#### Q.1) Which of the following graphs shows the degree of inequality in a society

- a) Lorenz curve
- b) Phillips curve
- c) Engel curve
- d) Laffer curve

#### Q.1) Solution (a)

- A Lorenz curve is a graph used in economics to show inequality in income spread or wealth.
- The Gini index can be calculated from a Lorenz curve.
- The x-axis on a Lorenz curve typically shows the portion or percentage of the total population, and the y-axis shows the portion of total income/ wealth.



Q.2) Which of the following committees is/are associated with the estimation of poverty?

- a) Lakdawala committee
- b) Alagh committee
- c) Saxena committee
- d) All the above

#### Q.2) Solution (d)

• All 3 committees are associated with the estimation of poverty

- Lakdawala committee A task force was formed by the government of India in 1993, with DT Lakdawala as chairman. It recommended that Consumption expenditure should be calculated based on calorie consumption as earlier.
- Alagh Committee a task force constituted by the Planning Commission in 1979 for poverty estimation, chaired by YK Alagh. It constructed a poverty line for rural and urban areas based on nutritional requirements.
- **N.C. Saxena Committee** was set up by the Ministry of Rural Development to advise it on the suitable methodology for BPL Census and not for estimation of poverty. But it provided recommendations for estimation of poverty also.

# Q.3) If a person quits his job to look for a better job, then what kind of unemployment does he/she face?

- a) Disguised Unemployment
- b) Structural unemployment
- c) Hidden unemployment
- d) Frictional unemployment

#### Q.3) Solution (d)

#### Frictional Unemployment:

- The Frictional Unemployment also called as Search Unemployment, refers to the time lag between the jobs when an individual is searching for a new job or is switching between the jobs.
- In other words, an employee requires time for searching a new job or shifting from the existing to a new job, this inevitable time delay causes frictional unemployment.
- It is often considered as voluntary unemployment because it is not caused due to the shortage of job, but in fact, the workers themselves quit their jobs in search of better opportunities.

# Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding the Tendulkar committee on poverty estimation

- 1. The current official measures of poverty are based on the Tendulkar poverty line
- 2. It Incorporates private expenditure on health and education while estimating poverty
- 3. Consumption expenditure is calculated based on calorie consumption

#### Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

#### Q.4) Solution (b)

Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3
Correct	Correct	Incorrect
The current official measures	It Incorporates private	A Shift from Calorie
of poverty are based on the	expenditure on health and	Consumption based Poverty
Tendulkar poverty line.	education while estimating	Estimation It based its
	poverty	calculations on the
		consumption of the items like
		cereal, pulses, milk, education
		etc.

#### Tendulkar Committee

- An Expert Group was constituted by the Planning Commission in 2009, chaired by Suresh Tendulkar, to review methodology for poverty estimation and to address the following shortcomings of the previous methods.
- Tendulkar committee computed poverty lines for 2004-05 at a level that was equivalent, in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) terms to Rs 33 per day.

Q.5) Consider the following statements regarding Sustainable Development Goals India index

- 1. It is carried out by Niti Aayog in collaboration with Ministry of statistics and programme implementation
- 2. It provides a holistic view on the social, economic and environmental status of all the states and Union territories

#### Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

## Q.5) Solution (c)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Correct
It is carried out by Niti Aayog in collaboration	The SDG India Index is intended to provide a
with Ministry of statistics and programme	holistic view on the social, economic and
implementation.	environmental status of the country and its
	States and UTs.

SDG India Index

- It is carried out by Niti Aayog in collaboration with Ministry of statistics and programme implementation.
- The Index tracks the progress of all the States and Union Territories (UTs) on a set of 62 National Indicators.
- The SDG India Index is intended to provide a holistic view on the social, economic and environmental status of the country and its States and UTs.
- HP, Kerala and TN are in the top 3 and on the path to achieve SDG goals.
- Assam, Bihar and UP are at the bottom of the ranking.

#### Q.6) Poverty estimation in India is carried out by

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) National Sample Survey Office
- c) Rangarajan Committee
- d) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

## Q.6) Solution (a)

- Poverty estimation in India is carried out by NITI Aayog's task force.
- Calculation of poverty line by Niti Aayog is based on the data captured by the National Sample Survey Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).
- Earlier, Planning commission was responsible for calculating the poverty line in India.

# Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding the National Rural Economic Transformation Project

- 1. It supports enterprise development programmes for rural poor women and youth
- 2. It is a part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission

#### Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

#### Q.7) Solution (c)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Correct
It supports enterprise development	It is a part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana
programmes for rural poor women and	– National Rural Livelihoods Mission
youth	

National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)

- It supports enterprise development programmes for rural poor women and youth.
- Special emphasis on targeting the poorest of the poor and the most vulnerable communities and their financial inclusion.
- It will also support skill development among youth.
- It is a part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission.
- Loan assistance for the project has been provided by the World Bank.

#### Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding Fixed-term Employment

- 1. The contract can be renewed or terminated according to the performance of the worker
- 2. Workers will be entitled to benefits available to permanent workers
- 3. Currently, fixed-term employment is allowed only in the textile sector

#### Choose the statement/s using the codes given below

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only

- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

### Q.8) Solution (b)

Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3
Correct	Correct	Incorrect
The contract can be renewed	Workers will be entitled to	Fixed-term employment is
or terminated according to	benefits available to	applicable to all sectors.
the performance of the	permanent workers.	
worker.		

- Under Fixed-term employment, a company or an enterprise hires an employee for a specific period.
- The contract can be renewed or terminated according to the performance of the worker
- Under FTE, workers will be entitled to benefits available to permanent workers.
- Thus, Contract workers, if turned to FTE workers, stand to gain in terms of the statutory benefits
- In March 2018, the Centre notified on fixed-term employment (FTE) for all sectors. Before, it was only applicable to the textile sector.

## Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding Sankalp Scheme

- 1. It aims to implement the mandate of the National Skill Development Mission
- 2. It is a Central Sector Scheme in collaboration with the World Bank

## Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

#### Q.9) Solution (a)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Incorrect
It aims to implement the mandate of the	It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in
National Skill Development Mission (NSDM).	collaboration with the World Bank.

• Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP) is an outcomeoriented programme of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with a special focus on decentralised planning and quality improvement.

#### Q.10) The Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report is published by

- a) International Monetary Fund
- b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) World Bank

### Q.10) Solution (d)

- The Poverty and Shared Prosperity provides estimates on trends in global poverty and shared prosperity.
- The 2018 edition Piecing Together the Poverty Puzzle broadens the ways we define and measure poverty
- It introduces a multi-dimensional poverty measure that is anchored on household consumption and the international poverty line of \$1.90 per person per day.
- It is published by the World Bank.

# Q.11) Consider the following statements regarding The Global Multidimensional Poverty Index

- 1. It is developed by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and the United Nations Development Programme
- 2. India has the largest number of people living in multidimensional poverty according to its latest report

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

#### Q.11) Solution (c)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Correct
The global MPI was developed by OPHI with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) for inclusion in UNDP's flagship Human Development Report in 2010.	India has the largest number of people living in multidimensional poverty according to Global MPI 2018.

- The global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) is an international measure of acute multidimensional poverty covering over 100 developing countries.
- The MPI assesses poverty at the individual level. If someone is deprived in a third or more of ten (weighted) indicators, the global index identifies them as 'MPI poor'.

### Q.12) Atal Tinkering Labs aim to

- a) Stimulate innovation among students of class 6 to 12<sup>th</sup>
- b) Fast track Research and Academic Infrastructure Development in the country
- c) Foster culture of innovation in Higher education agencies
- d) Boost joint research with global universities

## Q.12) Solution (a)

- Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) are designated 1500 sqft. spaces, with state-of-the-art facilities, set aside for innovating.
- Atal tinkering lab aims to stimulate innovation among students of class 6 to 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The tinkering lab is a workspace where young minds can give shape to their ideas through hands-on do-it-yourself mode and learn innovation skills.
- It is one of the main components under Atal Innovation mission of Niti Aayog.

# Q.13) Which of the following measures will help India obtain full benefits of demographic dividend

- 1. Promoting skill development
- 2. Privatization of higher education
- 3. Promoting the education of girl child

#### Choose the answer using the codes given below

a) 1 and 2 only

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

### Q.13) Solution (b)

Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3
Correct	Incorrect	Correct
Promoting skill development	Privatization of higher	Promoting the education of
will help India obtain full	education will not necessarily	girl child will improve literacy
benefits of demographic	lead to better educational	levels and employability.
dividend.	outcomes. Thus it cannot be	
	said that privatizing higher	
	education will lead to a better	
	demographic dividend	/

#### Q.14) UK Sinha committee recently submitted its report on?

- a) Special Economic Zone policy
- b) Measures needed to rejuvenate MSMEs
- c) Reviewing and revamping the official statistics database
- d) Financial Technology sector

## Q.14) Solution (b)

- The committee to study the problems faced by MSMEs was chaired by U.K. Sinha.
- It was set up by the Reserve Bank of India.
- The committee has suggested a Rs.5,000 crore stressed asset fund for domestic micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- The fund could work in tandem with RBI-mandated restructuring schemes or bank-led NPA revival solutions for MSMEs.

#### Q.15) Which of the following are factors responsible for inequality in India?

- 1. Jobless growth
- 2. Tax evasion
- 3. Social Inclusion

#### Choose the answer using the codes given below

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

## Q.15) Solution (a)

### Elimination

Social inclusion can be easily eliminated as inclusion will lead to a much more equal and inclusive growth.

- Some of the reasons for inequality in India are
  - $\circ$  Tax evasion,
  - Unemployment,
  - Inequality in the ownership of assets,
  - Laws of inheritance,
  - Cost of professional training,
  - o Inflation,
  - Corruption and smuggling,
  - Greater Burden of indirect taxation
  - Social exclusion

## Q.16) Consider the following statements regarding the participation of women in labour force

- 1. Over the last decade, an increase in access to education has led to an increase in India's Female Labour Force Participation Rate
- 2. Legislations such as Maternity Benefits Act and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act can have a positive effect on female Labour Force Participation Rate

#### Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

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

## Q.16) Solution (b)

#### Elimination

Low level of Female labour participation is constantly in the news. Thus it can be easily eliminated.

Statement 1	Statement 2
Incorrect	Correct
The female labour force participation in India	Maternity Benefits Act and Sexual Harassment
has fallen to a historic low of 23.3% in 2017-	of Women at Workplace Act have a positive
18 from 36.7% in 2005.	effect on female Labour Force Participation
	Rate.

- The female labour force participation in India has fallen to a historic low of 23.3% in 2017-18 from 36.7% in 2005.
- Just nine countries around the world, including Syria and Iraq, now have a fewer proportion of working women than India.
- Addressing issues faced by women at the workplace such as sexual harassment, gender wage gap and flexibility during pregnancy and motherhood can have a positive effect on their workforce participation rate.
- Thus, the Maternity Benefits Act and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act has a positive effect on female Labour Force Participation Rate.

#### Q.17) Consider the following statements about Periodic Labor Force Survey 2107-18

- 1. It is an annual survey released by Central Statistical Organization
- 2. The survey provides only unemployment data for various states
- 3. Nagaland has the highest unemployment rate among the states

#### Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 3 only

#### Q.17) Solution (d)

Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3
Incorrect	Incorrect	Correct

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has launched a new regular employment-unemployment namely, survey, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during April, 2017 with certain changes in survey methodology, data collection mechanism and sampling design vis-à-vis the earlier quinquennial (once in every five years) Employment and Unemployment surveys of NSSO.

The PLFS has been launched with an objective of measuring quarterly changes of various labor market statistical indicators in urban areas as well as generating annual estimates of these indicators both for rural and urban areas, which can be used for policy making.

Nagaland has the highest unemployment rate among the states at 21.4% followed by Goa and Manipur Meghalaya the lowest at 1.5%

## Q.18) Consider the following statements about PM-KISAN scheme?

- 1. It is a central sector scheme implemented by ministry of Agriculture and Farmer welfare
- 2. It provides for an income support of Rs 6,000 per year is provided to all farmer families across the country in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 each
- 3. The entire responsibility of identification of beneficiary farmer families rests with the State / UT Governments

## Which of the above statements are correct?

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

## Q.18) Solution (d)

Statement 1	Statement 2 Statement 3	
Correct	Correct	Correct
Pradhan Mantri Kisan	Under the Scheme an income	The entire responsibility of
Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is	support of Rs 6,000 per year is	identification of beneficiary
a Central Sector scheme with	provided to all farmer families	farmer families rests with the
100% funding from	across the country in three	State / UT Governments.
Government of India.	equal installments of Rs 2,000	The fund is directly

each every four months.	transferred	to	the	bank
Definition of family for the	accounts of t	he be	enefici	aries.
Scheme is husband, wife and				
minor children.				
All Institutional Land holders				
are not covered in the scheme				

# Q.19) The 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics Sciences was awarded to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer

- a) for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty
- b) for integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis
- c) for integrating technological innovations into long-run macroeconomic analysis
- d) for their contributions to behavioural economics

#### Q.19) Solution (a)

The 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics Sciences was awarded to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer "for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty." Their experimental work has changed the culture of economics, especially development economics.

It helped change deep assumptions about how individuals make decisions and about what economic development is. It changed the way many development economists work, where they work, and the kinds of people they work with.

#### Q.20) Which of the following themes are included in Aspirational Districts' Programme?

- 1. Health and Nutrition
- 2. Education
- 3. Agriculture and Water Resources
- 4. Financial Inclusion and Skill Development
- 5. Basic Infrastructure

#### Choose the correct code

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

d) All of the above

### Q.20) Solution (d)

Living standards in India are affected by significant inter-state and inter-district variations. In order to remove this heterogeneity, the government has launched in January 2018, the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme (ADP).

#### **Aspirational Districts' Programme**

- Aspirational Districts are those districts in India that are affected by poor socioeconomic indicators.
- These are aspirational in the context that improvement in these districts can lead to the overall improvement in human development in India.
- The 115 districts were identified from 28 states, at least one from each state.
- At the Government of India level, the programme is anchored by NITI Aayog. In addition, individual Ministries have assumed responsibility to drive the progress of districts.
- The objective of the program is to monitor the real-time progress of aspirational districts.
- ADP is based on 49 indicators from the 5 identified thematic areas, which focuses closely on improving people's Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.
- With States as the main drivers, ADP seeks to focus on the strength of each district, identify low-hanging fruits for immediate improvement, measure progress, and rank districts.
- The broad contours of the programme are: Convergence (of Central and State Schemes) which brings together the horizontal and vertical tiers of the government.
- Collaboration (of Central, State level 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors) which enables impactful partnerships between government, market and civil society.
- Competition among districts driven by a spirit of the mass movement, it fosters accountability on district governments.

# Q.21) In which part of India *CnemaspisAnandani,* the 35<sup>th</sup> species of day gecko was found recently?

- a) Western Ghats
- b) Eastern Himalaya
- c) Andaman Islands
- d) Central Indian Forests

## Q.21) Solution (a)

- **CnemaspisAnandani (Anandan's day gecko)** is the 35th species of day gecko found in Western Ghats, in Nilgiris forests of Tamil Nadu.
- It's a species of diurnal, rock-dwelling, insectivorous gecko and is only around 42 mm in size.
- It is Endemic to India and is named after Anandan Sethuraman, a conservationist.
- Faces the threat of extinction natural predators such as calotes (lizards), birds and anthropogenic factors.

#### Q.22) Bonavista bay opens directly onto

- a) Central Indian Ocean
- b) North Pacific Ocean
- c) South Pacific Ocean
- d) North Atlantic Ocean

## Q.22) Solution (d)

- Bonavista Bay/Peninsula located on the northeast coast of the island of Newfoundland in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in Canada.
- It opens directly onto the Atlantic Ocean.
- The bay is demarcated by Cape Freels to the north and Cape Bonavista (eastern limit of the Bonavista Peninsula) to the south.



Q.23) With reference to International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), consider the following statements:

- 1. It will focus on developing resilience in infrastructure by sharing knowledge and conducting country-specific and global activities.
- 2. It was officially launched at United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- 3. It is registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 of India.

## Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) None of these

#### Q.23) Solution (b)

Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3
Correct	Incorrect	Correct
International Coalition for Disaster	It was <b>launched</b> by	CDRI registered as a
Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is an	the Indian Prime	society under the
international coalition of countries, UN	Minister Narendra Modi at	Societies Registration

agencies, multilateral	development	
banks, the private	sector, and	
academic institutions	that aims to	
promote d	lisaster-resilient	
infrastructure. It is es	stablished as a	
platform for ger	nerating and	
exchanging knowledg	e, CDRI will	
conduct country-speci	fic and global	
activities.		

the 2019 UN Climate Action	Act, 1860. National
Summit in September 2019.	Disaster Management
India launched the	Authority (NDMA) to
establishment of a CDRI	finalise charter
along with its supporting	document in
Secretariat Office in New	consultation with
Delhi.	Ministry of External
	Affairs.

## Q.24) Consider the following statements about NISHTHA Scheme:

- 1. It is the largest teachers' training programme of its kind in the world.
- 2. Participants include all the teachers and Heads of Schools at the elementary level in all schools.

## 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

#### Q.24) Solution (a)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Incorrect
Union HRD Minister launched the National	This integrated programme aims to build the
Mission to improve Learning Outcomes at the	capacities of around 42 lakh participants
Elementary level (NISHTHA), National	covering all teachers and Heads of Schools at
Initiative for School Heads and Teachers	the elementary level in all Government
Holistic Advancement. NISHTHA is the largest	schools, faculty members of State Councils of
teachers' training programme of its kind in	Educational Research and Training (SCERTs),
the world. It aims to improve learning	District Institutes of Education and Training
outcomes at the elementary level through	(DIETs) as well as Block Resource Coordinators
teachers training.	and Cluster Resource Coordinators in all States
	and UTs.

# Q.25) Tardigrade, also known as water bear have scattered on Lunar surface following the crash landing of

- a) Chang'e 4 Robotic lander
- b) Vikram Moon lander
- c) Beresheet probe
- d) Manfred Memorial Moon Mission (4M mission)

### Q.25) Solution (c)

- Beresheet probe is a first private mission to the Moon by Israeli non-profit SpaceIL organisation. It was launched by SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket but crashed on the lunar surface while landing.
- Beresheet carried thousands of specimens of a living organism called tardigrade.
- Beresheet's crash landing may have scattered the tardigrades onto the lunar surface.
- Tardigrade, also known as water bear, are a phylum of water-dwelling eight-legged segmentedmicro-animals.
- Half a millimetre long Tardigrade, is essentially a water-dweller but also inhabits land. The organism is known to "come back to life" on rehydration.
- It can withstand gamma radiation, lack of oxygen, blast of solar winds and go without food and water for over ten years.

#### Q.26) Sometimes seen in news, Astana Consensus is related to bilateral relations between

- a) China and Kazakhstan
- b) India and China
- c) Iran and India
- d) Russia and Kazakhstan

#### Q.26) Solution (b)

- The **Astana consensus** states that "differences between **India and China** should be addressed in a manner that they don't become disputes".
- In June 2017, on the side-lines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, India and China interacted in Astana.

- The two countries agreed upon the fact that their differences should not be allowed to become disputes, and if these disputes were handled carefully, they may even turn into opportunities.
- The Consensus also viewed that India-China relations were significant not only bilaterally but for the region and the whole world and were a factor of stability.
- Astana is the capital city of Kazakhstan which was renamed as Nur-Sultan.

#### Q.27) Consider the following statements with respect to South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA):

- 1. It is a region above the South Atlantic Ocean where there are a large number of charged particles.
- 2. All space telescopes are shut down when they pass through the SAA.

#### 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

## Q.27) Solution (c)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Correct
South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA) is a region	All space telescopes are shut down when
above the South Atlantic Ocean where there	they pass through the SAA as it damages
are a large number of charged particles that	sensitive instruments. India's Astrosat
can damage sensitive instruments. It is a	telescope could not detect gravitational wave
portion of Van Allen Radiation Belt.	emanating from a possible collision with a
	neutron star, as it was above SAA.

#### Q.28) Which of the following has issued the final framework for regulatory sandbox?

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- c) Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA)
- d) Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM)

### Q.28) Solution (b)

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued the final framework for **regulatory sandbox** in order to enable innovations in the financial technology space.
- Regulatory Sandbox usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment. The objective of the regulatory sandbox is to foster responsible innovation in financial services, promote efficiency, and bring benefit to consumers.

# Q.29) With reference to the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme, consider the following statements:

- 1. Programme aims at creation of sustainable livelihoods amongst Self Help Group (SHG) members through cluster approach.
- 2. It was launched by Ministry of Rural Development.

## 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

#### Q.29) Solution (a)

Statement 1	Statement 2
Correct	Incorrect
Programme aims at creation of sustainable	The Livelihood and Enterprise Development
livelihoods amongst <mark>Self Help Group</mark>	Programme launched by National Bank for
members through cluster approach. The	Agriculture and Rural Development
scheme provides for intensive training for skill	(NABARD) in 2015. It also encompasses the
building, refresher training, backward-forward	complete value chain and offers end-to-end
linkages and handholding & escort supports.	solution to the SHG members.

#### Q.30) Falaq, recently in news is a radar system of

a) Russia

- b) USA
- c) Iran
- d) Turkey

## Q.30) Solution (c)

- Falaq system is Iran's radar air defence missile system and is upgraded version of the Gamma system (Russian origin).
- It can identify all types of cruise missiles, stealth planes, drone systems and ballistic missiles for a range of 400 kms. It is expected to complement the existing air defence systems, such as the S-300.

