

IASbaba's Daily Quiz

January 5, 2017

Q.1) Consider the following statements about Socio Economic and Caste Census

1. The SECC 2011 ranks households based on their socio-economic status to enable state governments to prepare a list of families living below the poverty line
2. It also makes available information regarding the socio-economic condition and education status of various castes and sections of the population
3. The Ministry of Rural Development will start using SECC 2011 data this year for its National Social Assistance Programme to pay pension to rural poor and National Rural Livelihood Mission

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.1) Solution (d)

Government will adopt the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) instead of the poverty line-based method to identify recipients for its pro-poor schemes. The SECC 2011 ranks households based on their socio-economic status to enable state governments to prepare a list of families living below the poverty line. It also makes available information regarding the socio-economic condition and education status of various castes and sections of the population.

The Ministry of Rural Development will start using SECC 2011 data this year for its National Social Assistance Programme to pay pension to rural poor and National Rural Livelihood Mission. Both schemes use BPL data to estimate the number of the poor. "BPL data tells us how many are poor and SECC who are those poor... it is a more targeted and scientific approach in ensuring the right person gets the benefit.

The Sumit Bose Committee formed to study the validity and efficiency of the SECC 2011 data in identifying the poor recently submitted its report, which is in favour of using the information for rural development schemes. The committee also developed a formula based on deprivation parameters to identify beneficiaries for specific schemes.

The greater the deprivation score, the higher will be the ranking of a household for getting government assistance. The government is also identifying workers under the national rural employment guarantee scheme who have reported deprivation in the SECC study.

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The SECC data provides age-wise classification matched with various deprivation parameters, which will now be used for the pension programme for the rural population. The government is likely to issue a directive to states to use the SECC data instead of the poverty line-based measure to target beneficiaries for rural schemes.

In News - <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/socio-economic-and-caste-census-data-to-drive-welfare-schemes/articleshow/56322159.cms>

Q.2) China sent its first freight train to London in what is one of the world's longest train rides. The train will pass through which of the following countries before it gets to London?

1. Belarus
2. Poland
3. Belgium
4. Kyrgyzstan
5. Russia

Select the correct code

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

Q.2) Solution (b)

The train left Yiwu West Railway Station in Zhejiang province Sunday and is headed for the British capital.

The train is hauling household goods, bags, suitcases and garments, among other items, and will pass through Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Germany, Belgium and France before it gets to London.

The train is part of Chinese President Xi Jinping's vision for "One Belt, One Road" -- dubbed by some as the new silk road. It's China's infrastructure initiative, which Xi hopes will improve China's economic ties with Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

China freight train to London



In News - <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/chinas-freight-train-to-london-another-step-in-exploring-ancient-trade-routes-4456591/>

Q.3) The theme for 104th Indian Science Congress is

- a) Science and Technology for National Development
- b) Science and Technology for Indigenous Development in India
- c) Science and Technology for Human Development
- d) Innovations in Science & Technology for Inclusive Development

Q.3) Solution (a)

The theme for the five-day event is 'Science and Technology for National Development'.

The 104th Indian Science Congress will also witness Children Science Congress to be held from January 4 to 6 at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam aimed at highlighting the need to create awareness about science among children and elders.

In News - <http://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/prime-minister-narendra-modi-to-inaugurate-104th-indian-science-congress-in-andhra-pradesh/494892/>

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Q.4) Between 2008 and 2015, India purchased defence equipments worth USD 34 billion, which is a distant second after Saudi Arabia's USD 93.5 billion, said the report 'Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations 2008-2015'. The report is released by

- a) Institute of Economic and Peace
- b) NATO
- c) Congressional Research Service
- d) Peninsula Shield Force

Q.4) Solution (c)

The report titled "Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations, 2008—2015" and prepared by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, a division of the Library of Congress.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/US-tops-weapons-sales-globally-for-2015-Congressional-report/article16949771.ece>

Q.5) Consider the following statements about Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)

1. It is an Indian Biotechnology research establishment of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research located in Hyderabad
2. The National Biosafety level - 4 Containment Facility for Human Infectious Diseases, is located in CCMB
3. iHUB, the innovation centre to promote start-ups in the biology space is created by CCMB

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Q.5) Solution (d)

It is an Indian Biotechnology research establishment of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research located in Hyderabad and a designated Centre of Excellence for Global

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Molecular and Cell Biology Network, UNESCO. The National Biosafety level - 4 Containment Facility for Human Infectious Diseases, is located in CCMB. iHUB, the innovation centre to promote start-ups in the biology space is created by CCMB.

In News - <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/4-startups-ink-agreements-with-ccmb-ihub/article9455043.ece>

