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Schemes – I

Q.1) Which of the following statements is NOT correct about FAME – II scheme?

- Government has approved Phase-II of FAME Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 1000Crore for a period of 3 years commencing from 1st April 2019.
- Out of total budgetary support, about 86 percent of fund has been allocated for Demand Incentive so as to create demand for Electric Vehicles (xEVs) in the country.
- This phase aims to generate demand by way of supporting 7000 Electric Buses (e-bus), 5lakh Electric Three Wheelers (e-3W), 55000 Electric Four Wheeler Passenger Cars (including Strong Hybrid) (e-4W)and 10lakh Electric Two Wheelers (e-2W).
- Vehicles, fitted with only advanced chemistry battery, meeting with minimum Technical Criteria and registered as "Motor Vehicle" as per Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR) shall be eligible for incentive under the scheme.

ANS: A

Explanation: Government has approved Phase-II of FAME Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore for a period of 3 years commencing from 1st April 2019.

- Out of total budgetary support, about 86 percent of fund has been allocated for Demand Incentive so as to create demand for Electric Vehicles (xEVs) in the country.
- This phase aims to generate demand by way of supporting 7000 Electric Buses (e-bus), 5 lakh Electric Three Wheelers (e-3W), 55000 Electric Four Wheeler Passenger Cars (including Strong Hybrid) (e-4W)and 10 lakh Electric Two Wheelers (e-2W).
- However, depending upon off-take of different category of xEVs, these numbers may vary as the provision has been made for inter as well as intra segment wise fungibility. In addition, creation of Charging Infrastructure will also be supported under the Scheme.
- Vehicles, fitted with only advanced chemistry battery, meeting with minimum Technical Criteria and registered as "Motor Vehicle" as per CMVR shall be eligible for incentive under the scheme.
- With greater emphasis on providing affordable & environment friendly public transportation options for the masses, scheme will be applicable mainly to vehicles used for public transport or those registered for commercial purposes in e-3W, e-4W and e-bus segments. However, privately owned registered e-2Ws are also covered under the scheme as a mass segment.

Source: https://fame2.heavyindustries.gov.in/content/english/13_1_brief.aspx

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding “Witness Protection Scheme”:

1. It provides for five categories of witness as per threat perception.
2. The scheme provides for a State Witness Protection Fund for meeting the expenses of the scheme.

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

ANS: B

Explanation: Scheme provides for three categories of witness as per threat perception.

- Category A: Where the threat extends to life of witness or his family members, during investigation/trial or thereafter.
- Category B: Where the threat extends to safety, reputation or property of the witness or his family members, during the investigation/trial or thereafter.
- Category C: Where the threat is moderate and extends to harassment or intimidation of the witness or his family member’s, reputation or property, during the investigation/trial or thereafter.

The Scheme provides for a State Witness Protection Fund for meeting the expenses of the scheme.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding “Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS)”:

1. It aims at creating a comprehensive and integrated system for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of policing through adopting of principle of e-Governance.
2. Digital Police Portal has been launched under the CCTNS project will enable citizens to register FIRs online.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) is a plan scheme conceived in the light of experience of a non-plan scheme namely - Common Integrated Police Application (CIPA) (2004-09).

- It aims at creating a comprehensive and integrated system for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of policing through adopting of principle of e-Governance and creation of a nationwide networking infrastructure for evolution of IT-enabled-state-of-the-art tracking system around ‘Investigation of crime and detection of criminals’.
- Ministry of Home Affairs and National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) would play a key role in planning the program in collaboration with the Police leadership within States.
- Digital Police Portal has been launched under the CCTNS project will enable citizens to register FIRs online and the portal will initially offer seven Public Delivery Services in 34

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States & UTs, like Person and Address Verification e.g. of employees, tenants, nurses etc, permission for hosting Public Events, Lost & Found Articles and Vehicle theft etc.

- The Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) aims to integrate the CCTNS project with the e-courts and e-prisons databases in the first instance and with the other pillars of the criminal justice system - Forensics, Prosecution, Juvenile homes and a nationwide Fingerprint data base of criminals in a phased manner.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.4) “e-Sahaj portal” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Natural resources
- b) Natural farming
- c) Security clearance in sensitive sectors
- d) War fund

ANS: C

Explanation: “e-Sahaj portal”: The portal allows organizations/ individuals to apply for security clearance in certain sensitive sectors before issue of licence/permit, permission, contract, etc. to companies/ bidders/individuals.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.5) Which of the following statement is NOT correct about “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) – Urban”?

- a) The eligibility criteria for the scheme is annual income cap is up to Rs 3 lakh for EWS, Rs 3-6 lakh for LIG and Rs 6 to 18 lakhs for MIG.
- b) The beneficiary family should not own a pucca house either in his/her name or in the name of any member of his/her family in any part of India.
- c) States have the flexibility for choosing best options to meet the demand of housing.
- d) Central grant of Rs. Two lakhs per house, on an average, will be available under the slum rehabilitation programme.

ANS: D

Explanation: “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) – Urban”: Beneficiaries include Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Low-Income Groups (LIGs) and Middle-Income Groups (MIGs).

- The annual income cap is up to Rs 3 lakh for EWS, Rs 3-6 lakh for LIG and Rs 6 to 18 lakhs for MIG.
- The beneficiary family should not own a pucca house either in his/her name or in the name of any member of his/her family in any part of India.
- Flexibility to States for choosing best options to meet the demand of housing in their states.
- Central grant of Rs. one lakh per house, on an average, will be available under the slum rehabilitation programme.
- National Housing Bank (NHB) and Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) have been designated as Central Nodal Agency for implementation of CLSS.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.6) Which of the following statement is NOT correct about “Smart Cities Mission”?

- a) It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).
- b) The Central Government proposes to give financial support of on an average Rs. 500crore per city per year.
- c) The Mission envisages covering 100 cities in five years (FY2015-16 to FY2019- 20).
- d) The Centre has extended the deadline of the mission to 2023 from the earlier deadline which was 2021.

ANS: B

Explanation: Smart Cities Mission is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and the Central Government proposes to give financial support of on an average Rs. 100 crore per city per year.

- An equal amount, on a matching basis, will have to be contributed by the State/ULB. The Centre has extended the deadline of the mission to 2023 from the earlier deadline which was 2021. The Mission envisages covering 100 cities in five years (FY2015-16 to FY2019- 20).
- The Mission may be continued thereafter in the light of an evaluation to be done by the MoHUA and incorporating the learning’s into the Mission.
- The total numbers of 100 Smart Cities have been distributed among the States and UTs on the basis of equitable criteria.
- The formula gives equal weightage (50:50) to urban population of the State/UT and the number of statutory towns in the State/UT.
- Based on this formula, each State/UT will, therefore, have a certain number of potential Smart Cities, with each State/UT having at least one.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding “Swachh Survekshan”:

1. It is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India.
2. Quality Council of India (QCI) is its implementation partner.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Swachh Survekshan is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India. It was launched as part of the SBM.

- It is also the largest cleanliness survey in the world.
- The objective of the survey is to encourage large scale citizen participation, ensure sustainability of initiatives taken towards garbage free and open defecation free cities, provide credible outcomes which would be validated by third party certification institutionalize existing systems through online processes and create awareness amongst all sections of society.
- Quality Council of India (QCI) is its implementation partner.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation – AMRUT”:

1. It was launched in 500 cities in 2015, with an aim to provide universal coverage of water supply in 500 selected AMRUT cities and substantial improvement in sewerage coverage.
2. The cities will submit roadmap for outcomes to be achieved by them during the mission period.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: AMRUT was launched in 500 cities in 2015, with an aim to provide universal coverage of water supply in 500 selected AMRUT cities and substantial improvement in sewerage coverage.

- Universal coverage of water supply by providing household tap connections in all 4,378 statutory towns. 100% coverage of household sewage/ septage management in 500 AMRUT cities targeted.
- Effecting water source conservation, rejuvenation of water bodies and wells, recycle/ reuse of treated used water, and rainwater harvesting by involving community at large.
- Mission will co-opt women and youth for concurrent feedbacks about its progress. Women SHGs will be involved in water demand management, water quality testing and water infrastructure operations.
- The cities will submit roadmap for outcomes to be achieved by them during the mission period.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.9) Which of the following city has awarded as World Green City Award 2022?

- a) Mysore
- b) Ujjain
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Vishakhapatnam

ANS: C

Explanation: Hyderabad recently received the prestigious World Green City Award 2022. Key facts Hyderabad has beaten the cities like Paris, Bogota, Mexico City, Montreal and Fortaleza to receive World Green City Award 2022 – the best across all six categories.

Hyderabad received the award at the International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH) 2022.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.10) “Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary” is recently seen in news is related to which of the following state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

ANS: A

Explanation: The state government of Tamil Nadu has notified the establishment of Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary.

- Tamil Nadu is set to host India’s first ever Slender Loris Sanctuary.
- Named Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary, it will span across 11,806 hectares in Karur and Dindigul districts, covering areas of Kadavur taluk in Karur and, Dindigul East.

Source: FORUMIAS

Schemes – II

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding “Namami Gange Yojana”:

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. Asian Development Bank is funding the projects through loan.

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

ANS: A

Explanation: Namami Ganga Yojana is a central sector scheme. It covers 8 states/UTs, 47 towns & 12 rivers under the project.

- The basin covers 11 states viz., Uttarakhand, U.P., M.P., Rajasthan, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Delhi.
- The current focus of World Bank funded National Ganga River Basin Projects (NGRBP) of NMCG is on five major states on the main stem of river Ganga namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.
- Establishment of Clean Ganga Fund (charity fund) as a trust under the Indian Trusts Act. Donors are eligible for 100% I-T exemption and contributions also fall within the purview of CSR activity. World Bank is funding the projects through loan.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.2) “DHARMA - a web tool” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Dams
- b) Police verification
- c) Whistle blowers
- d) Drug controller

ANS: A

Explanation: DHARMA is a web tool to digitize all dam related data effectively. It will help to document authentic asset and health information pertaining to the large dams in the country, enabling appropriate actions to ensure need-based rehabilitation.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding “Atal Bhujal Yojna”:

1. It is Central Sector Scheme to be implemented from 2020-21 to 2024-25, with World Bank assistance.
2. It is implemented in 7 states only.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Atal Bhujal Yojna objective is to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation. It strengthens the institutional framework for participatory ground water management.

- It is a Central Sector Scheme to be implemented from 2020-21 to 2024-25, with World Bank assistance.
- It is implemented in seven States viz. of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding “Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY)”:

1. It is a welfare measure being implemented by the Employee’s State Insurance (ESI) Corporation.
2. It offers cash compensation to workers covered under Employees’ State Insurance (ESI) Scheme when they are rendered unemployed.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) is a welfare measure being implemented by the Employee’s State Insurance (ESI) Corporation.

- It offers cash compensation to workers covered under Employees’ State Insurance (ESI) Scheme when they are rendered unemployed.
- ESI Scheme aims to protect ‘employees’ against impact of incidences of sickness, maternity, disablement and death due to employment injury and to provide medical care to insured persons and their families.
- Minimum two year of insurable employment is required to claim relief.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.5) Which of the following is/are beneficiary/beneficiaries of National Child Labor Project (NCLP) Scheme?

1. All child workers below the age of 14 years in the identified target area.
2. Adolescent workers below the age of 18 years in hazardous occupations/ processes.
3. Families of Child workers.

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: D

Explanation: National Child Labor Project (NCLP) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme.

- The overall approach of the project is to create an enabling environment in the target area, where children are motivated and empowered through various measures to enroll in schools and refrain from working, and households are provided with alternatives to improve their income levels.
- Children of the age between 5 to 8 years are rescued and linked to the formal education system.

Beneficiaries:

- All child workers below the age of 14 years in the identified target area.
- Adolescent workers below the age of 18 years in hazardous occupations/ processes.
- Families of Child workers.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding “Employees’ State Insurance Scheme”:

1. It is a self-financing scheme that caters to the social security and health insurance needs of the employees.
2. The fund is regulated by the ESI Act, 1948, and is administered by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Employees’ State Insurance Scheme is a self-financing scheme that caters to the social security and health insurance needs of the employees.

- The scheme is funded by both the employer and the employee, which would be remitted into the Employees State Insurance Fund.
- The fund is regulated by the ESI Act, 1948, and is administered by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), which is an autonomous body that was statutorily formed by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The ESI Act, 1948, applies to organisations with 10 or more employees, drawing a salary of up to ₹21,000.

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- The Government of India through Ministry of Labour and Employment decides the rate of contribution under the ESI Act.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.7) “Samadhan Portal” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Industrial disputes
- b) Women welfare
- c) Child labor protection
- d) Food processing standards

ANS: A

Explanation: Samadhan (Software Application for Monitoring and Disposal, Handling of Industrial Disputes) Portal is a dedicated web portal for conciliation, arbitration and adjudication of the industrial disputes.

It brings all stakeholders - Government, Industry and Labour - involved in industrial disputes on single integrated platform.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries)”:

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
2. It was launched in 2005 to promote Cluster development of traditional industries.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) It is a Central Sector Scheme was launched in 2005 to promote Cluster development of traditional industries (Khadi, Coir & Village industries).

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal Agency for promotion of Cluster development for Khadi.
- Coir board is the nodal agency for promotion of Cluster development for coir.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.9) “Raimona National Park” is recently seen in news is located at?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Himachal Pradesh

ANS: B

Explanation: The “last remaining stretches” of the Assam Valley tropical wet evergreen forests have become Assam’s seventh National Park.

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- The State government notified Dihing Patkai as a National Park, four days after creating the 422-sq. km Raimona National Park in western Assam's Kokrajhar district.
- Assam now has the third most National Parks after the 12 in Madhya Pradesh and nine in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, forest officials said.
- The five older National Parks in the State are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dihing-patkai-is-assams-7th-national-park/article34770343.ece>

Q.10) "TAMRA portal" often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Mining
- b) Organic farming
- c) Solar energy
- d) Deep sea exploration

ANS: A

Explanation: TAMRA (Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation) is a web portal and mobile application, to streamline the process of various statutory clearances required for mining operations. It displays block-wise, state-wise and mineral-wise information of the blocks to be auctioned.

Source: FORUMIAS

Schemes – III

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding “National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)”:

1. It is a central sector scheme.
2. It provides viability gap funding to farmers.

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

ANS: B

Explanation: To enhance the edible oilseeds production and oils availability in the country by harnessing Oil Palm area expansion, increasing current palm oil production, government has launched the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).

- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. NMEO-OP will subsume the current National Food Security Mission–Oil palm programme.
- Assurance to the farmers in the form of the viability gap funding: The industry mandated to pay 14.3% of the Crude Palm Oil (CPO) price which will eventually go up to 15.3%.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.2) Which of the following statement is NOT correct about “Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)”?

- a) It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- b) It was launched in 2020 to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic crisis with a corpus of Rs. 1000crore.
- c) Financial assistance is provided in the form of Interest Subvention and Credit Guarantee for setting up post-harvest management Infrastructure.
- d) Beneficiaries of the scheme are Farmers, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHG), State Agencies/APMCs and others for building “community farming assets” and “post-harvest agriculture infrastructure.

ANS: B

Explanation: To mobilize a medium - long term debt Financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through incentives and financial support in order to improve agriculture infrastructure in the country government has launched the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF).

- It is a Central Sector Scheme. It was launched in 2020 to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic crisis with a corpus of Rs. 1 lakh crore.
- Financial assistance is provided in the form of Interest Subvention and Credit Guarantee for setting up post-harvest management Infrastructure.
- Beneficiaries: Farmers, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Farmer Producers Organisations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHG), State Agencies/APMCs and others for building “community farming assets” and “post-harvest agriculture infrastructure.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.3) Which of the following is/are implementing agency/agencies of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOS)?

1. Small Farmers agri Business Consortium (SFAC)
2. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
3. NABARD

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: D

Explanation: The implementing agencies of FPOs are Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), NABARD, NAFED, NERAMAC, Tamil Nadu-SFAC, SFACH, Watershed Development Department (WDD)- Karnataka & Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC)- Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.4) Which of the following statement is NOT correct about National Agriculture Market (E-NAM)?

- a) It's one of the objective is to promote genuine price discovery, increase farmers' options for sale and access to markets.
- b) It is a Central Sector scheme with funding coming from Agri-Tech Infrastructure Fund (AITF).
- c) e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading portal which seeks to network the existing APMCs and other market yards to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
- d) NABARD has been selected as the lead agency to implement it.

ANS: D

Explanation: National Agriculture Market (E-NAM) is a Central Sector scheme with funding coming from Agri-Tech Infrastructure Fund (AITF).

- e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading portal which seeks to network the existing APMCs and other market yards to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
- Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) has been selected as the lead agency to implement it.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.5) Which of the following is/are beneficiary/beneficiaries of Kisan Credit Card (KCC)?

1. Tenant Farmers
2. Oral lessees
3. farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: D

Explanation: To provide adequate and timely credit support from the banking system under single window for cultivation government has launched the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme.

Beneficiaries are:

- All farmers- individuals/Joint borrowers who are owner cultivators.
- Tenant farmers, Oral lessees and Share Croppers etc.
- SHGs or Joint Liability Groups of farmers including tenant share croppers etc.
- farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.6) The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project was launched in which of the following language/languages?

1. Hindi
2. English
3. French

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: C

Explanation: The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) project was initiated in 2001 with a collaboration between the CSIR and the Ministry of AYUSH (erstwhile Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy).

- TKDL database contains more than 3.9 lakh formulations/ practices from the Indian systems of medicine AYUSH (Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Sowa Rigpa) and Yoga in digitized format.
- It is in five languages: English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish.
- It is available to only patent examiners through TKDL Access (Non-disclosure) Agreement.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.7) Which of the following is NOT correct about “City Compost Scheme”?

- a) It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- b) Under the scheme, a market development assistance of Rs. 2500 per tonne of city compost for scaling up production and consumption of the product is being provided.
- c) Promotion of city compost will be done by fertilizer companies and marketing entities.
- d) An appropriate BIS standard/ Eco-Mark will be developed to ensure better market acceptance.

ANS: B

Explanation: To support Swachh Bharat Mission and provide City Compost at subsidized rates to farmers government has launched City Compost Scheme.

- It is a Central Sector Scheme. Under the scheme, a market development assistance of Rs. 1500 per tonne of city compost for scaling up production and consumption of the product is being provided.
- Promotion of city compost will be done by fertilizer companies and marketing entities. Companies will also adopt villages for promoting the use of compost.
- An appropriate BIS standard/ Eco-Mark will be developed to ensure better market acceptance.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “Krishi Udan Scheme”:

1. Scheme intends to assist to farmers in transporting perishable agricultural products so that it improves their “value realisation”.
2. Under the scheme, the first domestic dedicated freighter carried perishable agricultural produce from Lengpui airport (Mizoram) to Kolkata airport.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: Krishi Udan scheme intends to assist to farmers in transporting perishable agricultural products so that it improves their “value realisation”, especially in the north-east and tribal districts.

- Under the scheme, the first domestic dedicated freighter carried perishable agricultural produce from Lengpui airport (Mizoram) to Kolkata airport.
- Similarly, agricultural products are also transported from Guwahati International Airport to Hong Kong.
- The customs, plant quarantine and other necessary services are also available at Guwahati International Airport.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.9) “Kali Tiger Reserve” is recently seen in news is related to which of the following state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

ANS: B

Explanation: Anshi National Park came into existence after a portion of Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary was carved out in 1987. It was brought under Project Tiger in 2007 along with the adjoining Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary.

- Situated in Uttara Kannada district, the combined area of Anshi Dandeli Tiger Reserve measures 1300 sq km.
- It was renamed Kali Tiger Reserve in 2015. The river Kali, known as the lifeline of the tiger reserve, cuts across the forestland.
- The park is bestowed with plentiful wildlife. Aside from tigers, the main predators in the park are leopard, sloth bear and dhole. Black panthers are also found here, albeit seen rarely.

Source: The Hindu

Q.10) “Uttam App” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Moral policing
- b) Coal ecosystem
- c) Foreign education
- d) Organic farming

ANS: B

Explanation: UTTAM (Unlocking Transparency by Third Party Assessment of Mined Coal) App is developed by the Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited (CIL).

- The App ensures accountability, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency in coal ecosystem.
- This App enables the citizens and coal consumers to monitor the process of Third-Party Sampling of coal across CIL subsidiaries.
- It has interactive map-based view to provide holistic coverage of coal quality across subsidiaries.

Source: FORUMIAS

Schemes, Laws and Acts

Q.1) “Khan Prahari” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Illegal coal mining
- b) Jail records
- c) Cyber activities
- d) Money laundering

ANS: A

Explanation: “Khan Prahari” is a tool for reporting any activity taking place related to illegal coal mining like rat hole mining, pilferage, etc.

One can upload geo-tagged photographs of the incident along with textual information directly to the system. The identity of the complainant shall not be revealed.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.2) Which of the following agency/agencies is/are eligible for finance under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)?

- 1. Export Promotion Councils
- 2. Commodities Boards
- 3. SEZ Authorities

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: D

Explanation: Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) provides financial assistance for setting up and up-gradation of existing infrastructure with export linkages like border haats, cold chains, dry ports, etc.

The Central and State Agencies, including Export Promotion Councils, Commodities Boards, SEZ Authorities and Apex Trade Bodies recognised under the EXIM policy of Government of India are eligible for financial support under this scheme.

Source: FORUMIAS

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Q.3) Which of the following service/services sector/s is/are covered under “Champion Services Sector Scheme”?

1. Tourism & Hospitality services
2. Accounting & Financial services
3. Audio – Visual services

Choose the correct answer from below given codes:

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

ANS: D

Explanation:

	Title of Sectoral Scheme under the Umbrella Scheme	Nodal Ministry/Department
1.	CSSS-Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services	Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
2.	CSSS -Tourism and Hospitality Services	Ministry of Tourism
3.	CSSS -Medical Value Travel Services	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH
4.	CSSS -Transport and Logistics Services	Department of Commerce
5.	CSSS -Accounting and Finance Services	Ministry of Corporate Affairs
6.	CSSS -Audio - Visual Services	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
7.	CSSS -Legal Services	Ministry of Law & Justice
8.	CSSS -Communication Services	Ministry of Communications
9.	CSSS-Construction and Related Engineering Services	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
10.	CSSS -Environmental Services	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
11.	CSSS -Financial Services	Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
12.	CSSS -Education Services	Ministry of Human Resource Development

Source: https://commerce.gov.in/wpcontent/uploads/2020/03/MOC_637177295864099394_Guidelines-CSSS.pdf

Q.4) “SWAYATT initiative” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Promoting start-up’s
- b) Farmer producer organization
- c) Patent awareness
- d) Disaster preparedness

ANS: A

Explanation: SWAYATT initiative is an initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage Through e-Transactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM).

It will bring together the key stakeholders within the Indian entrepreneurial ecosystem to Government e-Marketplace, the national procurement portal.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.5) “Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratisthan (PDDUSKVP) Scheme” is related to which of the following?

- a) Telecom skilled manpower creation
- b) Cyber personnel
- c) Village protection personnel
- d) Skilled organic farmers

ANS: A

Explanation: Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Sanchar Kaushal Vikas Pratisthan (PDDUSKVP) Scheme to supplement telecom skilled manpower creation for the growth of telecom sector and to generate livelihood for the youth of the nation.

- The pilot phase of the scheme was approved in 2017 for commemorating the birth centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay.
- In pilot phase, it will train 10,000 people from UP, MP, Bihar, Odisha, Punjab and Haryana the 1st phase on a pilot basis.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.6) “DARPAN project” often seen in news is related to which of the following?

- a) Financial inclusion
- b) LED street lights
- c) Solar pumps
- d) Roof top solar lanterns

ANS: A

Explanation: DARPAN (Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for A New India) Project aims to improve the quality of service and achieve “financial inclusion” of un-banked rural population. It is a part of IT modernization project. It intends to provide a low power technology solution to each Branch Postmaster (BPM).

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding “National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013”:

1. The NFSA covered 67% of the country’s population, including 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population.
2. Under the act priority households entitled to 5 kg of food-grains per person per month.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: The NFSA covered 67% of the country’s population, including 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population (overall 81.35 crore persons).

- State-wise coverage under NFSA was determined by the erstwhile Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) by using the NSS Household Consumption Survey data for 2011-12.
- Under the act, priority households entitled to 5 kg of food-grains per person per month.

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- Families covered by the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (poorest of the poor): Entitled to 35 kg per month.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding “National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)”:

1. It is an apex level statutory autonomous institution set up by the Government of India under an Act of the Parliament in 1963.
2. It is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization.

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

ANS: C

Explanation: NCDC is an apex level statutory autonomous institution set up by the Government of India under an Act of the Parliament in 1963 exclusively for cooperatives at primary, district, apex / multistate and national level.

NCDC is under the administrative control of Ministry of Cooperation. NCDC is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.9) “Undavalli caves” is recently seen in news, located in which of the following state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

ANS: A

Explanation: The Undavalli Caves, a monolithic example of Indian rock-cut architecture and one of the finest testimonials to ancient viswakarma sthaphathis, are located in Vijayawada of Guntur district in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

Source: FORUMIAS

Q.10) “Sanjay Gandhi National Park” often seen in news is located at which of the following state?

- a) Telangana
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

ANS: B

Explanation: Sanjay Gandhi National Park, also known as SGNP, is an 87 km² protected area in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was established in 1969 with its headquarters situated at Borivali. The 2400-year-old Kanheri caves, sculpted by monks out of the rocky basaltic cliffs, lie within the park.

Source: FORUMIAS