

## Economics & Social Issues

### 2 Markers

#### Instructions for Q.1 to Q.4

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

X is an international organization that deals with the global rules of trade between nations. It is successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which was in place since 1948. It has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and serves as the principal forum for trade negotiations, dispute settlement, and the development of global trade rules.

X facilitates trade negotiations among its member countries to develop and update trade agreements. These negotiations, known as trade rounds, aim to lower trade barriers and address various trade-related issues to promote free and fair trade. It also administers a set of agreements that lay down the rules for international trade in goods, services, and intellectual property. The most significant of these agreements are the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for goods, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) for services, and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

#### Q.1)

Which round of X talks faced various challenges throughout its negotiations and has remained uncompleted within the originally intended timeframe?

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| (a) Uruguay Round | (d) Buenos Aires Round |
| (b) Doha Round    | (e) Beijing Round      |
| (c) Nairobi Round |                        |

#### Q.2)

When was X mentioned in above paragraph established?

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| (a) 1 July 1997    | (d) 1 March 1994     |
| (b) 1 October 1996 | (e) 1 September 1993 |
| (c) 1 January 1995 |                      |

#### Q.3)

Who is the incumbent Director-General of the X mentioned in the above passage?

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| (a) Peter Sutherland    | (d) Mike Moore      |
| (b) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala | (e) Renato Ruggiero |
| (c) Roberto Azevêdo     |                     |

#### Q.4)

Which of the following is the highest decision-making body

of X mentioned in the above passage?

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| (a) Goods and Services Council | (c) Dispute Settlement Body |
| (b) TRIPS Council              | (d) General Council         |
|                                | (e) Ministerial Conference  |

#### Instructions for Q.5 to Q.9

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

X mission was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 20 October 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat. It is India-led global mass movement to nudge individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment.

X focuses on bringing about behaviour changes in individuals for combating climate change. Its objective is a global movement for transitioning from a model of destructive and mindless consumption to deliberate and mindful utilization of resources. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is the nodal ministry for national-level coordination and implementation of this Mission.

X also recognises that Indian culture and living traditions are inherently sustainable. It highlights importance of conserving our precious natural resources and living in harmony with nature are emphasised in our ancient scriptures.

Energy consumption is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, which is the primary cause of climate change. By reducing energy use, we can reduce our carbon footprint and help mitigate the effects of climate change

#### Q.5)

Identify the Mission X mentioned in the above passage

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| (a) Mission Saubhagya                                 |
| (b) Mission AWARE                                     |
| (c) Mission for Global Green                          |
| (d) Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change |
| (e) Mission LiFE                                      |

#### Q.6)

At which of the following international event in 2021 was the Mission X mentioned in above passage announced by Prime Minister?

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| (a) UNFCCC COP24, Katowice        |
| (b) UNFCCC COP25, Madrid          |
| (c) UNFCCC COP26, Glasgow         |
| (d) UNFCCC COP27, Sharm El Sheikh |
| (e) UNFCCC COP28, Dubai           |

#### Q.7)

Which of the following is not amongst seven themes of the Mission X?

- (a) Reducing use of single-use plastic
- (b) Adopting healthy lifestyle
- (c) Sustainable food systems
- (d) Planting Trees
- (e) Energy saving

**Q.8)**

**X Mission envisions three core shifts towards sustainability in three phases. Match the correct pairs**

- A) Phase 1 – i. Change in Policy*
- B) Phase 2 – ii. Change in Supply*
- C) Phase 3 – iii. Change in Demand*

- (a) A-iii, B-ii, C-i
- (b) A-i, B-ii, C-iii
- (c) A-ii, B-iii, C-i
- (d) A-i, B-iii, C-ii
- (e) A-iii, B-i, C-ii

**Q.9)**

**Which of the following is the first country to include mission X in its Nationally Determined Contribution?**

- (a) South Africa
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia
- (d) India
- (e) China

**Instructions for Q.10 to Q.13**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

X report is released twice a year by Y organisation, providing an assessment of the global economic situation. It provides an assessment of the global economic situation, including projections for economic growth, inflation, fiscal balances, and other macroeconomic indicators for both individual countries and regions

X report also presents economic forecasts for the near and medium-term for a wide range of countries and regions. These forecasts are based on various factors, including historical data, policy assumptions, and current economic conditions. It also contains an in-depth analysis of individual countries and regions, including discussions on their economic performance, policies, and potential risks and vulnerabilities.

In addition to providing economic analysis and projections, X report also offers policy recommendations to address economic challenges and promote sustainable economic growth. These recommendations are aimed at policymakers in member countries and international institutions.

**Q.10)**

**Identify the report X mentioned in above paragraph.**

- (a) Global Economic Gap

- (b) Global Economic Prospects
- (c) World Economic Outlook
- (d) World Economic Situation and Prospects
- (e) World Economic and Social Outlook

**Q.11)**

**As per the report X, mentioned in above paragraph, advanced economies are expected to see an especially pronounced growth slowdown, from 2.7 percent in 2022 to \_\_\_\_\_ percent in 2023. Fill the gap**

- (a) 1.8 percent
- (b) 1.3 percent
- (c) 1.5 percent
- (d) 1.7 percent
- (e) 1.2 percent

**Q.12)**

**The database for above Y report mentioned in above paragraph is created during biannual exercise, which begins in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year and results released in the April and September/October publication. Fill the gaps**

- (a) February and August
- (b) May and October
- (c) June and December
- (d) January and June
- (e) April and November

**Q.13)**

**Which of the following are three critical missions of Y organisation that releases X report mentioned in the above paragraph?**

- 1) Furthering international monetary cooperation*
- 2) Encouraging the expansion of trade and economic growth*
- 3) Discouraging policies that would harm prosperity*
- 4) Reducing poverty in developing countries*
- 5) Promoting and facilitating the liberalization of trade*

- (a) 3, 4 and 5
- (b) 2, 3 and 5
- (c) 1, 4 and 5
- (d) 2, 3 and 4
- (e) 1, 2 and 3

**Instructions for Q.14 to Q.16**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

These specific tribal groups in India have been facing extreme social, economic, and geographic isolation and are highly vulnerable to exploitation and marginalization compared to regular Scheduled Tribe. They usually reside in remote and geographically difficult areas, which often contribute to their isolation from mainstream society.

These tribal groups typically have a small population, distinct cultural practices, languages, and traditions that need protection and preservation. This makes them more susceptible to external pressures and cultural dilution. They also face significant poverty, illiteracy, and limited access to basic services such as

healthcare and education.

This tribal group has been created by Government of India with the purpose of better improving the living standards of endangered tribal groups based on priority. Moreover, Government of India is giving special focus on providing targeted welfare measures and developmental initiatives to uplift these tribal groups.

**Q.14)**

**The developmental work for these tribal groups mentioned in above paragraph are being taken under which of the following priorities of Saptarishi (7 Priorities) of Union Budget 2023-24?**

- (a) Unleashing the Potential
- (b) Youth Power
- (c) Green Growth
- (d) Infrastructure and Investment
- (e) Reaching the Last Mile

**Q.15)**

**Which of the following state does not have the presence of these tribal groups mentioned in the above paragraph?**

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Assam
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

**Q.16)**

**Which of the following criteria are being used by Government of India to identify these tribal groups mentioned in above paragraph?**

- 1) *Pre-agricultural level of technology*
- 2) *Low level of literacy*
- 3) *Economic Backwardness*
- 4) *Declining or Stagnant Population*
- 5) *Distinct cultural practices*

- (a) 1, 3, 4 and 5
- (b) 2, 3 and 5
- (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (e) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Instructions for Q.17 to Q.20**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.**

This portal for registration of Unorganised Workers across the country was launched on 26th August 2021. It aims to build comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) and migrant workers in the country seeded with Aadhaar.

It serves as a centralized database of all unorganized workers including Construction Workers, Migrant Workers, Gig and Platform workers, Street Vendors, Domestic Workers, Agriculture Workers, etc.

The portal is proving to be huge boost towards last mile delivery of the welfare schemes of unorganised workers. It is also improving the implementation efficiency of the social security services for the unorganized workers and integration of Social Security Schemes meant for UWs.

**Q.17)**

**How many unorganised sector workers have enrolled on this NDUW portal mentioned in the above paragraph?**

- (a) 31.45 crore
- (b) 28.87 crore
- (c) 24.58 crore
- (d) 19.45 crore
- (e) 16.67 crore

**Q.18)**

**This NDUW portal mentioned in the above paragraph has been recently integrated with application developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and \_\_\_\_\_. Fill the gap**

- (a) National Payments Corporation of India
- (b) National e-Governance Division
- (c) Common Services Centres
- (d) Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance
- (e) National Knowledge Network

**Q.19)**

**Which of the following services can be accessed through this NDUW portal mentioned in the above paragraph?**

- 1) *Employment Opportunities*
- 2) *Skilling*
- 3) *Apprenticeship*
- 4) *Pension Scheme*
- 5) *Digital Skilling and State Schemes*

- (a) 3, 4 and 5
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5
- (d) 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (e) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

**Q.20)**

**Which of the following ministries has recently added new feature in the portal to provide access to child education and women centric schemes to the migrant workers?**

- (a) Ministry of women and child development
- (b) Ministry of labour and employment
- (c) Ministry of social justice and empowerment
- (d) Ministry of health and family welfare
- (e) Ministry of education

**1 Markers****Q.21)**

Which of the following statement are correct with respect to Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme?

- 1) Investors are paid fixed rate of 2.5% per annum, payable semi-annually on nominal value
- 2) Issue price is less by Rs.50 per gram for investors subscribing online and pay through digital mode
- 3) A certificate of holding will be issued at the redemption after 8 years
- 4) These bonds are not sold through offices of Scheduled Foreign Banks

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| (a) 2 and 3 Only | (d) 1 and 4 Only |
| (b) 3 and 4 Only | (e) 2 and 4 Only |
| (c) 1 and 2 Only |                  |

**Q.22)**

The Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme is being implemented to encourage technical and post-graduate education Who among the eligible is/are eligible under the scheme?

- 1) Students who have taken admission in 1st year (except Lateral Entry & Integrated Course) are only eligible to apply for PMSS
- 2) Wards of Civilians including Para Military Personnel
- 3) Widows of Ex Servicemen & Ex Coast Guard personnel.

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| (a) Only 1 and 3 | (d) Only 3 |
| (b) Only 2 and 3 | (e) Only 2 |
| (c) Only 1 and 2 |            |

**Q.23)**

An NGO is trying to open Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra. Which of the following will be the benefits available to this NGO under the scheme?

- 1) It will be given incentive @ 15% of monthly purchase made from PMBI by these PMBJKS subject to ceiling of Rs 12,000/- per month
- 2) It will be provided 20% margin on MRP (excluding taxes) of each drug
- 3) In case it is special beneficiary, it will receive incentive of Rs.2 Lakhs

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| (a) 1 Only          | (d) 1 and 3 Only |
| (b) 1, 2 and 3 Only | (e) 2 and 3 Only |
| (c) 1 and 2 Only    |                  |

**Q.24)**

The Scheme X was launched by the Government of India on 5 April 2016 to promote entrepreneurship at grassroot level focusing on economic empowerment and job creation. Who amongst of the following can avail benefits under the

scheme?

- 1) Mohan who works in construction work wants to open his start-up to give benefits of housing to rural sector
- 2) Sunita and Sarita are sisters they belong to scheduled tribe and they want to avail a loan of 50,00,000
- 3) Savitri belongs to marginal community and wants to avail loan for her start-up under the scheme

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| (a) 1 and 2 Only | (d) 1 and 3 Only    |
| (b) 1 Only       | (e) 1, 2 and 3 Only |
| (c) 2 and 3 Only |                     |

**Q.25)**

Rajni who is 35 years old has two daughters Rina (12 Years) and Tina (8 years). She lost her husband recently and is availing benefits under Swadhar Greh Scheme. Which of the following is true?

- 1) Rajni can only take the benefits of the scheme till 45 years
- 2) Rina cannot stay with Rajni as she is above 10 years
- 3) Rajni can only take the benefits till 3 years

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| (a) 1 and 2 Only | (d) 1 and 3 Only |
| (b) 2 and 3 Only | (e) 2 Only       |
| (c) 3 Only       |                  |

**Instructions for Q.26**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

Harshit has a daughter Neha, who is 8 years old. Harshit is worried about her higher studies and marriage. He wants to save money for her future but has no idea where he should invest or save the money. Harshit met his friend Narender at a market where they started discussion about their own daughter's future. Narender told Harshit about an account which is meant for girl child. In this account minimum Rs.250 and Maximum Rs.1.5 lakh can be deposited. The scheme under which this account is being opened is operational since 2015 by ministry of women and child development. Harshit was satisfied with Narender's suggestion and he has opened the account mentioned by Narender in the name of her daughter Neha.

**Q.26)**

With respect to the scheme mentioned in the given information, identify the correct statement/s

- 1) The scheme is meant for the girl child below 10 years of age.
- 2) Premature withdrawal is limited to 50% of the balance that was at the end of the preceding financial year.
- 3) Maximum validity of account is 14 years

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| (a) Only 1 and 3 | (c) Only 2 and 3 |
| (b) Only 1 and 2 | (d) Only 2       |

(e) Only 3

**Instructions for Q.27**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

This is Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India. It became operational from 1.12.2018. Under it, an income support is provided to all land holding farmer families. In this case, farmer family is husband, wife and minor children. Identification of eligible beneficiary families under this scheme is done by State Government and UT administration. On basis of this, fund is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

**Q.27)**

Identify scheme mentioned in the above passage.

- (a) PM Vibrant Villages Programme
- (b) PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana
- (c) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- (d) PM Krishi UDAN scheme
- (e) National Scheme of Welfare of Farmers

**Instructions for Q.28**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions.

X initiative has been launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation in December 2022 for a biometric boarding system using Facial biometric verification Technology. It aims at providing a seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports. Its main objective is to enhance the passenger experience by eliminating the need for manual verification of tickets and ID at multiple touch points and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a Digital Framework.

**Q.28)**

Identify X initiative mentioned in the above paragraph?

- (a) Digi Suvidha
- (b) Digi Travel
- (c) Digi Checkin
- (d) Digi Flight
- (e) Digi Yatra

**Q.29)**

**Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) is a government initiative in India aimed at providing quality education to tribal children. These schools are fully funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. EMRS focuses on the holistic development of students by providing them with a conducive learning environment, modern infrastructure, and trained teachers. Government has planned to build EMRS in every block with 50% or more ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons. How much capital cost for construction of**

**EMRS is provided by Government in case of Northeast, Hilly and LWE affected areas?**

- (a) Rs. 50 crores
- (b) Rs. 48 crores
- (c) Rs. 37 crores
- (d) Rs. 25 crores
- (e) Rs. 17 crores

**Q.30)**

**Manoj is 38 years old. He has six members in his family. He is involved in construction work. He got to know about Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana which is the world's largest health insurance scheme. He also found that this scheme aims at providing a health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to poor and vulnerable families. Finding out importance of this scheme, he enrolled himself and his family under this scheme.**

Which of the following statements are correct about benefits of Scheme to Manoj?

- 1) Only five members of his family can avail the benefits
- 2) Only his dependent parents can avail the benefits
- 3) He cannot avail the benefits as he has crossed the age limit

- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1 and 3
- (d) None is correct
- (e) All are correct

**ESI - Descriptive****15 Markers****Q.1)**

**In the light of RBI's report on currency and finance FY 2022-23, explain**

- Macroeconomic effect of climate change
- 3 landmark global collaborations on climate change

**Q.2)**

**World bank has released its World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees and Societies. Discuss key recommendations for the countries given in the report.**

**Q.3)**

**UNDP's new strategy for Gender Equality was mentioned in UNDP's report. Taking reference of this report, how can we introduce gender sensitization in the fabric of Indian economy.**

**10 Markers****Q.1)**

**Explain any 3 schemes of the government of India working towards employment generation and poverty alleviation.**

**Q.2)**

**What are the Direct and indirect monetary policy measures and briefly explain at least 8 of them.**

**Q.3)**

**What are the various challenges faced by start-ups in tier 2 and tier 3 cities?**