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IAS Prelims 2012 General Studies Solved (Part 1 of 10)

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- 1. Which of the following is/are the principal feature (s) of the Government of India Act, 1919?
 - a. Introduction of dyarchy in the executive government of the provinces
 - b. Introduction of separate communal electorates for Muslims
 - c. Devolution of legislative authority by the centre to the provinces
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1,2 and 3
 - Answer: c
- 2. With reference to National Rural Health Mission, which of the following are the jobs of ASHA, a trained community health worker?
 - a. Accompanying women to the health facility for antenatal care checkup
 - b. Using pregnancy test kits for early detection of pregnancy
 - c. Providing information on nutrition and immunization
 - d. Conducting the delivery of baby
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1,2 and 3 Only
 - b. 2 and 4 Only
 - c. 1 and 3 Only
 - d. 1,2, 3 and 4
 - Answer: a
- 3. During Indian freedom struggle, the National Social Conference was formed. What was the reason for its formation?
 - a. Different social reform groups or organizations of Bengal region united to form a single body to discuss the issues of larger interest and to prepare appropriate petitions/representations to the government.

- **b**. Indian National Congress did not want to include social reforms in its deliberations and decided to form a separate body for such a purpose
- c. Behramji Malabari and M G Ranade decided to bring together all the social reform groups of the country under one organization
- d. None of the statements a, b & c given above is correct in this context
- Answer: c
- 4. Which of the following parties were established by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar?
 - a. The Peasants and Workers Party of India
 - b. All India Scheduled Castes Federation
 - c. The Independent Labour Party
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1,2 and 3
 - Answer: b
- 5. Which of the following special powers have been conferred on the Rajya Sabha by the Constitution of India?
 - a. To change the existing territory of a State and to change the name of a State
 - b. To pass a resolution empowering the Parliament to make laws in the State List and to create one or more All India Services
 - c. To amend the election procedure of the President and to determine the pension of the President after his/her retirement
 - *a.* To determine the functions of the Election Commission and to determine the number of Election Commissioners
 - Answer: b
- 6. How does the National Rural Livelihood Mission seek to improve livelihood options of rural poor?
 - a. By setting up a large number of new manufacturing industries and agribusiness centres in rural areas
 - b. By strengthening self-help groups and providing skill development
 - c. By supplying seeds, fertilizers, diesel pump-sets and micro-irrigation equipment free of cost to farmers
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 only

- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1.2 and 3
- Answer: b
- 7. The Multi-dimensional Poverty Index developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative with UNDP support covers which of the following?
 - a. Deprivation of education, health, assets and services at household level
 - b. Purchasing power parity at national level
 - c. Extent of budget deficit and GDP growth rate at national level
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1,2 and 3
 - Answer: a
- 8. Which of the following is/are among the noticeable features of the recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission?
 - a. A design for the Goods and Services Tax, and a compensation package linked to adherence to the proposed design
 - *b*. A design for the creation of lakhs of jobs in the next ten years in consonance with Indias demographic dividend
 - c. Devolution of a specified share of central taxes to local bodies as grants
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1,2 and 3
 - Answer: a
- 9. What is/are the recent policy initiative (s) of Government of India to promote the growth of manufacturing sector?
 - a. Setting up of National Investment and Manufacturing Zones
 - b. Providing the benefit of single window clearance
 - c. Establishing the Technology Acquisition and Development Fund
 - Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only

- d. 1,2 and 3
- Answer: d
- 10. Which of the following are the methods of Parliamentary control over public finance in India?
 - a. Placing Annual Financial Statement before the Parliament
 - b. Withdrawal of moneys from Consolidated Fund of India only after passing the Appropriation Bill
 - c. Provisions of supplementary grants and vote-on-account
 - a. A periodic or at least a mid-year review of programme of the Government against macroeconomic forecasts and expenditure by a Parliamentary Budget Office
 - e. Introducing Finance Bill in the Parliament
- Select the correct answer using the codes given below:
 - a. 1,2, 3 and 5 only
 - **b.** 1,2 and 4 only
 - *c*. 3,4 and 5 only
 - d. 1,2, 3,4 and 5
 - Answer: d