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## Prep Series Part - 17

# 50 QUESTIONS CURRENT AFFAIRS (PART - III)

- Q1. The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has launched climate change programme to conduct study to assess the status, distribution and conservation of which of the following in Central Himalayas?
- (a) Pheasants (b) Finches  
(c) Both a and b (d) Neither a nor b
- Q2. Identify the correct statement(s) from the following.
- (a) The first ever Investors' Summit for the north eastern states was held in Guwahati, capital city of Assam.  
(b) The theme of the summit was 'Exploring Opportunities in North East Region' (NER).  
(c) Both a and b  
(d) Neither a nor b
- Q3. Consider the following statements.
1. The Union Government has launched nationwide "Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign (SLAC)" on the occasion of Anti-Leprosy Day.
  2. The day is observed every year on January 28 in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi who attained martyrdom on this day in 1948, to remember his selfless efforts and care for the people affected with Leprosy.
- 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
- Q4. Which of the following countries became the first country in the world to appoint a special "digital ambassador" in its administration to work on building ties with the globe's tech giants"?
- (a) Lithuania (b) Russia  
(c) Denmark (d) U.S.A
- Q5. Who of the following won the 2017 Australian Open title in the men's singles category?
- (a) Rafael Nadal (b) Roger Federer  
(c) Andy Murray (d) Novak Djokovic
- Q6. The Union Finance Ministry has announced that the General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) will be effective from the 1 April, 2017. Consider the following statements related to it.
1. GAAR seeks to prevent companies from routing transactions through other countries to avoid taxes.
  2. The rules are framed mainly to minimize and check avoidance of tax.



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3. At present, GAAR is in force in nations like Australia, Singapore, China and the UK.
4. GAAR will also apply on foreign portfolio investor if its jurisdiction is based on non-tax commercial considerations and the main purpose is to obtain tax benefits.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Q7. TROPEX was in news in the recent past. What is this?

- (a) China and Russia conducted military exercise.
- (b) The Indian Navy's Annual Theatre Readiness Operational Exercise 2017 is conducted off the Western Seaboard.
- (c) Japan and Russia conducted military exercise.
- (d) Neither a nor b nor c

Q8. The indigenously built nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile was successfully test-fired from a test range off Odisha coast, as part of a user trial by India Army. Consider the following statements about Agni-I ballistic missile.

1. Agni-I is intermediate range nuclear capable surface-to-air ballistic missile.
2. It is single stage missile powered by solid propellants.
3. It can hit a target 700 km away.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q9. Who among the following was the chief guest at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention?

- (a) António Costa
- (b) Michael Ashwin Satyandre Adhin
- (c) Orlando Costa
- (d) Luis Afonso Maria da Costa

Q10. India's longest expressway has been launched by which of the following states of India?

- (a) Haryana      (b) Chhattisgarh  
(c) Uttar Pradesh      (d) Tamil Nadu

Q11. The twin trial of nuclear capable Prithvi-II missile was successfully conducted by the India Army

from a test range at Chandipur in Odisha. Consider the following statements.

1. Prithvi-II is the first missile to be indigenously developed by the DRDO under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.
2. It is surface-to-surface medium range ballistic missile with strike range of 350 km.

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

Q12. The first 'World Sanskrit Award' was presented to whom of the following?

- (a) Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
- (b) Prof. George Cardona
- (c) Pandurang Vaman Kane
- (d) Only a and b

Q13. Identify the incorrect statement from the following.

- (a) Japan has launched world's longest super-secure quantum communication line.
- (b) The super-secure quantum communication line is 712-km in length.
- (c) It boasts of ultra-high security making it impossible to wiretap, intercept or crack the information transmitted through them.
- (d) Neither a nor b nor c

Q14. Consider the following statements.

1. China had successfully launched the world's first quantum satellite.
2. It was nicknamed as Micius after a 5th century BC Chinese philosopher and scientist.

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

Q15. Identify the portal which has been launched by the union government to ensure transparency in mining operations?

- (a) Tanra      (b) Taboo  
(c) Tamra      (d) Tacma

Q16. Which among the following Indian health institute has won first prize for sanitation & hygiene under the Kayakalp awards 2017?

- (a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences



(AIIMS), New Delhi.

- (b) Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.
- (c) National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), Delhi
- (d) North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong.

Q17. Which international organization has opened the South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) in India?

- (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- (b) World Bank (WB)
- (c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (d) World Health Organization (WHO)

Q18. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The ISRO has successfully launched constellation of eight mini-satellites as part Cyclone Global Navigation Satellite System (CYGNSS) into space to improve hurricane forecasting.
- 2. Unlike weather satellites already in orbit, these satellites can peer through rain swirling in a hurricane, all the way into the core or eye.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q19. Consider the following statements.

- 1. China has launched its first fully-owned overseas satellite ground station near the North Pole enabling it to collect satellite data anywhere on the Earth at fastest speed in the world.
- 2. It is formally known as China Remote Sensing Satellite North Pole Ground Station.

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

Q20. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The UN cultural body UNESCO has accorded world heritage status to Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro (nicknamed as Marvelous City).
- 2. It has been registered as "Carioca Landscapes between Mountain and Sea" on the UNESCO world heritage list.

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

Q21. Which of the following states became first in the country to launch Mahila Police Volunteer (MPV) initiative for safety of women?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Kerala

Q22. The fifth edition of the India-Arab Partnership Conference was held in Muscat, Oman from December 14 to 15, 2016. Consider the following statements related to it.

- 1. Theme of the conference was 'Partnership towards innovation and cooperation in IT'.
- 2. The aim of the conferences was to enhance flow of investments from both sides, accelerate the investment projects of prioritized sectors, provide conducive environment for export promotion.

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

Q23. 'EKUVERIN' the joint military exercise has been conducted in the recent past between which of the following countries?

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
- (b) Russia and China
- (c) India and Maldives
- (d) India and Bangladesh

Q24. Consider the following statements.

- 1. The Union Cabinet has approved memorandum of understanding (MoU) between India and Kyrgyzstan on cooperation in field of agriculture and food related industry.



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2. Besides, the Union Cabinet also approved MoU between India and Kyrgyzstan for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q25. The sixth edition of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD) was organized in-

- (a) New Delhi                  (b) Pakistan  
(c) Maldives                  (d) Bhutan

Q26. The new UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres belongs to which of the following countries?

- (a) Algeria                      (b) Portugal  
(c) France                        (d) Israel

Q27. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (a) Haryana Government has launched country's first amphibious bus project  
(b) The amphibious bus named as "Harike Cruise" travels on land and as well as in water.  
(c) Both are correct  
(d) Both are incorrect

Q28. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The Union Government has formally inked a financing agreement for IDA credit of US\$ 48 million for the 'Nagaland Health Project' along with a Project Agreement.  
2. However, the objective of the project is to improve health services and also their utilization by communities by all the North-Eastern States.

Select the correct code

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

Q29. The Supreme Court has described side effects of Endosulfan, and directed Kerala government to release entire Rs. 500 crore compensation to over 5,000 victims in three months who have suffered from various deformities and health

complications due to use of Endosulfan in the state. Consider the following statements about it.

1. Endosulfan is a most toxic pesticides having hazardous effects on human genetic and endocrine systems.  
2. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2011 added it in list of banned substances and phasing it out as an agrichemical.

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

Q30. Identify the correct statement(s).

- (a) China successfully launched first commercial mission using an updated version of the low-cost Kuaizhou-1A rocket.  
(b) As part of the mission three satellites JL-1, CubeSats XY-S1 and Caton-1 were launched into space.  
(c) Both a and b  
(d) Neither a nor b

Q31. FORPHEUS is-

- (a) The world's first robot table tennis tutor.  
(b) The world's largest quantum computer built by China.  
(c) The first ever joint military exercise conducted between USA and Iran.  
(d) Neither a nor b nor c

Q32. India's first hill station bicycle path was inaugurated in Darjeeling, West Bengal at an altitude of over 2,000 metres. Identify the wrong statement from the following.

- (a) Darjeeling is a popular tourist destination in India.  
(b) It is famous for its tea industry, spectacular views of Kangchenjunga, the world's third-highest mountain and UNESCO World Heritage Site and Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.  
(c) The 20 km long cycle route runs through thick pine forest and Lothian Island Wildlife Sanctuary.  
(d) Neither a nor b nor c

Q33. Consider the following statements.



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1. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a deal to jointly develop a medium range surface-to-air missile (MR-SAM) system for Army with help of Israel.
2. The system will be based on the older FALCON system of Israel, which is in use in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q34. Astronomers from NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) for the first time have discovered seven new Earth-sized exoplanets that may be able to sustain life. What is an exoplanets?

1. It is a planet that does not orbit the Sun and instead orbits a different star, stellar remnant, or brown dwarf.
2. It is also termed as extrasolar planet.

Select the correct code

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

Q35. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Government has launched Bharat QR code, a quick response (QR) code to enable digital payments based upon card swiping machines.
2. It is world's first interoperable payment acceptance solution launched by Indian Government to move towards less-cash economy.
3. Bharat QR code has been developed by jointly by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Visa, MasterCard and American Express under instructions from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
4. It enables person to make payments to retailers without using the merchant's ID or number.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q36. The Union Ministry of Electronics and

Information Technology (MeitY) has launched Cyber Swachhta Kendra in New Delhi for Botnet cleaning and Malware analysis. Besides, minister also launched which of the following cyber security tools?

1. USB Pratirodh              2. AppSamvid
3. M-Kavach

Select the correct code

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

Q37. Consider the following statements.

1. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched SAATHIYA Resource Kit and SAATHIYA SALAH mobile app for adolescents as part of the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) programme.
2. The Saathiyas act as catalyst for generating demand for adolescent health services and also impart age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issues to their peer groups.
3. The Resource Kit has been developed by ISRO.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Q38. Identify the correct statement(s).

- (a) The World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on 8th February to recognize the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment.
- (b) 2017 Theme: "Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work".
- (c) Both are correct
- (d) Both are incorrect

Q39. Identify the correct statement(s).

- (a) Scientists from Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) have made world's strongest material graphene commercially more viable by using soybean.
- (b) They have developed a novel "GraphAir technology" which transforms soybean oil, a renewable, natural material into



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graphene films in a single step.

- (c) Both a and b
- (d) Neither a nor b

Q40. Consider the following statements.

1. India's vaccine regulatory body NRAI (National Regulatory Authority of India) was given the least ratings by the World Health Organization (WHO) for vaccine regulations.
2. India, as a large vaccine producing country, is currently supplying several vaccines to the United Nations agencies (UNICEF, WHO etc.).

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q41. Identify the correct statement(s).

- (a) In a bid to benefit small farmers in India and globally, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) would work together on crop improvement and agronomy programmes for grain legumes and dryland cereals.
- (b) In this regard, ICAR and ICRISAT, recently signed an agreement in which climate smart crops, smart food and digitalization of breeding database were identified as some of the core areas of research.
- (c) Both are correct
- (d) Both are incorrect

Q42. Releasing a world ranking of the number of women parliamentarians that placed India at number 148, UN Women - the international organization's arm for empowering women - has called for reservations for women. Consider the following statements about UN Women.

1. UN Women is the UN entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women and it was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.
2. In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women, the United

Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q43. National Physical Laboratory (NPL) has established an atmospheric monitoring station in the campus of Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (IHBT) at Palampur (H.P.) to serve as reference for comparison of polluted atmosphere in India. Which of the following statements related to it is/are correct?

1. The station houses calibrated state-of-the-art-equipment for the continuous measurements of ambient and greenhouse gases (CO, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, hydrocarbons, black-carbon, CO<sub>2</sub> & CH<sub>4</sub>), and weather parameters.
2. In India, air quality parameters are mostly measured in industrial and residential areas, however, data for air quality of pristine atmosphere is also available in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q44. Which of the following Railway zone of Indian Railway has unveiled India's first air-conditioned rail ambulance?

- (a) North East Railway zone
- (b) Central Railway zone
- (c) Western Railway zone
- (d) South-Central Railway zone

Q45. Consider the following statements.

1. The German Development Bank (KfW) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed a loan agreement for €200 million to enhance energy efficiency in India.
2. KfW also signed a funding deal with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) to maintain solar projects.

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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

Q46. Which of the following countries recently successfully tested a ballistic missile Hormuz 2?

- (a) Pakistan (b) Iran  
(c) Uzbekistan (d) Russia

Q47. Consider the following statements.

1. International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Indian cricketer legend Kapil Dev as the official ambassador of Women's Cricket World Cup 2017.
2. The women's World Cup is scheduled to be held in June 2017 at England and Wales with eight top cricketer countries looking forward to grab the coveted trophy.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

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

Q48. Identify the correct statement(s) from the following.

- (a) IDFC Bank became the first bank in the country to launch the biometric-based payment system Aadhaar Pay through its network.
- (b) Aadhaar Pay will enable merchants to receive payments from customers without any physical payment instrument.

(c) Customer can use this service by first linking his bank account to the Aadhaar number.

(d) All a, b and c

Q49. Consider the following statements.

1. The 13th edition of Economic Co-operation Organization (ECO) summit was held in Tehran.
2. The ECO is a Eurasian political and economic intergovernmental organization formed in 1985 by Pakistan, Iran and Turkey.

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

Q50. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. HDFC Bank launched electronic virtual assistant (EVA), India's first artificial intelligence-driven banking chatbot, for customer services.
2. It can answer millions of customer queries across multiple channels instantly.

Select the correct code

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



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