**RBI GRADE B Phase-2**

**Economics and social issue**

Question Number: **1**

Which among the following personality envisaged to implement the design of providing framework of sustainable development called PURA (Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas)?

Options:

(a) Shyama Prasad Mukharjee

(b) Jawahar Lal Nehru

(c) APJ Abdul Kalam

(d) Morarji Desai

Answer: The correct option is (c).

Explanation: President of India DR APJ Abdul Kalam suggested PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) in 2004, but it was failed to takeoff that year due to the inter-ministerial miscoordination in UPA government. Modi government repacked the mission in 2016.

The mission is headed by Rural Development Ministry. It is a Core Scheme which is not 100% funded by Union.

It was aimed to select and clustered 15 to 20 villages. Each village was given more money to improve Electricity, water, roads, centre for Agriculture Processing, Tourism, Skill development etc. It will result in the economic opportunity and ease of living will improve in the rural areas

Itself and cities will face less migration and congestion.

Question Number: **2**

Question:

**ASSERTION (A):** The secondary function of money is to store and transfer the value?

**Reason (R):** It can store the value of money and use it as medium of exchange for secondary purposes.

Options:

(a) A is true and R is the correct Explanation of A.

(b) A is true but R is not the correct Explanation of A.

(c) A is true but R is not true

(d) A is true and R is true

Answer: The correct option is (b).

Explanation: A is true but R is not the correct explanation of A.

There are two type of primary function of money. These are

* Measure of value like Gram into weight, milliliter into volume, Money into Value.
* It is also the medium of exchange like it is used for buying and selling of goods, commodity etc.

Money has three type of secondary function. They are

* Store of value
* Transfer of value like soldiers in Kashmir want to transfer money to parents.
* Deferred payments

It has also contingent function like

* Basis of credit system and financial markets
* Employing factor inputs
* Creation &Redistribution of National Income

Question Number: **3**

Arrange the following services in decreasing order which show highest export of trade in services in 2020 under current account in balance of payment?

Options:

(a) Software services, Business services, Travel

(b) Software services, Travel, Business services

(c) Software services, Business services, Transport

(d) Transport, Business services, Travel

Answer: The correct option is (a).

Explanation: There are two components of current account.

Visible component- The trade in Goods was $330 billion worth goods exported vs

$510 worth imported. Comparing to last 3 years, trade deficit has increased.

Invisible component- Trade in Services show highest export in Software services >

Business Services > Travel > Transport. Our Surplus has increased in last 3 years as $208 Export - $126 Import= +82 Billion surplus.

Question Number: **4**

Which of the following is/are not a component of Gender social norms index in which women will suffer?

1. Political empowerment
2. Educational empowerment
3. Ethical impoverishment
4. Economic empowerment
5. Social empowerment
6. Physical integrity

Options:

1. 1, 2 and 3
2. 1, 3 and 5
3. 1, 6 and 4
4. 3 and 5
5. 2, 4 and 6

Answer: The correct option is (d).

Explanation: UNDP started Gender Social Norms Index for the first time in 2020. It measures how public’s own social beliefs obstruct gender inequality in politics, work and education. (0% of the world people and 98% of Indians hold one bias against females e.g. men are better political/business leaders than women etc. consequently women will suffer in four index:

* Political empowerment
* Educational empowerment
* Economic empowerment
* Physical integrity

Number of female heads of country have decreased e.g British PM Theresa may replaced by a male, south korea and Brazil’s female presidents impeached on the charges of corruption.

Question Number: **5**

Consider the following about Covid relief package of finance ministry under PM Garib Kalyan Yojana and choose the incorrect statement?

1. EPFO workers can withdraw x% from their account from next 3 months.
2. Women Self Help Group to be given Rs30 lakh collateral free loan for next 3 months.
3. Wages under MNREGA has increased from Rs182 to Rs200.

Options:

1. Only 1 and 2
2. Only 2 and 3
3. Only 1 and 3
4. All of these

Answer: The correct option is (b).

Explanation:

In March 2020 Union government release Rs1.70 Crore relief package with some notable features:

For social security and Financial inclusion-

* Rs500 per month to 20 crore women Jan Dhan Accounts for next three months
* Rs1000 to 3 Crore poor senior citizen, poor widows and poor disabled.
* EPFO can withdraw X% from their account for next three months.
* Women SHG to be given Rs20 lakh collateral free loans.

For farmers-

* Rs2,000 granted Under PMKISAN Yojana and installment to be paid ahead of time.

For workers-

* MNREGA wage increase from Rs182/day to Rs202/day.
* In Union government’s building and other construction workers act 1996 workers contribute money to a fund held by the state government. State governments ordered to use this money for helping them during covid-19.