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Economic Survey and Budget +

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1. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Budget 2020-2021?

1. It is structured on the overall theme of "Ease of Living"
2. Three prominent themes of the Budget are: Aspirational India, Economic Development of all, and Caring Society

Select the correct Code:

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

2. Which of the following statements are correct?

1. A new taxpayers' charter is brought relating to Direct Taxes in August 2020
2. A new taxpayers' charter was announced in the 2020-21 Budget
3. A system of faceless appeals in Direct Taxes will be implemented from 2nd October 2021

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

3. Which of the following is/are correctly put as projections for 2022-2023 in the Budget 2020-2021?

1. Fiscal Deficit: 2.8 percent
2. Revenue Deficit: 1.6 percent
3. Primary Deficit: 0.20 percent

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 2 Only
- (d) None of these

4. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Ease of Business?

1. Ease of Doing Business Report is brought by International Monetary Fund (IMF)
2. In 2014 India had ranking of 142
3. In 2019 India has ranking of 63

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

5. Which of the following statements is/are correct about 'Equalisation Levy'?

1. Equalisation Levy is practically also referred to as the 'Google Tax'
2. It is charged on companies which have fixed permanent establishments in India and provide digital-online advertisement services
3. It is charged on non-resident companies which provide digital-online advertisement services

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 2 Only
- (b) 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 2 Only
- (d) 1 and 3 Only

6. As per provisions of Budget 2020-2021 which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. National Mission on Quantum Technologies is brought with an outlay of ₹5000 crore for a period of 7 years
2. For taxation purposes time of stay in India for an Indian Citizen or Person of Indian Origin to become resident in India is reduced from 182 days to 100 days

Select the correct Code:

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

7. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Fifteenth Finance Commission?

1. It was set up on 27th November 2017
2. It submitted its First Report on 5th December 2019 which contains recommendations for Financial Year 2020-21

3. The Commission is expected to submit its Final Report in October 2020 which will contain recommendations for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

8. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. India is planning to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2025
- 2. Public Sector Banks account for around 47% of the market share in Indian Banking
- 3. An analysis of Economic Survey 2019-2020 shows that privatised CPSEs on an average perform better post-privatisation

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) 1 Only

9. India has taken multiple steps to improve its position in matters of Ease of Doing Business, which of the following is/are correctly matched with the purpose for which they are brought?

- 1. *eSanchit*: Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade
- 2. *Atithi*: Mobile App for international passengers
- 3. *Turant*: Reducing litigation in taxation front

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Private Trains to be brought in India through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Mode?

1. Private operators will have to procure locomotives from the sources decided/fixed by the Government of India (GoI) through Indian Railways

2. These trains will have minimum of 10 Coaches and maximum not exceeding the longest passenger train in the country

3. These trains will have to be designed to operate at maximum speed of 200 kmph

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 3 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 2 Only
- (d) None of these

11. Which of the following type of relationship and strategy is proposed in Indian Budget 2020-2021 between 'Assemble in India' and 'Make in India'?

- (a) Bifurcating 'Assemble in India' and 'Make in India'
- (b) Integrating 'Assemble in India' and 'Make in India'
- (c) Giving much higher priority to 'Assemble in India' over 'Make in India'
- (d) Giving much higher priority to 'Make in India' over 'Assemble in India'

12. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) aims to improve by 2024 which of the following type of availability and supply of water?

- (a) Irrigation for agriculture
- (b) Piped drinking water
- (c) Treatment of waste-water
- (d) Water availability for horticulture

13. Which of the following statements are correct regarding how the Rupee comes as per Budget 2020-21?

- 1. Contribution of Borrowing and Other liabilities is higher than Goods and Service Tax (GST) and Corporation Tax
- 2. Contribution of Income Tax on Personal Income is higher than Goods and Service Tax (GST) and Corporation Tax

3. Contribution of Union Excise Duties is higher than Customs Duties

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

14. Which of the following schemes brought for reducing litigation are correctly matched with the related taxes?

- 1. *Sabka Vishwas* (Legacy Dispute Settlement Scheme): Direct Taxes
- 2. *Vivad Se Vishwas*: Indirect Taxes

Select the correct Code:

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

15. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the National Recruitment Agency (NRA)?

- 1. It was first proposed in the Union Budget 2020-2021
- 2. It will conduct Tier-I exams for Non-Gazetted Group B and Group C (Non-Technical) jobs
- 3. It will be brought through a separate law enacted by the Parliament

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

16. Which of the following statements is/are correct on Equalisation Levy or Digital Service Tax (DST)?

- 1. USA has launched investigation against some countries but India is not included in these
- 2. USA has launched investigation against some countries and India is also included in these
- 3. Till now European Union (EU) has never shown any willingness to bring Digital Service Tax (DST)

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only
- (d) 2 and 3 Only

17. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Credit Spread?

- 1. Credit Spread and Repo Rate are one and the same
- 2. Credit Spread is at the highest level in this decade as per Economic Survey 2019-2020

Select the correct Code:

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

18. Which of the following statements are correct about *Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan* (Self-Reliant India Campaign)?

- 1. It is ₹20 lakh crore (₹20 trillion) package
- 2. It was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12th May 2020
- 3. It amounts to around 18 percent of the GDP

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

19. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Fund of Funds (FoFs) as announced in *Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan* (Self-Reliant India Campaign)?

- 1. It is for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) handholding
- 2. It is ₹1 lakh crore fund
- 3. It is through Mother-Daughter Fund Framework

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only

- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

20. Which of the following statements is/are correct about 'Ease of Living Index'?

1. It is designed by NITI Aayog
 2. It comprises of 47 Measurable Indicators
 3. Measurable indicators in it take into consideration the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Select the correct Code:
- (a) 3 Only
 - (b) 1 and 3 Only
 - (c) 2 and 3 Only
 - (d) None of these

21. Which of the following is the main reason that USA has launched investigation against some countries on Digital Service Tax (DST) or 'Equalisation Levy'?

- (a) USA feels it may reduce Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) there
- (b) USA alleges it is discriminatory and targets US Companies
- (c) USA favours its bringing when more number of countries support it
- (d) None of these

22. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India?

1. Government of India (GoI) decided to merge 10 Public Sector Banks into 4
2. State Bank of India (SBI) is placed amongst top 25 Banks Globally
3. Lending share of Public Sector Banks is far lower than Private Sector Banks in India

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 1 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

23. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended an aggregate share of 41% of net proceeds of Union Taxes divisible pool for the States

2. Fourteenth Finance Commission recommended an aggregate share of 42% of net proceeds of Union Taxes divisible pool for the States

Select the correct Code:

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

24. Which of the following is the main purpose of Taxpayers' Charter brought in August 2020 relating to the direct taxes?

- (a) Better integration of multiple direct taxes
- (b) Stringent action against the tax defaulters
- (c) Stringent action against inefficient tax officials
- (d) Making tax system more taxpayers' service-centric

25. In the period from 2014-2019, India has gained most in improving its ranking in which of the following?

- (a) Ease of Doing Business
- (b) Ease of Starting Business
- (c) Enforcing contracts
- (d) Paying Taxes

26. Which of the following statements is correct relating to the steps initiated by the Indian Railways to run trains on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Mode?

- (a) The concession period for the project will be 25 years
- (b) There is a proposal for running only 100 trains initially
- (c) Financial bids will be open by October-November 2020 and trains will be operational by September 2021
- (d) None of these

27. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Overarching theme of Economic Survey 2019-20 is Wealth Creation and the Policy Choices that Enable the Same
2. "Vivad Se Vishwas" Scheme relating to taxation aims at reducing litigation in the Indirect Tax front and is kept under overall ambit of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

Select the correct Code:

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

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct about *Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan* (Self-Reliant India Campaign)?

1. Its five pillars include: Economy with potential for quantum jump; Infrastructure; Tech-driven system; Demography; and Intelligence-driven supply system
2. It puts focus-on or gives high importance-to Land, Labour, Liquidity and Law

Select the correct Code:

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

29. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Infrastructure Pipeline Project?

1. It was brought with the aim of achieving the objective of \$5 trillion Indian economy by 2025
2. Task Force on Infrastructure Pipeline Project was brought under the Chairmanship of Union Finance Minister

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

30. Main purpose of new Taxpayers' Charter brought in August 2020 is to make direct tax system more Taxpayers' Service-Centric. How will it be achieved as per the new reforms initiated?

1. Faceless assessment
2. Faceless appeals
3. Time-bound disposal/deciding of cases
4. Honouring the honest tax payers

Select the correct Code:

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

31. Which of the following is/are correctly matched?

1. Rate of Equalisation Levy on Non-Resident Companies on payments of online advertisements services from Indian users/buyers: 2 percent
2. Rate of Equalisation Levy on Non-Resident companies on payment for e-commerce supply or services by Indian users/buyers: 6 percent

Select the correct Code:

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

32. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. In Travel and Tourism Competitive Index brought by World Economic Forum rank of India has moved up from 65 in 2014 to 61 in 2019
2. As per World Economic Outlook (WEO) Database 2019 the size of Indian Economy is estimated at US\$2.9 trillion and it is placed fifth largest in the world

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only

- (c) 1 and 2 Both
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

33. Which of the following statements is correct about Equalisation Levy also referred to as 'Google Tax'?

- (a) It was first brought through the Finance Act 2018
(b) US has supported India in bringing and charging such a tax
(c) Finance Act 2020 has curtailed down its scope
(d) None of these

34. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. International Migration Report is brought by International Monetary Fund (IMF)
2. In International Migration Report 2019 India is the leading country of origin of international migrants
3. China constitutes for Second Largest Diaspora

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
(b) 2 Only
(c) 2 and 3 Only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

35. Which of the following documents is/are presented in the Parliament as per the provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, rather than under the provisions of the Constitution?

1. Macro-Economic Framework Statement
2. Finance Bill
3. Demand for Grants
4. Medium Term Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only
(b) 1 and 4 only
(c) 1, 3 and 4 Only
(d) 2 only

36. Which of the following is/are correctly matched as per the announcements made in *Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan* (Self-Reliant India Campaign)?

1. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund: ₹1 lakh crore
2. Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme 2.0: ₹90,000 crore
3. Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE): ₹40,000 Crore

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
(b) 3 Only
(c) 1 and 2 Only
(d) 2 and 3 Only

37. Which of the following statement is/are correct?

1. Budget of Railways is presented along-with Union Budget from the year 2014-15 rather than separate Rail Budget presented by the Minister of Railways

2. There is downsizing of the Railway Board and Government of India (GoI) decided to re-designate Railway Board Chairman as Chairman-cum-CEO

Select the correct Code:

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

38. One 'Start-Up Cell' is brought to redress grievances and address various tax related issues in the cases of Start-Ups. It is placed under whom amongst the following?

- (a) Finance Minister
(b) Revenue Secretary
(c) Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
(d) Member (IT&C), Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

39. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Manufacturing sector contributes for around 25% of the Industrial Gross Value (GVA) added in India and its growth performance is nearly same as of financial, real estate and professional services

2. Globally manufacturing and service sector have supported the growth nearly equally

Select the correct Code:

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

40. Gradual decline of contribution of Agriculture and Allied Sectors to national income between 2014-15 to 2019-20 is mainly due to which of the following factors?

- (a) Structural transformation of Indian Economy
- (b) Poor performance of agriculture and allied sectors
- (c) Inadequate financial support to agriculture and allied sectors
- (d) None of these

41. Which of the following is the correct sequence in the descending order for the projected capital expenditure on Infrastructure for the fiscals 2020 to 2025 as envisioned in Infrastructure Pipeline Project?

- 1. Urban
- 2. Energy
- 3. Railways
- 4. Roads

Select the correct Code:

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

42. Arrange the following in descending order how the ₹ goes as per Budget 2020-21?

- 1. States' share of taxes and duties
- 2. Interest payments

3. Central Sector Schemes

4. Defence

Select the correct Code:

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

43. Which of the following statements is/are correct about National Food Safety Act (NFSA) and food situation in India?

- 1. NFSA covers about 50 percent of rural population
- 2. NFSA covers about 25 percent of Rural Population
- 3. India had moved from food scarce country to food surplus country

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 1 and 2 Only
- (c) 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

44. Taking the expenditure of major items in Budget 2020-21 the expenditure of which of the following ministries is highest?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution

45. In Budget 2020-21 stimulus of ₹1 lakh crore that is around 0.5% of GDP is provided by way of lowering Corporation Tax rates which mainly aims at which of the following?

- (a) Increasing remunerations and service conditions of employees
- (b) Providing boost to private investment
- (c) Reducing tax litigation
- (d) None of these

46. Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended 1% reduction as

compared to Fourteenth Finance Commission in net proceeds of Union Taxes divisible pool for the States due to which of the following?

- (a) To increase investment in Indian Railways
- (b) To provide additional money for Central Sector Schemes
- (c) For security and other special needs of the Union Territory of Ladakh and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
- (d) None of these

47. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Direct Benefit Transfer 2.0 (DBT 2.0)?

- 1. It was launched on 10th July 2019
- 2. New initiatives under it include DBT Dashboards, PoS 3.0 Software and Desktop PoS version

Select the correct Code:

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

48. Which of the following statements is/are correct about the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPAC)?

- 1. Its Chairman is Secretary Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- 2. Its members include Secretaries Department of Expenditure, Department of Legal Affairs, the Sponsoring Ministry / Department and CEO of NITI Aayog

Select the correct Code:

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

49. Which of the following statements is/are correct as per data/analysis of Economic Survey 2019-2020?

- 1. In 2018, compared with 2014, number of newly created firms have grown by 120%

2. The number of new firm creation in Service Sector is significantly higher than that in manufacturing, infrastructure or agriculture

Select the correct Code:

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

50. As per Economic Survey 2019-20 which of the following factors are important in creation of new firms or the Entrepreneurship?

- 1. Literacy and level of education
- 2. Ease of doing business
- 3. Flexible labour regulation
- 4. Quality of physical infrastructure

Select the correct Code:

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

51. The New Taxpayers' Charter relating to direct taxes 'has-come-into-effect' / 'will-come-into-effect' from which of the following dates?

- (a) 13th August 2020
- (b) 25th September 2020
- (c) 2nd October 2020
- (d) None of these

52. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. The years following 1991 economic liberalization saw the rapid emergence of new firms
- 2. Following 1991 Economic Reforms the average duration of a firm spent on Sensex/Sensex-Index increased significantly
- 3. New technologies and new operating processes saw steep revision of Sensex in 1996

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

53. Which of the following statements is/are correct as per data/analysis of Economic Survey 2019-2020?

1. Entrepreneurship activity is high in Agriculture Sector in the states of Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tripura and Odisha
2. Entrepreneurship activity in the Manufacturing Sector is high in the states of Gujarat, Meghalaya, Puducherry, Punjab and Rajasthan

Select the correct Code:

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

54. Assertion (A): Before initiatives taken in the year 2020 to initiate the process of private participation through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode for running some Private Trains, earlier there was never any Private Partnership in any of the service offered by the Indian Railways.

Reason (R): Steps initiated in 2020 to bring in some private trains with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Mode will take to more corporatization of Indian Railways.

Select the correct Code:

- (a) Assertion (A) and Reason (R) both are correct, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation for Assertion (A)
- (b) Assertion (A) and Reason (R) both are correct, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation for Assertion (A)
- (c) Assertion (A) is correct, but Reason (R) is wrong
- (d) Assertion (A) is wrong, but Reason (R) is correct

55. Which of the following statement is correct?

(a) Growth of advanced developed countries has weakened with high inflation

(b) Growth of advanced developed countries has weakened with very low inflation

(c) Growth of advanced developed countries has accelerated with high inflation

(d) Growth of advanced developed countries has accelerated with very low inflation

56. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Private Sector involvement in the Coal Mining?

1. Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act was amended in 1993 to allow private companies to carry out coal mining

2. Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act made the provision that allocation of coal blocks would be through competitive actions

Select the correct Code:

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

57. As per Economic Survey 2019-2020 the largest share of defaulters in the loans from Banks are from which of the following sectors of Indian Economy?

- (a) Service
- (b) Manufacturing
- (c) Constriction
- (d) None of these

58. In 2019 in which of the following parameters India is globally ranked in top 65 countries of the world?

1. Ease of starting business
2. Ease of Doing Business
3. Enforcing contracts

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only

(d) None of these

59. Which of the following statement is correct about Common Eligibility Test (CET) to be conducted by the National Recruitment Agency (NRA)?

- (a) It will be conducted once in a year
- (b) Its score will be valid for 3 years
- (c) There will be only two levels: 1. Graduate, and 2. 10+2
- (d) None of these

60. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to performance of India in Balance of Trade?

- 1. The largest component of India's Current Account Deficit is Merchandise Trade Deficit
- 2. India has trade surplus with USA and United Arab Emirates
- 3. India had continuous trade deficit with China

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

61. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. In the last six years average annual growth rate of Food Processing Sector is higher than that of Livestock Sector
- 2. Around 92 percent of rural household still depend primarily on agriculture for their livelihood
- 3. Around 90 percent farmers are small and marginal

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None of these

62. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Indian Railways?

- 1. Under the 'Mission *Sheeghra*' of Indian Railways some freight trains

attained a maximum permissible speed of 100 kmph

2. It is facing a challenge due to a shift of passenger and freight volume to other modes of transportation

Select the correct Code:

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

63. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. An increase in the external debt to GDP ratio draws down on forex reserves and worsens Balance of Payment (BoP) position

2. India's external debt to GDP ratio decreased significantly at the end of first half of 2020 over its level at the end-March 2019

Select the correct Code:

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

64. India is now the fifth largest economy in the world, the other four economies in right descending order of the sequence are:

- (a) United States, China, Germany and Japan
- (b) United States, China, Japan and United Kingdom
- (c) China, United States, Germany and Japan
- (d) United States, China, Japan and Germany

65. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Net International Investment Position (NIIP) measures a gap between nation's stock of foreign assets and foreigner's stock of that nation's assets at specific point of time

2. India is the second largest emerging bond market after China

Select the correct Code:

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

66. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Nationalisation of Banks in India?

1. A boost to Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India came through two waves of nationalisation in 1969 as well as in 1980
2. Benefits of Nationalisation of Banks include increased allocation of banking resources to rural areas, agriculture and priority sector

Select the correct Code:

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

67. Which of the following statements is/are correct for fastest growth in 2019-2020 (April to November)?

1. In Top-Export Commodities the fastest growth was in precious stones
2. In Top-Import Commodities the fastest growth was in crude petroleum

Select the correct Code:

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

68. Four slabs of Goods and Service Tax (GST) rates are:

- (a) 5%, 10%, 20%, and 28%
- (b) 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%
- (c) 5%, 12%, 18% and 30%
- (d) 6%, 12%, 18% and 28%

69. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. If Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increases then Balance of Payment Position (BoP) improves

2. Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) is also referred to as Hot Money

Select the correct Code:

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

70. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. As per the studied conducted use of the N:P:K fertilisers in India is more skewed towards the use of Potassium (K)

2. In India the Organic Fertilisers dominate over the N:P:K fertilisers so there is focus in 2020-21 Budget to promote N:P:K fertilisers over Organic Fertilisers

Select the correct Code:

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

71. Which of the following is/are correctly put regarding Indian position in different indices internationally in 2019 rankings in related reports?

1. Index of Economic Freedoms: 63
2. Business Regulation: 67
3. Ease of Doing Business: 53

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) None of these

72. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Separate Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is brought in the year 2020

2. There is a separate Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 Only
- (b) 2 Only

- (c) 1 and 2 Both
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

73. In 2018-2019 which of the following States/Union Territories had the highest share of the Service Sector in Gross State Value Added (GSVA) as per Economic Survey 2019-2020?

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Kerala

74. India conducts Anti-Dumping Investigations on the basis of complaints mainly filed by whom amongst the following?

- (a) Domestic industry
- (b) Exporting countries assembling the products
- (c) Competing international exporters to India
- (d) None of these

75. Eight core infrastructure supportive industries those include coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity have a total weight of nearly how much in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)?

- (a) 50 percent
- (b) 40 percent
- (c) 30 percent
- (d) 25 percent

76. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)?

1. It was announced in December 2019
 2. It has brought Corporate Bonds
- Select the correct Code:

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

77. Which of the following statement is correct?

(a) Statement of Revenue Foregone brought in 2015-16 which had been merged with Receipt Budget from 2016-17 onwards is separated again in 2020-21 from Receipt Budget

(b) Statement of Revenue Foregone brought in 2015-16 has been merged with the Receipt Budget from 2016-17 and continues so in 2020-21 Budget

(c) Statement of Revenue Foregone which was brought in 2015-16 continues to be separate and is not merged with Receipt Budget ever since

(d) None of these

78. Which of the following documents is not Constitutionally Mandatory for the Government to lay down before the Parliament?

- (a) Annual Financial Statement
- (b) Demand for Grants
- (c) Finance Bill
- (d) Macro-Economic Framework Statement

79. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Contribution of Agriculture and Allied Sectors has stagnated at around 18.2 percent between 2014-15 to 2019-20
2. Livestock sector has grown at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 5 percent over last five years

Select the correct Code:

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

80. Which of the following statement is correct concerning Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement?

- (a) It sets out two-year rolling target for six specific indicators
- (b) It sets out three-year rolling target for six specific indicators
- (c) It sets out three-year rolling target for four specific indicators
- (d) None of these

81. Which of the following Museums is/are correctly matched with the place where they are to be placed/brought as proposed/announced in Budget 2020-21?

1. Maritime museum: Visakhapatnam
2. Museum on Numismatics and Trade: Mumbai

3. Tribal Museum: Ranchi

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 3 Only
- (c) 2 and 3 Only
- (d) None of these

82. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to the trends in Sensex as per the size of the firms listed there?

1. Post-Economic-Liberalization of 1991 in around three decades there is a significant increase in the gap between size of the largest and smallest firm listed

2. In the 2019 the largest firm contributed for nearly 23 percent

Select the correct Code:

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

83. Which of the following proposals-made/suggestions-given in Economic Survey 2019-2020?

1. Public Sector Banking Network (PSBN) should be brought

2. Essential Commodities Act, 1955 should be strengthened and made more stringent

Select the correct Code:

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

84. As per their expenditure in Budget 2020-21 arrange the following Ministries in ascending order:

1. Ministry of Home Affairs
2. Ministry Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
3. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
4. Ministry of Rural Development

Select the correct Code:

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

85. India is ranked 34 in 2019 as per respective data/Reports in which of the following?

- (a) Ease of Doing Business
- (b) Enforcing contracts
- (c) Ease of Starting Business
- (d) Travel and Tourism Competitive Index

86. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 was brought with the aims of which of the following?

1. Fast tracking the insolvency resolution
2. Improving Ease of Doing Business

Select the correct Code:

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

87. Which of the following steps have been taken for stabilising prices in essential food items?

1. Import duty
2. Minimum export price
3. Export restrictions
4. Imposition of stock limit

Select the correct Code:

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

88. Each demand in the budget separately gives the totals of which of the followings?

1. Voted and 'charged' expenditure
2. The 'revenue' and the 'capital' expenditure
3. The grand total on gross basis of the amount of expenditure for which the Demand is presented

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 2 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 1 and 3 Only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

89. What will be the legal status of the National Recruitment Agency (NRA)?

- (a) Constitutionally provided
- (b) Provided for in a separate law enacted by the Parliament
- (c) Government Department with provision in Government of India Allocation of Business Rules
- (d) Registered Society under the Society Registration Act

90. Which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) India had slipped down to 2nd position from the 1st earlier in the milk production in the world
- (b) Almost 65 percent of India's trade by volume and 38 percent by value is transported by sea
- (c) Number of profit-making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are lower than loss making CPSEs
- (d) None of these

91. Assertion (A): An increased share of short-term debt makes Balance of Payment (BoP) position more vulnerable.

Reason (R): There is relatively higher rate of interest in short term borrowings.

Select the correct Code:

- (a) Assertion (A) and Reason (R) both are correct, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation for Assertion (A)
- (b) Assertion (A) and Reason (R) both are correct, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation for Assertion (A)
- (c) Assertion (A) is correct, but Reason (R) is wrong
- (d) Assertion (A) is wrong, but Reason (R) is correct

Answer: (a)

92. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?

1. It aims to provide piped drinking water to all rural households by 2024
2. In Budget 2020-2021 there is 50 percent increased allocation for it

Select the correct Code:

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

93. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Government is committed for doubling the income of farmers by 2022
2. The Central Government's debt as a percentage of GDP has increased in March 2019 as compared to March 2014

Select the correct Code:

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

94. As per Budget 2020-21 which of the following is not correctly mentioned how the Rupee goes?

- (a) States' share of taxes and duties: 20%
- (b) Finance Commission and other transfers: 10%
- (c) Central Sector Schemes: 13%

(d) Centrally Sponsored Schemes: 19%

95. Which of the following statements are correct relating to changes brought in the Income Tax for the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21?

1. For Income up to 5 lacs - No Income Tax
2. Out of 100 exemptions and deductions given earlier some 70 are removed

Select the correct Code:

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

96. Which of the following statements is correct about the place of coal resources in India?

- (a) India has the second largest coal reserves in the world
- (b) Coal is the most important indigenous resource for energy in India
- (c) Coal meets around 25 percent of India's energy requirements
- (d) None of these

97. In 2019, as compared to 2014, an increase has taken place in which of the following?

1. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
2. Government's Debt as a percentage of GDP

Select the correct Code:

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

98. According to World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, India is placed at which rank globally in 2018?

- (a) 34th
- (b) 38th
- (c) 44th
- (d) 48th

99. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Present corpus of the Contingency Fund of India (CFI) is ₹1000 crore
2. Railway Budget is presented separately in the Parliament rather than as part of the General Budget and it is being done so since Financial Year 2014-15

3. In Budget 2020-21 there are/were 111 demands for grants

Select the correct Code:

- (a) 1 and 3 Only
- (b) 2 and 3 Only
- (c) 3 Only
- (d) None of these

100. Which of the following statements is/are correct relating to Infrastructure Pipeline Project?

1. During fiscal 2020 to 2025 sectors such as Energy, Roads, Urban and Railways amount to around 55 percent of projected capital expenditure

2. Infrastructure Vision 2025 is brought for meeting aspirations, propelling growth and facilitating ease of living

Select the correct Code:

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

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Answer Key:

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| 1. (c) | 21. (b) | 41. (c) | 61. (d) | 81. (b) |
| 2. (a) | 22. (c) | 42. (a) | 62. (c) | 82. (d) |
| 3. (d) | 23. (c) | 43. (c) | 63. (a) | 83. (a) |
| 4. (b) | 24. (d) | 44. (a) | 64. (d) | 84. (d) |
| 5. (d) | 25. (a) | 45. (b) | 65. (c) | 85. (d) |
| 6. (d) | 26. (d) | 46. (c) | 66. (c) | 86. (c) |
| 7. (d) | 27. (a) | 47. (c) | 67. (d) | 87. (d) |
| 8. (b) | 28. (c) | 48. (c) | 68. (b) | 88. (d) |
| 9. (b) | 29. (a) | 49. (b) | 69. (c) | 89. (d) |
| 10. (d) | 30. (d) | 50. (d) | 70. (d) | 90. (d) |
| 11. (b) | 31. (d) | 51. (a) | 71. (d) | 91. (a) |
| 12. (b) | 32. (b) | 52. (c) | 72. (b) | 92. (a) |
| 13. (c) | 33. (d) | 53. (c) | 73. (a) | 93. (a) |
| 14. (d) | 34. (b) | 54. (d) | 74. (a) | 94. (d) |
| 15. (a) | 35. (b) | 55. (b) | 75. (b) | 95. (c) |
| 16. (b) | 36. (a) | 56. (c) | 76. (c) | 96. (b) |
| 17. (b) | 37. (b) | 57. (b) | 77. (b) | 97. (a) |
| 18. (a) | 38. (d) | 58. (b) | 78. (d) | 98. (c) |
| 19. (b) | 39. (d) | 59. (b) | 79. (d) | 99. (d) |
| 20. (b) | 40. (a) | 60. (d) | 80. (b) | 100. (b) |