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IBPS SO AGRICULTURE FIELD OFFICER QUIZ – 4

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. The Saura Jalnidhi scheme to encourage the use of solar energy in irrigation was recently launched by which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

2. World Food Day is observed every year on?

- A. 14th October
- B. 15th October
- C. 16th October
- D. 17th October
- E. 18th October

3. Which state government has recently announced a protection scheme for the exotic Neela Kurinji plant?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Kerala

4. The Union Cabinet recently (September 2018) approved of the new umbrella scheme Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan or PM-AASHA. Which of the following is NOT a component of PM AASHA?

- A. Price Support Scheme
- B. Price Deficiency Payment Scheme
- C. Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme
- D. Both A and C
- E. All of the above

5. Recently, the government launched the Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) Scheme. Under this fund, first installment of Rs. _____ was given to National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

- A. 400 crore
- B. 420 crore
- C. 440 crore

D. 460 crore

E. 500 crore

6. Who among the following was appointed as the CEO of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana?

A. Ashish Kumar Bhutani

B. Jeetendra Rawat

C. Akhilesh Ranjan

D. Ajay Rastogi

E. M R Shah

7. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana was formed by merging which of the following schemes?

A. AIBP

B. Integrated Watershed Management Programme

C. On Farm Water Management

D. Only A and B

E. All of the above

8. POSHAN Abhiyaan or the National Nutrition Mission was launched in March 2018 in?

A. Rajasthan

B. Gujarat

C. Kerala

D. Uttar Pradesh

E. West Bengal

9. Which state launched the PAUDHAGIRI campaign to increase green cover in the state?

A. Punjab

B. Rajasthan

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Haryana

E. Uttar Pradesh

10. The Union Government proposed to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country under its Van Dhan Scheme.

A. 2000

B. 2500

C. 3000

D. 3500

E. 4000

Correct answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	C	D	E	C	A	E	A	D	C

Explanations:

1.

Odisha Government has launched Saura Jalnidhi scheme to encourage use of solar energy in irrigation by farmers. Under this scheme, farmers will be given 90% subsidy and 5,000 solar pumps. This will provide irrigation benefits in 2,500 acres of the state. The scheme was launched as part of state government's endeavor to increase the use of solar photovoltaic pump sets in those areas so that irrigation facilities can be provided where power system is bad. For this scheme, state government has made a provision of Rs 27.18 crore in the financial year 2017-18.

Hence, option C is correct.

2.

The World Food Day is observed on 16 October every year.

The Union Government launched national campaign 'Swasth Bharat Yatra' on occasion of World Food Day (observed on 16 October) to sensitise people about eating safe food and be healthy. The campaign has been launched in association with states and led by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Hence, option C is correct.

3.

Neelakurinji is a tropical plant species. It is native to Shola forests in Western Ghats. It is also seen in Shevroys Hills in Eastern Ghats, Anamalai hills and Agali hills in Kerala and Sanduru hills in Karnataka. It grows at height of 30 to 60 cm on hills slopes at an altitude of 1300 to 2400 meters where there is no tree forest. Tamil Nadu government has announced Scheme for protection of exotic Neela kurinji (*Strobilanthus kunthianus*) plants that flower only once in 12

years. This scheme comes following complaints that these rare and ecologically unique flowers are being packaged and sold on the commercial basis.

Hence, option D is correct.

4.

Union Cabinet recently approved new umbrella scheme “Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan” (PM-AASHA) to give major boost to pro-farmer initiatives of Government. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to farmers for their produce as announced in Union Budget for 2018.

Three Components of PM-AASHA

Price Support Scheme (PSS).

Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)

Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS).

Hence, option E is correct.

5.

The Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has launched Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 10881 crore. Under this fund, first installment of Rs. 440 crore was given to National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

Hence, option C is correct.

6.

Government has appointed senior bureaucrat Ashish Kumar Bhutani as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). He has been appointed to post till May 2020. He is IAS officer (1992 batch) of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

Hence, option A is correct.

7.

PMKSY was launched in July 2015 with overarching vision to ensure access to some means of protective irrigation for all agricultural farms in the country and to produce 'per drop more crop', thus bringing much desired rural prosperity. It was formulated by amalgamating earlier schemes viz. AIBP, Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and On Farm Water Management (OFWM) component of National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA). It is implemented by Ministries of Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development. It has outlay of Rs 50000 crore with implementation period of over five-year till April 2020.

Objectives of PMKSY

Achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level.

Expand cultivable area under assured irrigation (har khet ko pani).

Enhance adoption of precision-irrigation and other water saving technologies (More crop per drop).

Improve on-farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water.

Enhance recharge of aquifers.

Introduce sustainable water conservation practices.

Hence, option E is correct.

8.

POSHAN Abhiyaan (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) was launched in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan in March 2018. It aims to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.

Targets: It aims to reduce level of under-nutrition and other related problems by ensuring convergence of various nutrition related schemes. It also targets stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia (among young children, women and adolescent girls) and low birth rate.

Components: Its large component involves gradual scaling-up of interventions supported by ongoing World Bank assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) to all districts in the country by 2022. The Abhiyaan will monitor and review implementation of all such schemes and utilize existing structural arrangements of line ministries wherever available.

Hence, option A is correct.

9.

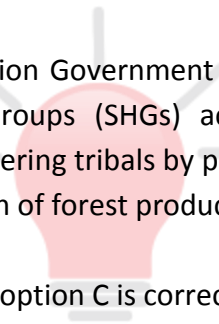
Haryana Government has launched 'Paudhagiri campaign', an unique program to increase green cover in the state. It was launched by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar by planting 'maulsari' sapling in Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurugram. The campaign aims increase green cover in the state, help in stabilising environment and improve overall climatic conditions, thus help in checking global warming. Under this campaign, 22 lakh students studying in Class 6th to 12th of all government and private schools will plant sapling each, during three months of monsoon (July, August and September). State forest department will provide sapling to every student.

Hence, option D is correct.

10.

The Union Government has proposed to set up 3000 Van Dhan Kendras involving 30,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country under its Van Dhan Scheme. This will help in empowering tribals by providing them skill up-gradation and capacity building training for value addition of forest produce for modernizing traditional tribal-rural economic system.

Hence, option C is correct.



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