI 8830

Explanation :

The regional station of the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has developed 6 new high yielding varieties of wheat. Of them, three are seen enhancing production and quality of the wheat in Madhya Pradesh. The varieties — HI 1650 - Pusa Ojaswi, HI 1653 - Pusa Jagrati, HI 1654 - Pusa Aditi, HI 1655 - Pusa Harsha, HI 8826 -

Pusa Poshtik and HI 8830 -Pusa Kirti. HI 1650, HI 1655 and HI 8830 — are released for the central zone including Madhya Pradesh.

121. Which of the following Organisations is managing the DIKSHA Platform operating under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan?

Options :

1. CBSE
2. NCTE
3. NCERT
4. AICTE
5. NIOS

Answer : NCERT

Explanation :

DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) is a platform created by NCERT under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan to provide e-learning resources to teachers and students.

122. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for imparting Short-Term Training (STT) with a course duration of:

Options :

1. 100-200 Hours
2. 200-400 Hours
3. 300-600 Hours
4. 600-800 Hours
5. 800-1000 Hours

Answer : 300-600 Hours

Explanation :

The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) provides short-term training programs with a course duration of 300 to 600 hours, aimed at enhancing employability.

123. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), cold storages are sanctioned by State & Central level committees. What is the eligible cold storage limit for receiving assistance under MIDH?

Options :

1. 1000 MT
2. 2000 MT
3. 5000 MT
4. 10,000 MT
5. 7000 MT

Answer : 5000 MT

Explanation :

Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), cold storages up to 5000 MT are eligible for financial assistance to improve storage infrastructure.

124. Which of the following funds receive the Shortfall under the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) by the Banks?

Options :

1. CRF
2. RIDF
3. PMAY Fund

4. NHB Fund

5. SCF

Answer : RIDF

Explanation :

The shortfall in Priority Sector Lending (PSL) is directed to the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), managed by NABARD, to finance rural infrastructure projects.

125. As per the Union Budget 2024-25, Transit Oriented Development Plans for 14 large cities with a population above:

Options :

1. 10 lakh

2. 20 lakh

3. 30 lakh

4. 40 lakh

5. 50 lakh

Answer : 30 lakh

Explanation :

As per the 2024-25 budget, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) plans are being prepared for cities with a population of 30 lakh or more to promote sustainable urban growth.

126. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare established SARTHI Portal in collaboration with which of the following organisations?

Options :

1. UNDP India

2. FAO

3. World Bank

4. WTO

5. UNEP

Answer : UNDP India

Explanation :

The SARTHI portal, launched by the Ministry of Agriculture, provides an online platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing with UNDP India on rural development.

127. Which of the following is FSSAI's initiative to create safe, healthy, and sustainable food environments within various institutions and workplaces?

Options :

1. Food Safety Mission

2. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

3. Eat Right India

4. Poshan Abhiyan

5. Fit India Movement

Answer : Eat Right India

Explanation :

FSSAI's "Eat Right India" initiative promotes safe, healthy, and sustainable food practices in institutions, aiming to improve food safety and nutrition standards.

128. Which of the following is not one of the targets under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

Options :

1. Increase Fish Production

2. Reduce Post-Harvest Losses

3. Improve Infrastructure
4. Set up Fish Markets
5. Subsidy for Inland Fisheries

Answer : Subsidy for Inland Fisheries

Explanation :

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana targets increasing fish production, reducing post-harvest losses, and infrastructure development, but it doesn't specifically focus on subsidies for inland fisheries.

129. Which of the following Schemes have been subsumed under PM VIKAS?

Options :

1. Seekho aur Kamao
2. USTTAD
3. Hamari Dharohar
4. Nai Manzil
5. All of the above

Answer : All of the above

Explanation :

PM VIKAS scheme subsumes various skill development schemes like Seekho aur Kamao, USTTAD, Hamari Dharohar, and Nai Manzil, focusing on inclusive growth for minorities.

130. What is the budget outlay for Namami Gange Programme between April 2021-March 2026?

Options :

1. 15,000 Crore
2. 20,000 Crore
3. 22,500 Crore
4. 25,000 Crore
5. 30,000 Crore

Answer : 22,500 Crore

Explanation :

The Namami Gange Programme, aimed at cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganga River, has an outlay of ₹22,500 crore for the period from April 2021 to March 2026.

131. In the Union Budget 2024-25, the Finance Minister declared to set up a Venture Capital Fund of _____ for expanding the Space Economy in the next 10 years.

Options :

1. 500 crore
2. 1000 crore
3. 1500 crore
4. 2000 crore
5. 2500 crore

Answer : 1000 crore

Explanation :

A Venture Capital Fund of ₹1000 crore has been established in the 2024-25 budget to expand the space economy over the next decade.

132. The QCI Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework has recently been launched. Which of the following is not one of the Four Pillars?

Options :

1. Samanway

2. Prakash
3. Sanchay
4. Suraksha
5. Vikas

Answer : Samanway

Explanation :

The QCI Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework is based on four pillars: Prakash (transparency), Sanchay (efficiency), Suraksha (security), and Vikas (development). Samanway is not part of these pillars.

133. Consider the following Statements on PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan and choose the option with the correct statements:

- I. It will cover 5 crore tribal population.
- II. Under this program, 75,000 villages will be covered.
- III. There is a provision of coverage of tribal population in Aspirational Districts.

Options :

1. Only I
2. I & II
3. I & III
4. II & III
5. I, II, and III

Answer : I & III

Explanation :

The PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan aims to cover 5 crore tribal people and includes provisions for tribal populations in aspirational districts, but not for 75,000 villages.

134. Finance Minister announced in Union Budget 2024 speech, interest subsidy in terms of e-voucher will be given to 1 lakh students availing loans up to:

Options :

1. 5 lakh
2. 7 lakh
3. 10 lakh
4. 12 lakh
5. 15 lakh

Answer : 10 lakh

Explanation :

In the Union Budget 2024, an interest subsidy through e-vouchers will be provided to 1 lakh students who avail loans up to ₹10 lakh for higher education.

135. As per the information by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), the share of export of MSME Specified products in all India exports during 2023- 24 was:

Options :

1. 40.73%
2. 42.50%
3. 45.73%
4. 48.10%
5. 50.00%

Answer : 45.73%

Explanation :

The export of MSME-specified products contributed 45.73% to India's total exports in the

fiscal year 2023-24.

136. Which of the following is not one of the five PVTGs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

Options :

1. Great Andamanese
2. Onge
3. Birhor
4. Nicobarese
5. Sentinelese

Answer : Birhor

Explanation :

The five PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are the Great Andamanese, Onge, Nicobarese, and Sentinelese. Birhor is found in mainland India, not in the islands.

137. Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for:

Options :

1. Sugarcane
2. Cotton
3. Paddy
4. Wheat
5. Jute

Answer : Sugarcane

Explanation :

The government sets the Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane, ensuring that farmers receive a fair price for their produce.

138. Which of the following is not a commodity board under the Ministry of Commerce?

Options :

1. Rubber Board
2. Spices Board
3. Gum and Raisin Board
4. Tea Board
5. Coffee Board

Answer : Gum and Raisin Board

Explanation :

There is no Gum and Raisin Board under the Ministry of Commerce. The other boards mentioned, like the Rubber Board and Coffee Board, are all part of the Ministry of Commerce.

139. _____ % vacancies reserved for ex-Agniveers in the recruitment of Constables/Riflemen in Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles?

Options :

1. 5%
2. 8%
3. 10%
4. 12%
5. 15%

Answer : 10%

Explanation :

The Government has reserved 10% of vacancies in the recruitment of Constables/Riflemen for ex-Agniveers in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles.

140. NABARD is entrusted with the task of acting as the National Implementing Agency (NIE) of which of the following funds?

Options :

1. Adaptation Fund of UNFCCC
2. Green Climate Fund
3. National Disaster Management Fund
4. Global Environment Fund
5. Climate Resilience Fund

Answer : Adaptation Fund of UNFCCC

Explanation :

NABARD acts as the National Implementing Agency (NIE) for the Adaptation Fund of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

General Awareness

141. Which of the following States is not part of 7 Selected PM MITRA Parks?

Options :

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Rajasthan
5. Gujarat

Answer : Rajasthan

Explanation :

Rajasthan is not part of the seven states selected for the establishment of PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Parks, which include Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat.

142. Government has decided to advance the ethanol blending target to 20% in Petrol from 2030 to:

Options :

1. 2024
2. 2025-26
3. 2027
4. 2028
5. 2032

Answer : 2025-26

Explanation :

The government has advanced the target of achieving 20% ethanol blending in petrol from 2030 to 2025-26 to promote renewable energy use.

143. FDI in Renewable Energy Sector is up to _____ under the automatic route.

Options :

1. 74%
2. 49%
3. 100%

4. 26%

5. 90%

Answer : 100%

Explanation :

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the renewable energy sector is permitted up to 100% under the automatic route, encouraging more foreign investments in the sector.

144. In RBI MPC August 2024, which rate was unchanged at 6.75%?

Options :

1. Reverse Repo Rate
2. Repo Rate
3. MSF & Bank Rate
4. Cash Reserve Ratio
5. Statutory Liquidity Ratio

Answer : MSF & Bank Rate

Explanation :

In the August 2024 Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) and Bank Rate were kept unchanged at 6.75%.

145. The Public Procurement Policy of MSMEs mandates what percentage of annual procurement from MSMEs by the CPSEs, Central Ministries, and Departments, with 4% from SC/ST and Women-owned MSMEs?

Options :

1. 20%
2. 25%
3. 30%
4. 35%
5. 40%

Answer : 25%

Explanation :

The Public Procurement Policy mandates that 25% of procurement by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other government departments should be from MSMEs, with 4% reserved for SC/ST and women-owned MSMEs.

146. Which of the following age groups is eligible under the PM Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana?

Options :

1. 21-40 years
2. 25-50 years
3. 18-40 years
4. 30-45 years
5. 35-55 years

Answer : 18-40 years

Explanation :

The PM Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana provides a pension scheme for unorganized workers aged 18-40 years.

147. Which of the following agencies implement the two sub-schemes named- MSME Green Investment and Financing for Transformation Scheme (MSE GIFT Scheme), MSE Scheme for Promotion and Investment in Circular Economy (MSE SPICE Scheme) under the RAMP Scheme?

Options :

1. NABARD
2. NITI Aayog
3. SIDBI
4. SEBI
5. RBI

Answer : SIDBI**Explanation :**

SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) implements the MSME Green Investment and Financing for Transformation Scheme (MSE GIFT Scheme) and the MSE Scheme for Promotion and Investment in Circular Economy (MSE SPICE Scheme) under the RAMP scheme.

148. Under the Sampoonata Abhiyan initiated by the NITI Aayog, which of the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) come under both Aspirational District Programme and Aspirational Block Programme?

Options :

1. School Infrastructure
2. Healthcare Facilities
3. Soil Health Card
4. Water Conservation
5. Child Nutrition

Answer : Soil Health Card**Explanation :**

The Soil Health Card is one of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) under both the Aspirational Districts Programme and the Aspirational Block Programme.

149. Which of the following states is not one of the States covered under Purvodaya?

Options :

1. West Bengal
2. Odisha
3. Jharkhand
4. Bihar
5. Chhattisgarh

Answer : Chhattisgarh**Explanation :**

Purvodaya is a scheme focused on the development of eastern India, covering states like West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, and Bihar, but not Chhattisgarh.

150. "Ek Ped Maa k Naam" campaign was launched on the World Environment Day celebrated on:

Options :

1. 10th April
2. 1st May
3. 5th June
4. 22nd July
5. 8th August

Answer : 5th June**Explanation :**

The "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" campaign, encouraging tree planting, was launched on 5th June, which is observed as World Environment Day globally.

151. Government of India has come up with several initiatives for preventing discrimination against women at the workplace as well as increasing participation of women in various economic sectors. Arrange the following initiatives in chronological order:

- I. Equal Remuneration Act**
- II. Payment of Wages Act**
- III. Maternity Benefits Act**
- IV. Minimum Wages Act**

Options :

- 1. I-III-II-IV
- 2. II-IV-I-III
- 3. III-I-IV-II
- 4. I-II-III-IV
- 5. IV-I-III-II

Answer : II-IV-I-III

Explanation :

The Payment of Wages Act was passed first (1936), followed by the Minimum Wages Act (1948), the Equal Remuneration Act (1976), and the Maternity Benefits Act (1961).

152. The Union cabinet has come up with three national-level multi-State Cooperative Societies. These are related to which of the following Sectors?

Options :

- 1. Healthcare, Education, Agriculture
- 2. Technology, Environment, Education
- 3. Exports, Seeds, Organic Farming
- 4. Handicrafts, Fisheries, Mining
- 5. Banking, Textiles, Pharmaceuticals

Answer : Exports, Seeds, Organic Farming

Explanation :

The government launched three national-level multi-State cooperative societies related to exports, seeds, and organic farming to boost these sectors.

153. Presently, cooperatives carry out activities in which of the following sectors in India?

Options :

- 1. Banking
- 2. Fertilizers
- 3. Handloom
- 4. Dairy
- 5. All of the above

Answer : All of the above

Explanation :

Cooperatives in India are active in sectors like banking, fertilizers, handloom, dairy, and many others, playing a significant role in rural development.

154. Under Mission Vatsalya, the support is extended to which of the following Non-Institutional Care?

Options :

- 1. Adoption
- 2. Foster Care
- 3. After Care
- 4. Sponsorship

5. All of the above

Answer : All of the above

Explanation :

Mission Vatsalya supports non-institutional child care through adoption, foster care, after-care, and sponsorship, aimed at the welfare of children.

155. Ministry of MSME conducts skilling and upskilling programme for youth through various organisations and schemes. Identify the correct ones:

Options :

1. Coir Board
2. RSETIs
3. KVIC
4. Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation
5. All of the above

Answer : All of the above

Explanation :

The Ministry of MSME conducts skilling programs through various organizations, including the Coir Board, KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission), and others.

156. _____ is an online portal which was launched on 26-09-2017 to ensure effective implementation of Provisions of Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

Options :

1. Disha Portal
2. Pencil Portal
3. Bal Shram Portal
4. Child Rights Portal
5. LabourWatch Portal

Answer : Pencil Portal

Explanation :

The Pencil Portal was launched in 2017 to ensure effective implementation of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, helping to eradicate child labor.

157. As per RBI guidelines, 'Bulk Deposit' in the case of RRBs mean a Single Term Deposit of _____ and above.

Options :

1. 50 Lakh
2. 75 Lakh
3. 1 Crore
4. 2 Crore
5. 5 Crore

Answer : 1 Crore

Explanation :

As per RBI guidelines, 'Bulk Deposit' in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) refers to a single term deposit of ₹1 crore or more.

158. Which of the following is the first community institution created by NABARD for achieving inclusive development in India?

Options :

1. Farmer Producer Organisation
2. Self Help Group

3. Vikas Volunteer Vahini
4. Agri-Business Centres
5. Krishi Vigyan Kendras

Answer : Vikas Volunteer Vahini

Explanation :

The Vikas Volunteer Vahini was the first community institution created by NABARD to promote inclusive development across India.

159. Consider the following statements about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U):

- I. PMAY-U is a demand-driven scheme, where beneficiaries apply for subsidies directly.
- II. The scheme is implemented through various agencies, including State Housing Boards, Urban Local Bodies, and Central Nodal Agencies.
- III. PMAY-U has two components: Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and In-situ Redevelopment (ISR).

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

Options :

1. 1 and 2 only
2. 2 and 3 only
3. 1 and 3 only
4. All of the above
5. None of the above

Answer : All of the above

Explanation :

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) is a demand-driven scheme involving various implementation agencies and includes two components: Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and In-situ Redevelopment (ISR).

160. Which of the following is not one of the categories under IUCN Red List?

Options :

1. Vulnerable
2. Endangered
3. Least Concern
4. Critically Endangered
5. Rare

Answer : Rare

Explanation :

The IUCN Red List categories include Vulnerable, Endangered, Least Concern, and Critically Endangered, but "Rare" is not one of the standard categories.

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161. What is the scientific name of Barley?

Options :

1. Hordeum vulgare
2. Triticum aestivum
3. Oryza sativa
4. Helianthus annuus
5. Pisum sativum

Answer : Hordeum vulgare

Explanation :

Barley, is a major cereal grain grown in temperate climates. Its scientific name is *Hordeum vulgare*.

162. Which one of the following buffalo breed is the highest milk yielder?

Options :

1. Murrah
2. Mehsana
3. Gir
4. Nili
5. Ravi Surti

Answer : Murrah

Explanation :

Murrah is the world's best dairy type buffalo and capable of producing more than 35 kg milk in a day.

163. Which soil covers the largest area in India?

Options :

1. Alluvial Soil
2. Red soil
3. Black Soil
4. Lateritic soil
5. Sandy soil

Answer : Alluvial Soil

Explanation :

Alluvial soil covers the largest area in India, making up about 43% of the country's total area

164. Which one of the following is function of calcium?

- a. Involved in the structure of chlorophyll
- b. Maintains the shape of cell membrane
- c. Neutralize the organic acids

Options :

1. Only a
2. Only a and b
3. Only b and c
4. All a, b and c
5. None of them

Answer : Only b and c

Explanation :

Ca is not involved in the chlorophyll structure. Chlorophyll structure contains N, Mg, H, O, C.

165. According to second advance estimate of Horticulture production 2023-24, arrange the following in sequence?

Options :

1. Vegetables>Fruits>Spices> Plantation crop> Flower crops
2. Vegetables>Fruits>Plantation crop>Spices> Flower
3. Fruits> Vegetables> Plantation crop>Spices> Flower crops
4. Fruits>Plantation crop> Vegetables> Spices> Flower crops
5. Plantation crop> Vegetables>Fruits> Spices> Flower crops

Answer : Vegetables>Fruits>Plantation crop>Spices> Flower

166. What is the premium for Kharif crops in PMFBY?

Options :

1. 1.5 %
2. 2%
3. 5%
4. 2.5%
5. 3%

Answer : 2%

Explanation :

The premium for Kharif crops under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is a maximum of 2% of the sum insured (SI) or the actuarial rate, whichever is lower.

167. Surge Irrigation is the modification of which type of irrigation?

Options :

1. Check basin
2. Furrow irrigation
3. Drip irrigation
4. Border irrigation
5. Sprinkler irrigation

Answer : Furrow irrigation

Explanation :

Surge irrigation is a modification of furrow irrigation. It's a sophisticated method of border irrigation that involves intermittently applying water to furrows or borders in short on and off cycles.

168. Cowpox disease is caused by which organism?

Options :

1. Bacteria
2. Fungus
3. Virus
4. Protozoa
5. Mycoplasma

Answer : Virus

Explanation :

Cowpox is caused by the cowpox or catpox virus, a DNA orthopoxvirus.

169. Which state is leading in milk production?

Options :

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Maharashtra
4. Rajasthan
5. Andhra Pradesh

Answer : Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

The highest milk producing State during 2022-23 was Uttar Pradesh with a share of 15.72 % of total milk production

170. Separation of calf and making independent of its mother for food is known as ____

Options :

1. Culling
2. Weaning
3. Dehorning
4. Castrating
5. Brooding

Answer : Weaning**Explanation :**

Making the calf independent of its mother is known as weaning. Under early weaning system, the cow is not allowed to suckle its calf.

171. Seedlessness in grapes is controlled by which genes?**Options :**

1. Dominant genes
2. Recessive genes
3. Codominant genes
4. Incomplete dominant genes
5. None of them

Answer : Recessive genes**Explanation :**

Seedlessness in grapes is largely controlled by recessive factors.

172. The progeny of Breeder Seed is ____**Options :**

1. Nucleus seed
2. Foundation seed
3. Certified seed
4. Registered seed
5. Truthfully labeled seed

Answer : Foundation seed**Explanation :**

Foundation seed is the progeny of breeder seed and is produced by State Farm Corporation of India, National Seed Corporation, State seed Corporation.

173. A type of weeds in which roots are attached with the soil of the water body and other foliage is over the water surface is called as ____**Options :**

1. Emerged weeds
2. Floating weeds
3. Marginal weeds
4. Submersed weeds
5. Facultative weeds

Answer : Emerged weeds**Explanation :**

Emerald weeds: These plants are rooted in the bottom mud, with aerial stems and leaves at or above the water surface. E.g. Nelumbo, Jussiaea, Myriophyllum, etc.

174. Microorganisms used for suppression of plant diseases are called as ____**Options :**

1. Antagonist
2. Predator

3. Parasitoid
4. Parasite
5. None of them

Answer : Antagonist

Explanation :

Microorganisms that suppress plant diseases are called antagonistic microorganisms or biological control agents.

175. Mulch used for which purpose by the farmers?

Options :

1. Increase soil erosion
2. Reduce evaporation from soil thus conserve moisture and soil
3. Reduce disease infestation
4. Increase pest population
5. Increase micro-organism in soil

Answer : Reduce evaporation from soil thus conserve moisture and soil

Explanation :

Mulches conserve the soil moisture, enhance the nutrients status of soil, control the erosion losses and suppress the weeds in crop plants.

176. Post harvest treatment used in Cut flowers to prevent the spoilage by removing field heat is ____

Options :

1. Pulsing
2. Pre-cooling
3. Sorting
4. Waxing
5. Cleaning

Answer : Pre-cooling

Explanation :

Precooling is a process that rapidly removes heat from freshly harvested fruits, flowers and vegetables to maintain their quality and extend their shelf life.

177. The amount of biomass produced by a crop per unit of water used is called as ____

Options :

1. Harvest index
2. Crop water use efficiency
3. Consumptive use efficiency
4. Irrigation efficiency
5. Conjunctive use efficiency

Answer : Crop water use efficiency

Explanation :

Crop water use efficiency (WUE) is the amount of biomass or grain produced by a crop per unit of water used. It's a measure of how efficiently a crop converts water into products.

178. A shaft in tractor that transfers power from the tractor's engine to other machines or implements attached to it is ____

Options :

1. PTO
2. Differential
3. Drawbar

4. Forgers

5. Throttle

Answer : Differential

Explanation :

The power take-off shaft on a tractor transmits power from the tractor's engine to PTO-driven machines or implements.

179. If the price of 1 unit of electricity is Rs 10 then calculate the cost of running a tractor of 20 HP having electric motor having 100% efficiency in 100 working hours

Options :

1. 20000

2. 10000

3. 15000

4. 14,920

5. None of them

Answer : 14,920

Explanation :

Horsepower (HP) to Kilowatts (kW): 1 HP = 0.746 kW Therefore, 20 HP = $20 \times 0.746 = 14.92$ kW Power Consumption for 100 Hours: Power consumed = Power (in kW) $\times$ Time (in hours) = $14.92 \text{ kW} \times 100 \text{ hours} = 1,492 \text{ kWh}$

Cost Calculation: Cost = Power consumed (in kWh) $\times$ Price per unit = $1,492 \text{ kWh} \times ₹10 = ₹14,920$

180. A portal to resolve farmers and stakeholders problems

Options :

1. e-NAM

2. e-Krishi

3. e-Samvad

4. e-Kisan

5. None of them

Answer : e-NAM

Explanation :

e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) helps all stakeholders in the agricultural market, including farmers, traders, buyers, mandis.

181. In Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan yojana the age for entry is

Options :

1. 18 to 60

2. 18 to 70

3. 18 to 40

4. 20 to 40

5. 20 to 60

Answer : 18 to 40

Explanation :

The entry age for the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) scheme is 18 to 40 years.

182. Which of the following statement regarding PMMSY is not true?

Options :

1. Increasing fish production to 22 million metric tons by 2024-25 from 13.75 million metric tons in 2018-19.

2. Enhancing aquaculture productivity to 5 tons per hectare from the current national average of 3 tons.
3. Increasing contribution of the fisheries sector to the Agriculture GVA to about 12% by 2024-25 from 7.28% in 2018-19.
4. Doubling export earnings to ₹ 1,00,000 crores by 2024-25 from ₹ 46,589 crores in 2018-19.
5. Reduction of post-harvest losses from the reported 20-25% to about 10%.

Answer : Increasing contribution of the fisheries sector to the Agriculture GVA to about 12% by 2024-25 from 7.28% in 2018-19.

Explanation :

Increasing contribution of the fisheries sector to the Agriculture GVA to about 9% by 2024-25 from 7.28% in 2018-19.

183. Which of the following is eligible for Pradhan Mantri Awas yojana Gramin ?

Options :

1. Families living in houses with pucca roofs and/or pucca walls
2. Households with 5 acres or more of irrigated land for two or more crop seasons
3. Households in which any member of the family earning more than Rs.10,000 per month
4. Household with any member as a Government employee
5. Houseless households living in zero, one, or two-room houses with kutcha walls and kutcha roofs

Answer : Houseless households living in zero, one, or two-room houses with kutcha walls and kutcha roofs

Explanation :

Families residing in zero, one, or two-room dwellings with kutcha walls and roofs, based on SECC data are eligible for PMAY.

184. According to which law forested area can be used for non forest activities?

Options :

1. Indian Forest Act of 1878
2. Indian Forest Act of 1927
3. Forest (Conservation) Act of 1980
4. Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
5. Environment Protection Act, 1986

Answer : Forest (Conservation) Act of 1980

Explanation :

As per para 3.1(i) of the Guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) Compensatory Afforestation is one of the most important conditions stipulated by the Central Government while approving proposals for de-reservation or diversion of forest land for non-forest uses.

185. In animal husbandry term Galactopoiesis refers to

Options :

1. Milk let down in the cattle's udder
2. The maintenance of lactation once lactation has been established
3. Formation of galactose from glucose
4. Beginning of lactation in cattle
5. Suckling of milk by the calf

Answer : The maintenance of lactation once lactation has been established

Explanation :

Galactopoiesis is the maintenance of lactation once lactation has been established. Two key interrelated components contribute to the maintenance of lactation, galactopoietic hormones and removal of accumulated milk.

186. Mandarin Variety, Ponkan Mandarin is also known as ____

Options :

1. Coorg
2. Nagpur
3. Kinnnow
4. Pune
5. Khasi

Answer : Nagpur

Explanation :

Ponkan Mandarin is also known as Nagpr Mandarin.

187. World Environment day was observed on ____

Options :

1. 10th June
2. 23rd April
3. 5th June
4. 22nd March
5. 23rd March

Answer : 5th June

Explanation :

World Environment Day is celebrated annually on June 5th.

188. TRYSEM is related to ____

Options :

1. Providing employment opportunities for urban youth
2. Providing employment opportunities for rural youth
3. Providing loan to make house in rural areas
4. Providing health facilities to urban poor
5. Providing education facilities to rural people

Answer : Providing employment opportunities for rural youth

Explanation :

TRYSEM stands for Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment. It's a program that helps rural youth from low-income families gain technical skills so they can become self-employed.

189. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) recently introduced a new high-yielding wheat seed variety which is resistant to yellow, and leaf rust diseases.

Options :

1. HD 2967
2. HD 3386
3. HD 2508
4. HD 5967
5. HD 6285

Answer : HD 3386

Explanation :

HD 3386 is a high-yielding wheat seed variety developed by the Indian Agricultural

Research Institute (IARI). It's resistant to yellow and leaf rust diseases, which are common in the northwest wheat-growing regions of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

190. FRP is announced for which crop

Options :

1. Cotton
2. Jute
3. Mustard
4. Sugarcane
5. Lentil

Answer : Sugarcane

Explanation :

The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) is announced for sugarcane.

191. Rabi marketing season typically occurs from

Options :

1. April to March
2. Sept to Nov
3. Feb to March
4. June to Aug
5. Dec to Jan

Answer : April to March

Explanation :

Rabi" Marketing Season (RMS), typically occurs from April to March.

192. Which chemical is used for cryopreservation of seeds?

Options :

1. Oxygen
2. Nitrogen
3. Hydrogen
4. Selenium
5. Mercury

Answer : Nitrogen

Explanation :

Liquid nitrogen: Used to store seeds at -196°C , which stops metabolic deterioration and protects the seeds from contamination.

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Options :

1. Silo
2. Kothar
3. CAP
4. Godowns
5. Morai

Answer : Silo

Explanation :

A silo is a structure used to store and preserve high moisture fodder, like silage, which is partially fermented feed

194. Which is a low-pressure, high efficiency irrigation system that uses buried drip tubes or drip tape to meet crop water needs.

Options :

1. Blubber system
2. Sub-surface drip irrigation
3. Over head irrigation
4. Typhoon irrigation system
5. None of them

Answer : Sub-surface drip irrigation

Explanation :

Subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) is a water delivery system that uses buried tubing to deliver water directly to the root zone of crops.

195. A method in which methods of sowing seeds, technology use is demonstrated to group of farmers

Options :

1. Method demonstration
2. Frontline demonstration
3. Result demonstration
4. Meetings
5. Seminars

Answer : Method demonstration

Explanation :

A method demonstration is a teaching method that uses visuals to explain a process, procedure, or idea to a group of people.

196. Subsidy for green house is given under ____

Options :

1. National Horticulture Mission
2. PM Kisan SAMPADA Yojana
3. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
4. RKVY
5. MOVCDNER

Answer : National Horticulture Mission

Explanation :

The National Horticulture Board (NHB) is the regulatory body in India for greenhouse farming. The NHB provides a subsidy on green house projects.

197. Which board is not under Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

Options :

1. Tea Board of India
2. Coffee Board of India
3. Spices Board of India
4. Rubber Board of India
5. Gum and Resin Board

Answer : Gum and Resin Board

Explanation :

Gum and Resin Board does not exist.

198. Which of the following is artificial ecosystem?

Options :

1. Lake
2. River
3. Streams
4. Wetlands
5. Agriculture field

Answer : Agriculture field

Explanation :

Agriculture field is artificial or man made ecosystem. Rest all are natural ecosystems.

199. While hatching why turning of eggs is essential?

Options :

1. For easy breaking of egg
2. Turning eggs prevents the embryo from sticking to the shell and dying
3. For providing proper sunlight to the egg
4. For providing proper ventilation to the egg
5. None of them

Answer : Turning eggs prevents the embryo from sticking to the shell and dying

Explanation :

Turning eggs prevents the developing chick from sticking to the shell. If the egg is not turned, the embryo can touch the shell membranes and die.

200. According to census 2011 a rural area is the one with minimum population of ____

Options :

1. <10,000
2. <5000
3. <20000
4. <15000
5. <25000

Answer : <5000

Explanation :

According to census 2011 a rural area is the one with population of less than 5000.