

Study Circle Career Development Institute

100 Important Points : SSP



(60) Agriculture and Rural Development - Co-operative sector

(4) Economic and Social Development (15)

- 1) **Sustainable Development (2)**
- 2) **Poverty (2)**
- 3) **Inclusion (2)**
- 4) **Demographics (2)**
- 5) **Social Sector Initiatives (2)**
- 6) **Indian Economy - Public Finance (1)**
- 7) **Extrenal Trade (1)**
- 8) **Banking, Inflation (1)**
- 9) **Industry (1)**
- 10) **Agriculture (1)**

- 46) Growth and Development - MDG, SDG, Macro Economics
- 47) Economic reforms - Sectoral growth in education, health, social security
- 48) Concepts, Measurement and estimates of poverty, Alleviation programs
- 49) Factors determining employment, Generation programs
- 50) Inclusive growth with respect to various underprivileged groups
- 51) Programs with respect to women, children, senior citizens
- 52) Population - quantitative & qualitative
- 53) Demographic cycle, Population Policies
- 54) Sectoral growth in education, health, social security
- 55) Inflation - causes, effects, control, measures
- 56) Public Finance and Financial Institutions - Taxes, budgets, fiscal policies
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General Studies Paper I

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- 2) **Maharashtra, India and World Geography (15)**
- 3) **Maharashtra and India - Indian Polity and Governance (15)**
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- 5) **Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity & Climate Change (10)**
- 6) **General Science (15)**
- 7) **Current Events of State, National and International Importance (15)**

1) History of India and Indian National Movement (15)

- 1) History of Ancient India (4)
- 2) History of Mediavel India (3)
- 3) History of Modern India (4)
- 4) Indian National Movement (4)

2) Maharashtra, India and World Geography (15)

- 1) Physical Geography of World (3)
- 2) Social Geography of World (1)
- 3) Economical Geography of World (1)
- 4) Physical Geography of India (2)
- 5) Social Geography of India (1)
- 6) Economical Geography of India (2)
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- 8) Social Geography of Maharashtra (1)
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3) Maharashtra and India - Indian Polity and Governance (15)

- 1) Constitution (3)
- 2) Political System (3)
- 3) Panchayati Raj & Urban Governance (3)
- 4) Public Policy (3)
- 5) Humana Rights Issues (3)

4) Economic and Social development (15)

- 1) Sustainable Development (2)
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5) Environmental Ecology, Bio-diversity & Climate Change (6)

- 1) Environmental Ecology (2)
- 2) Bio-diversity (2)
- 3) Climate Change (2)

6) General Science (19)

- 1) Physics (3)
- 2) Chemistry (3)
- 3) Biology and Zoology (2)
- 4) Botany (2)
- 5) Agriculture Science (2)
- 6) Human Biology and (2)
- 7) Health, Hygeine, Food and Nutrition (3)
- 8) ST development & its applications to Infrastructure development (2)

7) Current Events of State, National and International Importance (15)

- 1) Political events (2)
- 2) Organisations (2)
- 3) Economical events (2)
- 4) S & T events (2)
- 5) Geographical events, Places (2)
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State Service Preliminary Examination 2024

Preparation & Guidance : Topics & Subtopics of the Syllabus

100 Important Points Economy : 60

- 1) Consider the following two statements :
- In India per capita availability of agricultural land has declined from 0.48 hectare in 1951 to 0.16 hectare in 1991 and is projected to slide down to 0.08 hectare in 2035
 - The decline in the extent of agricultural land is mainly due to increase in population and diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose.
- Now state whether.
- (b) is a correct (a) is not
 - (a) is a correct (b) is not
 - Both are correct and (b) is a correct reasoning of (a)
 - Both are correct but (b) is not the reasoning for (a)
- 2) Soil erosion has affected large tracts of our country. Which is a state with the largest areas under soil erosion ?
- Rajasthan
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Maharashtra
 - Uttar Pradesh
- 3) In the context of planning era i.e. 1951 to 2011, take into consideration the following statements:
- Food production increases fourfold, diversified industrial growth takes place.
 - Import substitution, diversified export promotion and science and technical educational expansion takes place.
 - Achievement in reducing poverty and unemployment ratio.
 - Reduction in concentration of economic power, decentralization of income and wealth takes place.
- Answer Options :**
- (a) and (b) only
 - (a) and (c) only
 - (b), (c) and (d)
 - (a), (b), (c), (d)
- 4) What are the benefits of implementing the 'Integrated Watershed Development Programme'?
- Prevention of soil runoff
 - Linking the country's perennial rivers with seasonal rivers.
 - Rainwater harvesting and recharge of groundwater table
 - Regeneration of natural vegetation.
- Answer Options :**
- (a) and (b) only
 - (a) and (c) only
 - (a), (c) and (d)
 - (a), (b), (c), (d)
- 5) As per NSSO 70th Round "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural House holds", consider the following statements:
- Rajasthan has the highest percentage share of agricultural households among its rural households.
 - Out of the total agricultural households in the country, a little over 60 percentage belong to OBCs.

c) In Kerala, a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported to have received maximum income from sources other agricultural activities.

Answer Options :

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

6) Mixed farming means

1) alternate growing of crops 2) changing crops from season to season
3) cultivation of two crops on the same field 4) growing many crops on the same field

7) **Assertion (A) :** Our agricultural growth rate is small even after proper planning and investment.

Reason (R) : Land reforms have not been carried out up to mark.

1) A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
2) A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
3) Both A and R are false
4) A is true but R is false

8) With what purpose is the Government of India promoting the concept of "Mega Food Parks" ?

a) To provide good infrastructure facilities for the food processing industry.
b) To increase the processing of perishable items and reduce wastage.
c) To provide emerging and eco-friendly food processing technologies to entrepreneurs.

Answer Options :

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

9) Consider the following statements :

a) The Standard Mark of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is mandatory for automotive tyres and tubes.
b) AGMARK is a quality Certification Mark issued by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Answer Options :

1) (a) only 2) (b) only 3) Both (a) and (b) 4) Neither (a) nor (b)

10) What is/are the advantage/advantages of implementing the 'National Agriculture Market' scheme?

a) It is a pan-India electronic trading portal for agricultural commodities.
b) It provides the farmers access to nationwide market, with prices commensurate with the quality of their produce.

Answer Options :

1) (a) only 2) (b) only 3) Both (a) and (b) 4) Neither (a) nor (b)

11) Which one of the following companies has started a rural marketing network called 'e-chaupals'?

1) ITC 2) Dabur 3) Proctor and Gamble 4) Hindustan Lever

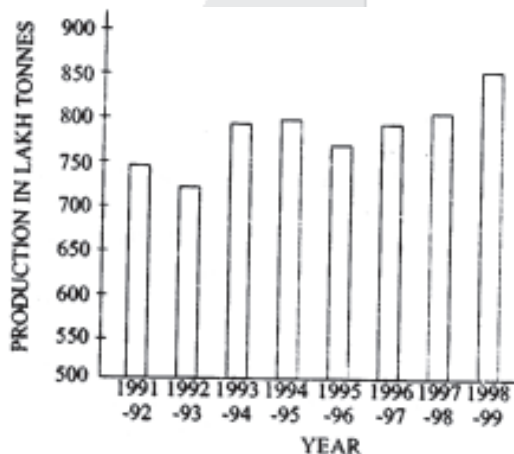
12) First Five year plan laid stress on

1) Agriculture 2) Industry 3) Power 4) Uplifting of poor people

13) The emphasis in the First Five Year Plan was on development of

1) Industry 2) Agriculture 3) Education 4) Trade

- 14) Operation flood refers to
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| 1) use of preventive measures for flood devastation | 2) a study about floods |
| 3) dairy development for increased milk production | 4) none of the above |
- 15) Operation Flood is associated with.....
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| 1) Irrigation facilities | 2) Floods control | 3) Dairy development | 4) Drought control |
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- 16) **Assertion (A)** : As a result of the green revolution in India, both the area under wheat cultivation and its output have increased.
Reason (R) : Relative price of wheat has gone up sharply.
- 1) If both 'A' and 'R' are correct and R is the correct explanation of 'A'.
 - 2) If both 'A' and 'R' are true but 'R' is not the correct explanation of 'A'.
 - 3) If 'A' is true but 'R' is false.
 - 4) If 'A' is false but 'R' is true.
- 17) The annual agricultural production of a product for the period 1991-92 to 1998-99 is shown in the figure given above. Which one of the following is the product in question ?



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| 1) Pulses | 2) Wheat | 3) Oilseeds | 4) Rice |
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- 18) Consider the following:
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| a) Areca nut | b) Barley | c) Coffee | d) Finger millet |
| e) Groundnut | f) Sesamum | g) Turmeric | |
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has announced the Minimum Support Price for which of the above?
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| 1) b - d - f - g | 2) a - b - c - d - e - g | 3) b - c - a - d | 4) d - b - c - a - e |
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- 19) What is not of Dr. Verghese Kurien ?
- a) He is regarded as the father of White Revolution
 - b) he spent most of his life at Anand and was associated with Amul
 - c) He used to say "I don't drink milk as I don't like it".
 - d) He was a Keralite.
 - e) he was awarded with Padma Vibhushan but not Magsaysay award
 - f) He was instrument in converting buffaloes milk into powder.

Answer Options :

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| 1) e | 2) c - d - e - g | 3) c - a - d | 4) d - b |
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- 20) A company marketing food products advertises that its items do not contain trans-fats. What does this campaign signify to the customers ?
- The food products are not made out of hydrogenated oils.
 - The food products are not made out of animal fats/oils.
 - The oils used are not likely to damage the cardiovascular health of the consumers.

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) and (b) only 2) (a) and (c) 3) (b) and (c) 4) (a), (b) and (c)
- 21) In India, markets in agricultural products are regulated under the
- Essential Commodities Act, 1955
 - Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act enacted by States
 - Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937
 - Food Products Order, 1956 and Meat and Food Products Order, 1973
- 22) In India the market for agricultural produce is mainly through
- cooperatives 2) fairs 3) moneylenders 4) wholesale dealers
- 23) What is NAFED ?
- A hybrid variety of wheat
 - A bank for agriculture credit
 - An agricultural cooperative marketing agency
 - National Agricultural Federation for Extension and Development
- 24) Consider the following statements:
- The Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme was launched during 1996-97 to provide loan assistance to poor farmers.
 - The Command Area Development Programme was launched in 1974-75 for the development of water-use efficiency.

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) only 2) (b) only 3) Both (a) and (b) 4) Neither (a) nor (b)
- 25) Consider the following statements:
- The quantity of imported edible oils is more than the domestic production of edible oils in the last five years.
 - The Government does not impose any customs duty on all the imported edible oils as a special case.

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) only 2) (b) only 3) Both (a) and (b) 4) Neither (a) nor (b)
- 26) How much percent weight of sugarcane can be converted into sugar ?
- 40% 2) 30% 3) 20% 4) 10%
- 27) Fishing in India is poorly developed because :
- Dependence on food crops b) Facilities for preservation of fish are limited
 - Government is not giving encouragement to develop fishing.
 - Market is not much favourable.

Answer Options :

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

- 28) The substitution of steel for wooden ploughs in agricultural production is an example of ...
1) labour-augmenting technological progress 2) capital-augmenting technological progress
3) capital-reducing technological progress 4) None of the above
- 29) With reference to organic farming in India, consider the following statements:
a) 'The National Programme for Organic Production' (NPOP) is operated under the guidelines and directions of the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
b) 'The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority' (APEDA) functions as the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP.
c) Sikkim has become India's first fully organic State.

Answer Options :

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

- 30) Consider the following statement about the livestock resources of India. :
a) India has the largest number of cattle in the world.
b) Indian cow is called tea-cup-cow as average yield of milk per cow is poor.
c) About 50 percent of the worlds total population of buffaloes is in India.
d) Buffaloes account for about 50 percent of milk production in India.

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) and (b) only 2) (a) and (c) only 3) (b), (c) and (d) 4) None of these

- 31) Consider the following statements and state what is **not true** of the Alluvial Soils ?
a) Alluvial soils are most widely spread soils. b) Alluvial soils as a whole are very fertile.
c) On the basis of their age they are classified into two old : Bangar and new : Khadar.
d) Khadar soils are more fertile than Bangar.
e) Alluvial soils contain adequate proportion of potash, phosphoric acid and lime
f) Alluvial soils are ideal for sugarcane, paddy, wheat and pulse.

Answer Options :

- 1) (a), (b), (c), (d) 2) (a), (b), (c), (e) 3) (a), (b), (d), (e) 4) None of these

- 32) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has initiated a Saffron Mission to be implemented from 2010 to 2014. What does it involve?
a) Replanting b) Improving soil health
c) Strengthening Irrigation d) Weather Station development
e) Enhancing Research and Extension

Answer Options :

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

- 33) Which of the following was **not** an objective of land reforms policy of India ?
1) Tenancy Reforms 2) Abolition of Intermediaries
3) Agricultural Finance 4) Co-operative Farming.

- 34) **Assertion (A)** : Growth rate in agriculture is small even after proper investment and planning.
Reason (R) : Results of land reforms have not been satisfactory.
1) Both A and R are true and R is the reason for A.
2) Both A and R are true but R is not the reason for A.
3) A is true R is false.
4) A is false R is true.

- 35) Which of the following agricultural holdings have the largest percentage in India?
1) Large holdings 2) Medium holdings 3) Small holdings 4) Marginal holdings
- 36) Which of the following are the objectives of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)?
a) To stabilize agricultural prices
b) To ensure meaningful real income levels to the farmers
c) To protect the interest of the consumers by providing essential agricultural commodities at reasonable rates through public distribution system
d) To ensure maximum price for the farmer

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) and (b) only 2) (a), (b) and (c) 3) (a), (c) and (d) 4) (a), (b), (c), (d)
- 37) Which Scheme is not come under Food Security?
a) Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)
b) Public Distribution System (PDS)
c) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)
d) Annapurna Scheme

Answer options :

- 1) (a) and (b) only 2) (a) and (c) only 3) (b), (c) and (d) 4) None of the above
- 38) Which is the conference of W.T.O. in which the 'Food Security Bill' was sanctioned for a specified period ?
1) Kankoon conference 2) Doha conference
3) Uruguay conference 4) Bali conference in Indonesia

- 39) Which of the following anti-poverty programmes of the Government of India provided subsidised food to the poor people?
1) NREP 2) IRDP 3) SJGY 4) PDS
- 40) At what extent of the present value of the stored produce, Nationalized banks sanction credit against the security of warehouse receipt ?
1) 55 to 60% 2) 65 to 70% 3) 75 to 80% 4) 95 to 100%

- 41) When minimum support prices (MSP) for important agricultural crops are announced by the government of India.
1) Just after the sowing of crops 2) After the start of the harvesting of crops
3) Before the start of the sowing season of crop 4) They are announced any time
- 42) Which crop price is announced before sowing of the crops by the Govt. of India ?
a) Support price b) Procurement price c) Statutory price

Answer Options :

- 1) (a) only 2) (a) and (c) 3) (b) and (c) 4) (a), (b) and (c)
- 43) Consider the following statements :
a) NAFED is the apex co-operative marketing organisation at the National level.
b) Centre for Agriculture Marketing was established in 1988.
c) Central warehousing corporation was setup in 1957.

Answer options :

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

44) NABARD provides refinance to

- a) Micro finance to small farmers b) Regional Rural Banks
c) State Cooperative Banks d) Finance to rural artisans

Answer options :

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

45) Which of the following statements is not true about agricultural subsidies ?

- 1) Fertiliser subsidy is borne by the state governments.
2) Power subsidy is borne by the state governments.
3) One of the objectives of fertiliser subsidy is to attract more capital to fertiliser industry.
4) Low price of canal water, due to irrigation subsidy has led to inefficient use of surface water.

46) The "Lead Bank Scheme" was launched on the recommendations of the study group appointed by "National Credit Council" in October, 1969 under the Chairmanship of :

- a) Prof. D. R. Gadgil b) Mr. Shivaraman c) Mr. Narsimha d) Mr. A. M. Khusro

Answer options :

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

47) The Head Office of the "Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)" is located at

- 1) New Delhi 2) Mumbai 3) Chennai 4) Bangaluru

48) APEDA take the responsibility of export promotion and development of product.

- 1) Fruits, Vegetables and their products 2) Dairy products
3) Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages 4) All the above

49) In 1970, RBI had formulated a committee under the Chairmanship of to study the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI).

- 1) Dr. Manmohan Singh 2) Dr. Gadgil 3) Dr. Hazari 4) Dr. Swaminathan

50) To take the review of rural credit, Government of India has appointed "Agricultural Credit Review Committee" in the year 1989 under the Chairmanship of :

- 1) S. B. Venkatappiah 2) A. M. Khusro 3) D. R. Gadgil 4) None of the above