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PYQ #1: Inspector of Statistics, 2025

Inspector of Statistics in the Director and Statistics under Transformation and Development Department:

This exam is conducted by APSC. It contains 3 papers- Paper I- English (Essay, Comprehension, Precise, Drafting) Paper II-General Studies (OMR based) Paper-III- Optional Subject (Economics, Statistics, Mathematics).

Educational Qualifications: At least second class Master Degree in Economics, Statistics or Mathematics from a recognized University or its equivalent. Applicants must upload the certificate of the Master Degree as proof of educational qualification claimed in the online form.

Q1. Banu Mushtaq's Heart Lamp, which won the International Booker Prize 2025, chronicles the

- (A) struggles of a mother of four who is trying to save her family as her country slips into totalitarianism.
- (B) story of six fictional astronauts over 24 hours in an orbiting space station.
- (C) everyday lives of women and girls in patriarchal communities in Southern India
- (D) story of a murdered war photographer

Correct Answer: C

Explained: Kannada author Banu Mushtaq has made history by becoming the first Indian writer in Kannada to win the International Booker Prize, announced in London. Her acclaimed collection, Heart Lamp, comprises twelve short stories translated into English by Deepa Bhashti. Originally published in Kannada as Hridaya Deepa, the book spans Mushtaq's literary journey from 1990 to 2023. It has been honoured for its powerful depiction of family dynamics and social struggles within the cultural landscape of Karnataka.

Q2. Identify the first Indian State which achieved full functional literacy.

- (A) Mizoram
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Assam

Correct Answer: A

Explained: Mizoram, which attained statehood on 20th February 1987, spans a geographical area of 21,081 km² (8,139 sq mi). As per the 2011 Census, it recorded a literacy rate of 91.33%, ranking third in India. Additional information:

Tripura declared fully literate under ULLAS-Nav Shiksha Saaksharta Karyakram, third after Goa and Mizoram.

Ladakh became the first non-state administrative unit to declare full literacy.

Q3. The vision of this scheme is to make Bharat-Jan Jan Saakshar' and is based on the spirit of Kartavya Bodh' and is being implemented on volunteerism. Identify the scheme referred to here.

- (A) Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

- (B) ULLAS
- (C) PM SVANidhi
- (D) Samagra Shiksha

Correct Answer: B

Explained: ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, or the New India Literacy Programme (NILP), is a centrally sponsored initiative designed to fulfill the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Its main goal is to educate adults aged 15 years and above who did not have the opportunity for formal schooling. The programme helps them gain essential reading, writing, and numeracy abilities, along with important life skills that encourage continuous learning. The scheme is carried out through voluntary participation, promoting social responsibility and a sense of duty (Kartavya Bodh). Learners can access learning materials in regional languages through the DIKSHA Portal and the ULLAS Mobile App/Portal, making education accessible, inclusive, and technology-based. The implementation of ULLAS is in Hybrid (both in online and offline) mode.

Primers named ULLAS is available in 22 languages:

Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Maithili, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.

Q4. 'Poshan Pakhwada', an annual nutrition awareness drive and a key initiative of the Government of India's Poshan Abhiyan emphasized on four key themes in 2025. Which of the following is one of the four key themes of 2025?

- (A) Popularization of seafood
- (B) Promotion and popularization of millets
- (C) Focus on first 1000 days of life
- (D) Strengthening of Saksham Anganwadis

Correct Answer: C

Explained: Poshan Pakhwada 2025 is a step towards building a nutritious Bharat with the main focus on women and children. The Ministry of Women & Child Development is the nodal Ministry for coordinating activities during the Poshan Pakhwada. In the State/UT, Department of Women & Child Development /Social Welfare Department is the nodal department for Poshan Pakhwada.

PYQ #10: Legal Metrology, 2025

Legal Metrology under Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department: The exam contains two Papers: Paper- 1 (General Studies) and Paper-2 (General Science) (both Objective Type)

Eligibility Criteria: A candidate should hold a Bachelor Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects or Bachelor Degree in Engineering.

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding India's macroeconomic situation:

1. Despite global inflationary pressures, India has consistently maintained retail inflation below the target band of $4\% \pm 2\%$.
2. India's fiscal deficit has shown a continuous declining trend as a percentage of GDP in the last three financial years.
3. Foreign Exchange Reserves in India have been consistently rising, primarily due to increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 2 only
- (C) 3 only
- (D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (D)

Explained: All three statements are factually inaccurate based on recent data from RBI, Economic Survey 2024–25, and MoF updates.

Q2. In the context of India's external sector, which of the following scenarios would most likely lead to an appreciation of the Indian Rupee (INR) against the US Dollar (USD)?

1. A significant increase in crude oil prices globally
2. A substantial rise in Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) into Indian equity markets
3. An increase in remittances from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
4. The Reserve Bank of India selling US Dollars in the Foreign Exchange market

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 3 and 4
- (D) 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: (D)

Explained: FPI inflows and remittances bring foreign currency, increasing demand for INR and leading to its appreciation. RBI selling dollars increases supply of USD, also appreciating the rupee. Higher crude oil prices increase im-

port bills and weaken the rupee.

Q3. Which of the following are the most prominent challenges impacting the long-term sustainability and growth of the Assam tea industry?

1. Increasing competition from other tea-producing regions globally
2. Impact of climate change leading to erratic weather patterns affecting tea production
3. Labour issues including rising wages and concerns over working conditions
- 4 Limited scope for value addition and diversification beyond bulk tea production

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

- (A) 1 and 2 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct Answer: (D)

Explained: All the factors listed are major structural challenges-global competition, climate-induced fluctuations, labour cost issues, and lack of diversification in value-added tea products-collectively threatening long-term sustainability of Assam's tea industry.

Q4. NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam said, "We are the fourth largest economy. We are a _____ economy as I speak." Which of the following data be mentioned in his statement?

- (A) \$2 trillion
- (B) \$3 trillion
- (C) \$4 trillion
- (D) \$5 trillion

Correct Answer: (C)

Explained: In November 2024, NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam officially stated that India's GDP had crossed the \$4 trillion mark, making it the fourth-largest economy in the world after the U.S., China, and Japan.

PYQ #24: Engineer (Mechanical) under PWRD & [PW(B&NH)D] 2023

Engineer (Mechanical) under joint cadre of Public Works Roads (PWRD) and Public Works (Building & National Highway) Department [PW(B&NH)D] Advt No- 34/2023 dtd 18-12-2023: The exam involves an OMR-based Objective Test with two papers (Engineering Subject & General Studies/English), typically held in pen-and-paper mode, testing core Mechanical Engineering subjects (Strength of Materials, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, etc.) and General Aptitude/Studies.

Eligibility: Degree or Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Q1. World Health Organization (WHO) awards countries for progress in eliminating industrially produced trans fats (iTFA) for first time. In India, the step taken to regulate TFA is known as

- (A) Stop Eating Trans Fat
- (B) Eat Right India Movement
- (C) Eat Fat Free Food
- (D) Right to Eat Fat Free

Correct Answer: (B)

Explained :

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched the Eat Right India Movement (2018) under the aegis of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. One of its pillars is to eliminate industrially produced trans fats by regulating food labelling and reformulation.

Key Facts:

India capped TFA at 2% in edible oils and fats (FSS Regulation, 2021).

Campaigns like Heart Attack Rewind were part of this mission.

Q2. DRDO celebrated the 66th Foundation Day on 1st January, 2024. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding DRDO?

- (i) It is the R&D wing of the Ministry of Defence, formed in 1956.
- (ii) DRDO indigenously developed Agni and Prithvi series missiles, Pinaka: Multi-barrel rocket launcher and Akash: Air defence system.
- (iii) J. Manjula was the first woman Director General of DRDO.

Codes:

- (A) Only (i)
- (B) Only (i) and (ii)
- (C) Only (ii) and (iii)
- (D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (C)

Explained :

DRDO was established in 1958 (not 1956) by merging the Technical Development Establishments and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production.

It developed Agni, Prithvi, Pinaka, Akash, and many other

indigenous systems.

Dr. J. Manjula became the first woman DG (Electronics & Communication Systems) in 2015.

Key Facts:

Motto: “Balasya Mulam Vigyanam” (Science is the basis of strength).

HQ: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi.

Q3. Indian toy industry witnesses 52% decline in imports and 239% rise in exports in FY 2022–23 from FY 2014–15. These observations have been noted in a case study on ‘Success Story of Made in India Toys’ conducted by —

- (A) IIM Lucknow
- (B) IIM Ahmedabad
- (C) FICCI
- (D) IIM Shillong

Correct Answer: (A)

Explained :

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) commissioned a case study titled “Success Story of Made in India Toys” conducted by IIM Lucknow.

Key Facts:

Import duty on toys increased from 20% to 60%.

India’s toy exports rose by 239%, and imports fell by 52% (2014–2023).

Focus on “Vocal for Local” and Toy Cluster Development.

Q4. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, study in Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary (EWS) has revealed the migration of birds uphill amid rising temperatures. Eaglenest or Eagle’s Nest Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area located in —

- (A) West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh
- (B) Chandel district of Manipur
- (C) Bishnupur district of Manipur
- (D) Southern districts of Karnataka

Correct Answer: (A)

Explained :

Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary lies in West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh. The IISc study revealed upslope movement of bird species due to climate change.

PYQ #39: ADRE Higher Secondary, 2024

ADRE Higher Secondary 2024 Exam: Conducted in phases (e.g., September 15, 2024) with 150 multiple-choice questions, 3-hour duration, negative marking (1/4th), covering English, General Knowledge, Math, General Science, & Assamese/Bodo/Bengali/Hindi, focusing on Assam-specific topics, with outcomes leading to skill tests/interviews.

Eligibility: Passing the HSSLC (Class 12th) or equivalent examination, with some specific Grade 3 posts requiring a Science stream pass.

Q1. What was the last capital of Ahom Kingdom?

- (A) Charaideo
- (B) Jorhat
- (C) Rangpur
- (D) Garhgaon

Correct Answer: (B)

Explained:

Jorhat was the last capital of the Ahom Kingdom before the Burmese invasion. Earlier capitals included Charaideo, Garhgaon, and Rangpur.

Q2. What was the name of Srimanta Sankardeva's grandmother?

- (A) Aidew Aita
- (B) Jakoimoti
- (C) Kherxrutti
- (D) Soirindhri

Correct Answer: (C)

Explained:

Srimanta Sankardeva's grandmother was Kherxrutti, who played an important role in his early life at Batadrava.

Q3. Who was known as the 'Lion of Mysore'?

- (A) Adil Shah
- (B) Hyder Ali
- (C) Krishnaraja Wodeyar
- (D) Tipu Sultan

Correct Answer: (D)

Explained: Tipu Sultan was known as the "Lion of Mysore" for his bravery and resistance against the British during the Anglo-Mysore Wars.

Q4. Which State of India has Jallianwala Bagh?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Haryana
- (C) Rajasthan
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: (A)

Explained: Jallianwala Bagh is located in Amritsar, Punjab. It is known for the tragic massacre of 1919 during British

rule.

Q5. Which of the following countries was a part of the Axis Group during the World War II?

- (A) England
- (B) Japan
- (C) France
- (D) Soviet Union

Correct Answer: (B)

Explained: The Axis Powers during World War II consisted of Germany, Italy, and Japan. The Allies included England, France, and the Soviet Union.

Q6. The ruins of Angkor Wat are in which country?

- (A) New Zealand
- (B) Indonesia
- (C) Vietnam
- (D) Cambodia

Correct Answer: (D)

Explained: Angkor Wat is a temple complex built by the Khmer Empire in the 12th century, located in present-day Cambodia.

Q7. Which of the following countries does Assam share international borders with?

- (A) Bhutan and China
- (B) China and Bangladesh
- (C) Bangladesh and Bhutan
- (D) Myanmar and Bangladesh

Correct Answer: (C)

Explained: Assam shares international borders with Bangladesh to the southwest and Bhutan to the north.

Q8. If an airplane is flying directly from Chennai towards Guwahati, in which direction is it flying?

- (A) From South to East
- (B) From East to West
- (C) From West to East
- (D) From North to East

Correct Answer: (A)

Q94. AQRD : BRSE :: LMTJ : _____

- (A) MNRK
- (B) MNSK
- (C) MNUK
- (D) MMUK

Correct Answer: C

Explained: The pattern would be (+1, +1, -1, +1)

Q95. Bus : Driver :: Horse : _____

- (A) Saddle
- (B) Rein
- (C) Horseman
- (D) Stirrup

Correct Answer: C

Explained:

A Horse is operated/ridden/guided by a Horseman

From Q. 96 – Q. 98 : Three out of the following four options are alike in a particular pattern and hence form a group. Find the one which does NOT belong to the group.

Q96.

- (A) 2837
- (B) 7651
- (C) 3925
- (D) 9762

Correct Answer: D

Explained:

Their last digit is odd

Q97.

- (A) 225/3375
- (B) 100/1331
- (C) 169/2744
- (D) 289/5832

Correct Answer: B

Explained:

Each option is that the first number is the square of an integer, and the second number is the cube of the same integer.

100/1331: $100=10^2$, but $1331=11^3$

Q98.

- (A) Emission
- (B) Pollution
- (C) Contamination
- (D) Adulteration

Correct Answer: A

Explained: Pollution, Contamination, and Adulteration are all terms that describe the act or result of making something impure or harmful, typically by adding foreign substances to it

Q99. Find the number of triangles in the given figure :



- (A) 12
- (B) 18
- (C) 22
- (D) 26

Correct Answer: B

Explained: Self Explanatory

Q100. Identify the diagram that best represents the relationship among the classes : New Delhi, Sri Lanka, Asia

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)

Correct Answer: B

Explained:

The large outer circle represents Asia (the continent).

The two smaller, non-overlapping circles inside represent New Delhi (a city in India) and Sri Lanka (an island country).

Both are located entirely within Asia but are distinct geographical entities from each other.

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