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Current Affairs Questions for CLAT Exam

Current Affairs Quiz 25

Directions: study the following information carefully and answer the question given besides.

According to the 12th edition of the Environment Performance Index (EPI 2020)—released by _____ **B** _____ —India has performed poorly. Out of the 180 countries analysed, India stood at _____ **A** _____ 168—behind all South Asian nations, except Afghanistan—with a score of 27.6. According to the report, the laggards—such as Nigeria and India—need to redouble their sustainability efforts. The index is based on 32 performance indicators across 11 categories—biodiversity & habitat, air quality, water and sanitation, etc—based on which countries are ranked on environmental health and ecosystem vitality. This index becomes a vital tool for assessing countries' progress with regards to Sustainable Development Goals, and would help policymakers formulate and implement environmental policies efficiently.

[Extracted, with edits and revisions, from: India fares poorly on EPI 2020 index:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/india-fares-poorly-on-epi-2020-index-time-to-act-towards-environment-protection/1986592/>]

1. What is India's ranking in the Environment Performance Index, replaced with blank A in the above passage?

- A. 132 B. 140 C. 168 D. 156

2. In which of the following year did the United Nations General Assembly set the Sustainable Development Goals?

- A. 2012 B. 2013 C. 2014 D. 2015

3. Which article of the constitution binds the state to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard wildlife of the country?

- A. Article 17 B. Article 21 C. Article 35 D. Article 48-A

4. Which of the following organisation releases the EPI, as replaced by blank B in the above passage?

- A. Yale University B. MIT
C. Harvard University D. Oxford University

5. Which of the following is Goal 5 on the list of the Sustainable Development Goals?

- A. Affordable and Clean Energy B. Zero Hunger
C. Gender Equality D. No Poverty

Correct answer:

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| C | D | D | A | C |

Explanation:

1. India is currently ranked at the 168th position on the EPI. Now in its 22nd year, the EPI report has become the premier metrics framework for global environmental policy analysis. The 2020 EPI features new metrics that gauge waste management, carbon dioxide emissions from land cover change, and emissions of fluorinated gases all are important drivers of climate change. The findings were released in June 2020.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs, set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year 2030, are part of UN Resolution 70/1, the 2030 Agenda.

Hence, option D is correct.

3. Article 48A in The Constitution Of India. 'Protection and improvement of environment and safeguarding of forests and wildlife. The State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife of the country'.

Hence, option D is correct.

4. The 2020 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) provides a data-driven summary of the state of sustainability around the world. It is released by Yale University and uses 32 performance indicators across 11 issue categories, the EPI ranks 180 countries on environmental health and ecosystem vitality. These indicators provide a gauge at a national scale of how close countries are to established environmental policy targets. The EPI offers a scorecard that highlights leaders and laggards in environmental performance and provides practical guidance for countries that aspire to move toward a sustainable future.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. Goal 5:

End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life

Hence, option C is correct.



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