

Que-1 IMF bailouts are not insurance against economic crisis and their effectiveness depends on certain factors. Which are

1- The nature of the country's macro-economic fundamentals: outward-looking policy driven by growth strategies or does it have inconsistent weak fundamentals fuelled by macro-economic populism.

2- The nature of the economy's growth model: growth driven by domestic savings or foreign capital, reliant on manufacturing sector or natural resources — which in turn determines its vulnerability to external shocks.

3- The degree of political stability and quality of governance which are directly correlated to effectiveness of policy response.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-2 With reference to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), consider the following statements

1- HPV is a genetically transmitted infection.

2- Many people don't have any symptoms, and the infection might go away on its own.

3- Some types of HPV can lead to cervical cancer, head and neck cancer.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-3 With reference to Mission Karmayogi, consider the following statements

1- National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).

2- The programme aims “comprehensive reform of the capacity building apparatus at individual, institutional and process levels for efficient public service delivery”.

3- It will aim to allocate roles and jobs based on cadre of the officers.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-4 Consider the following statements about coarse cereals

1- Coarse grains refer to cereal grains other than wheat and rice or those used primarily for animal feed or brewing.

2- Finger millet is the richest source of Iron (300 to 350 mg/100 g grain).

3- These are largely grown in the semi-arid tropical regions of Asia and Africa, under rain-fed farming systems with little external inputs.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-5 Consider the following statements about Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards 2022

1- The awards were an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs and the World Bank.

2- Awarded for addressing the city-level challenges of accessibility and the inclusion for persons with disabilities, women and girls and senior citizens.

3- Belagavi Smarty City's system for those with disabilities to access education and healthcare was awarded the top prize in the category of implemented solutions.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-6 Consider the following statements about Uyghurs

1- The Uyghurs are Turkic-speaking Muslims from the Central Asian region.

2- The largest population live in China's autonomous Xinjiang region, in the country's southern part.

3- They are one of China's 55 officially recognized ethnic minorities.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

Que-7 "Hinnamnor" recently in news, is a name of

- a) Volcano
b) India's new Atlantic Station
c) Space Mission
d) Typhoon

Que-8 Consider the following statements about INS Vikrant

1- INS Vikrant, with pennant number R11, was the first-ever aircraft carrier that was operated by the Indian Navy.

2- The first ever aircraft carrier to be indigenously designed and constructed.

3- The plan for building an indigenous aircraft carrier started taking shape as the old INS Vikrant neared its decommissioning in the late 1990s.

Which of the following given above is/are correct

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

ANSWER

1- (c)

- IMF bailouts are therefore not insurance against economic crisis and their effectiveness depends on certain factors.
- First, the nature of the country's macro-economic fundamentals: outward-looking policy driven by growth strategies or does it have inconsistent weak fundamentals fuelled by macro-economic populism?
- Second is the nature of the economy's growth model: growth driven by domestic savings or foreign capital, reliant on manufacturing sector or natural resources — which in turn determines its vulnerability to external shocks.
- Third is the degree of political stability and quality of governance which are directly correlated to effectiveness of policy response. Fourth and an all-pervasive factor is the mismatch between the IMF loan and conditions of structural adjustment imposed on the crisis-ridden economy. While, the former is short-term in nature, structural adjustment is a long-term commitment. Accordingly, it stands to reason that such a time mismatch impacts the effectiveness of the IMF loans.

2- (d)

- HPV is a sexually transmitted infection.
- HPV isn't just one virus. There are more than 100 kinds, and some are riskier than others.
- HPV lives in thin, flat cells called epithelial cells. These are found on the skin's surface. They're also found on the surface of the vagina, anus, vulva, cervix and head of the penis. They're also found inside the mouth and throat.
- About 60 of the 100 HPV types cause warts on areas like the hands or feet. The other 40 or so enter the body during sexual contact. They're drawn to the body's mucous membranes, such as the moist layers around the anus and genitals.
- Not all of the 40 sexually transmitted human papillomaviruses cause serious health problems.

3- (a)

- It will aim to allocate roles and jobs based on competencies of the officers.
- The mission aims to prepare civil service officers for the future by making them more "creative, constructive, imaginative, innovative,

proactive, professional, progressive, energetic, enabling, transparent and technology-enabled.'

- The programme will try to improve human resource management practices among the officers. It will focus more on role based management. It will aim to allocate roles and jobs bases on competencies of the officers.
- The mission has also created an online platform called as iGOT-Karmayogi. iGOT stands for Integrated Government Online Training. This platform will provide content to learn from global best practices rooted in "Indian ethos". Civil servants will also have to undertake courses on this platform on which the officers' performance will be evaluated. A Special Purpose Vehicle will monitor the platform. The SPV will be a not-for-profit organisation under Section 8 of the Companies Act.

4- (b)

- Coarse cereals include maize, sorghum (Jowar; Sorghum vulgare), oats, barley, pearl millet (Bajra) and other minor millets such as Finger millet (Ragi;), Kodo millet (Arikalu), Proso millet (Cheena), Foxtail millet (Kauni), Little millet (Kutki) and Barnyard millet (Sanwa).

- They are rich in dietary energy, vitamins, several minerals (especially micronutrients such as iron and zinc), insoluble dietary and phytochemicals with antioxidant properties.
- Finger millet is the richest source of calcium (300 to 350 mg/100 g grain).
- Small millets are a good source of phosphorus and iron.

5- (d)

- The awards were an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs and the United Nations in India.
- In the category of early-stage innovations, the winner was a wearable technology product, Fifth Sense by Glovatrix Pvt. Ltd., that translates sign language gestures to speech and text using sensors and AI. In the second category of market-ready solutions, Mouseware by Dextroware Devices Pvt. Ltd. was the winner. Mouseware is a head-wearable device that enables hands-free control of computers and smart gadgets.
- Belagavi Smarty City's system for those with disabilities to access education and healthcare was awarded the top prize in the category of implemented solutions.

6- (b)

- The Uyghurs are Turkic-speaking Muslims from the Central Asian region. The largest population live in China's autonomous Xinjiang region, in the country's north-west. The Uyghurs are one of a number of persecuted Muslim minorities in Xinjiang, including the Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Tajiks, Kyrgyz and Hui.
- The region's name suggests the Uyghurs have autonomy and self-governance. But similar to Tibet, Xinjiang is a tightly controlled region of China.

7- (d)

- The strongest global storm of 2022, Super Typhoon Hinnamnor, advancing towards Japan's Okinawa at a speed of about 257 kmph and with gusts of wind reaching speeds of 314 kmph.

8- (c)

- The commissioning of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1) into the Navy as INS Vikrant marks a defining moment. The first ever aircraft carrier to be indigenously designed and constructed, INS Vikrant will strengthen the country's standing as a 'Blue Water Navy' — a maritime force with global reach and capability to operate over deep seas.

- The Sanskrit word Vikrant, which means courageous, finds its origins in various scriptures including the Bhagwad Gita. The sixth shloka in the first chapter of the Gita, while describing the valour of some Generals from the army of Pandavas, uses the adjective 'Vikrant'.
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