

Q1. Consider the following statements:

- 1) Headline inflation is a measure of the total inflation within an economy, excluding commodities such as food and energy prices.
- 2) The RBI Act was amended in 2016 for an inflation targeting framework, that had set a target for the RBI of 4% consumer price (CPI) index-based inflation, with a deviation of 2% on both sides, for five years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None

• **Solution:**
(B)

- Headline inflation is a measure of the total inflation within an economy, including commodities such as food and energy prices (e.g., oil and gas), which tend to be much more volatile and prone to inflationary spikes.
- On the other hand, “core inflation” (also non-food-manufacturing or underlying inflation) is calculated from a consumer price index minus the volatile food and energy components. Headline inflation may not present an accurate picture of an economy’s inflationary trend since sector-specific inflationary spikes are unlikely to persist.
- A flexible inflation targeting framework aided by low oil prices and food supply management has helped keep the headline inflation low in the last five years.
- The RBI Act was amended in 2016 for an inflation targeting framework, that had set a target for the RBI of 4% consumer price (CPI) index-based inflation, with a deviation of 2% on both sides, for five years.

Q2. Consider the following statements:

- 1) The four-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI was constituted by the Central Government for the first time in 2016.

2) The implementation of a flexible inflation targeting framework by the MPC has a statutory basis.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None

• **Solution:**

(B)

- As per the provisions of the RBI Act, out of the six Members of Monetary Policy Committee, three Members will be from the RBI and the other three Members of MPC will be appointed by the Central Government.
- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45ZB of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Central Government accordingly constituted, through a Gazette Notification dated 29th Sept 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee of RBI.

Q3. Consider the following statements:

- 1) India stood ahead of China in terms of honey production in 2017-18.
- 2) Beekeeping Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Bibek Debroy is setup to identify ways of advancing beekeeping in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None

• **Solution:**

(B)

- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister set up a Beekeeping Development Committee under the Chairmanship of Professor Bibek Debroy

- BDC was constituted with the objective of identifying ways of advancing beekeeping in India, that can help in improving agricultural productivity, enhancing employment generation, augmenting nutritional security and sustaining biodiversity.
- As per Food and Agricultural Organization database, in 2017-18, India ranked eighth in the world in terms of honey production (64.9 thousand tonnes) while China stood first with a production level of 551 thousand tonnes.

Q4. Consider the following statements about Utkarsh 2022:

- 1) It is a three- year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision of the RBI.
- 2) It was finalised by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the RBI Board.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None

• **Solution:**

(A)

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board, finalised a three- year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank.
- This medium-term strategy — named Utkarsh 2022 — is in line with the global central banks’ plan to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory mechanism.
- An internal committee was formed, which was anchored by outgoing Deputy Governor Viral Acharya, to identify issues that needed to be addressed over the next three years.

Q5.Tapan Ray Committee, recently seen in news is related to:

- A. To spell out revival plans for Telecom sector.
- B. Review Income-tax Act, 1961.
- C. Review regulatory guidelines applicable to core investment companies (CICs).
- D. None of the above

• **Solution:**

(C)

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has formed a committee headed by Tapan Ray to review regulatory guidelines and supervisory framework applicable to core investment companies (CICs).

Q6. MOSAiC mission, recently seen in news is related to:

- A.** Study of Arctic Climate.
- B.** Study outer corona of Sun.
- C.** First solar power spacecraft to orbit Jupiter.
- D.** None of the above

- **Solution:**
(A)

- The MOSAiC mission stands for Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate

Q7. Plan Bee, sometimes seen in news is related to:

- A.** Prevent speeding trains from hitting elephants crossing tracks
- B.** Distribution of honeybee colonies & beehives
- C.** Provide loans for setting up honey processing units.
- D.** None of the above

- **Solution:**
(A)

- The Indian Railways has come up with an initiative called “Plan Bee” to prevent speeding trains from hitting elephants crossing tracks.
- The plan involves setting up of devices near tracks, which emit the ‘buzzing’ sound of swarming bees, considered as a natural nemesis of elephants

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding Nirbhaya Fund for safety of women:

- 1) The Nirbhaya Fund was announced in Union Budget 2013 with an initial corpus of ₹1,000 crore.
- 2) The key schemes under which the States have been allocated money include Emergency Response Support System, Central Victim Compensation Fund and Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children.

3) Mizoram has emerged as the top state in terms of utilisation of money across various schemes under the Nirbhaya Fund.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1, 3
- B. 2, 3
- C. 1, 2
- D. 1, 2, 3

• **Solution:**
(C)

- The Rs 1,000 crore Nirbhaya Fund was announced in Union Budget 2013.
- The key schemes under which the States have been allocated money include Emergency Response Support System, Central Victim Compensation Fund, Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children, One Stop Scheme, Mahila Police Volunteer, and Universalisation of Women Helpline Scheme.
- The top five States ranked in terms of utilisation of money across various schemes under the Nirbhaya Fund were Chandigarh (59.83%), Mizoram (56.32%), Uttarakhand (51.68%), Andhra Pradesh (43.23%) and Nagaland (38.17%).

Q9. Consider the following statements regarding EQUIP programme:

- 1) EQUIP is an acronym for Economic Quality Upgradation and Improvement Programme
- 2) It is the initiative of Ministry of Finance to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both
- D. None

• **Solution:**
(D)

- The Higher Education Department of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development has finalized and released a 5-year Vision Plan titled as Education Quality Upgradation and

Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). EQUIP was crafted by ten committees led by experts within the government.

- EQUIP is meant to bridge the gap between policy and implementation. The project is made to bring transformation in the higher education system in the upcoming 5 years.

Q10. Which of the following are the water conservation interventions under the newly launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan:

- 1) Water conservation and rainwater harvesting
- 2) Renovation of traditional and other water bodies
- 3) More Bore well for rural areas
- 4) Intensive afforestation

Select the correct answer code:

- A. 1, 2, 3
- B. 1, 2, 4
- C. 1, 3, 4
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4

- **Solution:**
(B)

- Five important water conservation interventions under Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
- These will be:
 - ✓ Water conservation and rainwater harvesting
 - ✓ Renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks
 - ✓ Reuse, bore well recharge structures
 - ✓ Watershed development
 - ✓ Intensive afforestation.
- These water conservation efforts will also be supplemented with special interventions including the development of Block and District Water Conservation Plans, promotion of efficient water use for irrigation and better choice of crops through Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

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