

## Current Affairs 2021: March

Question 1. As per the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's GDP growth rate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the fiscal year 2020-21 (October to December 2020) was

- a. .2%
- b. .4%
- c. .6%
- d. .8%

**Answer: .4%**

Question 2. According to NSO's second advance estimates (SAE), what was India's GDP growth rate in the fiscal year 2020-21?

- a. -7.5%
- b. -8%
- c. -8.4%
- d. -10.5%

**Answer: -8%**

Question 3. Khelo India University Games 2021 are going to be hosted by Jain University in

- a. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- b. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- c. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- d. Hyderabad, Telangana

**Answer: Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Question 4. The world's highest railway bridge is being constructed in Jammu & Kashmir over which of the following rivers?

- a. Jhelum
- b. Sutlej
- c. Ravi
- d. Chenab

**Answer: Chenab**

Question 5. Who among the following was crowned Miss India World 2020?

- a. Manya Singh
- b. Adline Castelino
- c. Manika Sheokand
- d. Manasa Varanasi

**Answer: Manasa Varanasi**

Question 6. Who has been appointed as the new leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha?

- a. Mallikarjun Kharge
- b. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- c. Ghulam Nabi Azad
- d. Mahua Moitra

**Answer: Mallikarjun Kharge**

Question 7. Name the new Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).

- a. Stuti Narain Kacker
- b. Bhagwan Lal Sahni
- c. Rekha Sharma
- d. Vijay Sampla

**Answer: Vijay Sampla**

Question 8. Hima Das has been appointed as the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in which of the following states?

- a. Tripura
- b. Assam

- c. West Bengal
- d. Odisha

**Answer: Assam**

Question 9. India's longest River Bridge is going to come up on the Brahmaputra. The bridge will connect

- a. Majuli (Assam) to Jorhat (Assam)
- b. Dhemaji (Assam) to Dibrugarh (Assam)
- c. Dhubri (Assam) to Phulbari (Meghalaya)
- d. Dhola (Assam) to Sadiya (Arunachal Pradesh)

**Answer: Dhubri (Assam) to Phulbari (Meghalaya)**

Question 10. Name the program that has been launched to provide seamless connectivity to Eastern India and for undertaking development works around rivers Brahmaputra and Barak.

- a. Mahabahu-Brahmaputra
- b. East Connect
- c. Golden Eastway
- d. Brahmaputra se Sampark

**Answer: Mahabahu-Brahmaputra**

Question 11. National Safety Day (NSD) is observed annually on 4<sup>th</sup> March. What was the theme for NSD 2021?

- a. Satark Rahein (Remain Alert)
- b. Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)
- c. Agni Suraksha (Fire Safety)
- d. Corona se Suraksha (Corona Safety)

**Answer: Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)**

Question 12. Which of the following statements is incorrect in the context of IRDAI directives on mandatory Standard Accident Cover to be offered by general & health insurance companies from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021?

- a. 'Sarak Suraksha Bima' is the name of the Standard Accident Cover policy.
- b. The minimum and the maximum sum insured under this policy will be Rs. 2.5 Lakh and Rs. 1 Cr. respectively.
- c. The minimum and the maximum entry age under this policy are 18 years and 70 years respectively.
- d. None of the above

**Answer: None of the above**

Question 13. Name the Indian economist who has been appointed as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General (Assistant Secretary-General) & Associate Administrator of UNDP (United Nations Development Program).

- a. Gita Gopinath
- b. Dr. Krishnan Srinivasaraghavan
- c. Usha Rao-Monari
- d. Dr Soumya Swaminathan

**Answer: Usha Rao-Monari**

Question 14. In 2020, RBI reduced the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for Banks to 3% of their Net Demand and Time Liability (NDTL). In May 2021, CRR is going to be restored to

- a. 3.5%
- b. 4%
- c. 4.5%
- d. 5%

**Answer: 4%**

Question 15. Motera cricket stadium, the world's largest cricket stadium, has been renamed as the 'Narendra Modi Stadium'. Where is this stadium located?

- a. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- b. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- c. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- d. Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Answer: Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Question 16. The book 'Unfinished' is the memoir of

- a. Shah Rukh Khan

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- b. Priyanka Chopra
- c. Raj Kumar Rao
- d. Deepika Padukone

**Answer: Priyanka Chopra**

Question 17. India's 1<sup>st</sup> Digital University has come up in which of the following states?

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Karnataka
- d. Telangana

**Answer: Kerala**

Question 18. Name the ambassador for RBI's awareness campaign on cyber frauds and security threats (satark rahein).

- a. Sushant Singh (Actor)
- b. Viruss (Punjabi Rapper)
- c. Anup Soni (Actor)
- d. Rahul Dravid (Cricketer)

**Answer: Viruss (Punjabi Rapper)**

Question 19. Name the payments bank that has recently become an SCB (Scheduled Commercial Bank).

- a. Paytm Payments Bank
- b. India Post Payments Bank
- c. Airtel Payments Bank
- d. Fino Payments Bank

**Answer: Fino Payments Bank**

Question 20. Name the Nobel Prize winning author of the book "The Lost Soul":

- a. Peter Handke
- b. Kazuo Ishiguro
- c. Olga Tokarczuk
- d. Louise Glück

**Answer: Olga Tokarczuk**

Question 21. World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) is observed annually on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of WCRD 2021 was

- a. Tackling Plastic Pollution
- b. Consumer Protection from Cyber Frauds
- c. Reducing Mankind's Carbon Footprint
- d. Safeguarding Digital Privacy of Consumers

**Answer: Tackling Plastic Pollution**

Question 22. Which of the following pairs of winners of the 2021 Dadasaheb Phalke International film awards are correctly matched?

- a. Best Actress: Deepika Padukone (Chhapaak)
- b. Best Actor: Akshay Kumar (Laxmii)
- c. Best Film: Tanhaji
- d. All of the above

**Answer: All of the above**

Question 23. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the recently launched National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM)?

- a. NUDM is aimed at transformation of Urban Governance by creation of digital infrastructure.
- b. It has been jointly launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeITY).
- c. It will be rolled out across all cities and towns by 2024.

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d. None of the above

**Answer: None of the above**

Question 24. As per RBI directives, liquidity risk management is mandatory for all non-deposit taking Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) with asset size starting from

- a. Rs. 200 Cr.
- b. Rs. 50 Cr.
- c. Rs. 100 Cr.
- d. Rs. 200 Cr.

**Answer: Rs. 100 Cr.**

Question 25. The 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS finance and central bank deputies meeting of 2021 was held under the chairmanship of which of the following nations?

- a. Russia
- b. South Africa
- c. Brazil
- d. India

**Answer: India**

Question 26. Who recently became the 9<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Uttarakhand?

- a. Tirath Singh Rawat
- b. Harish Rawat
- c. Trivendra Singh Rawat
- d. Baby Rani Maurya

**Answer: Tirath Singh Rawat**

Question 27. Name the non-lapsable reserve fund for health care that has been set up from the proceeds of health and education cess levied by the Central Govt.

- a. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Kalyan Nidhi (PMSKN)
- b. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN)
- c. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Kalyan Rashi (PMSKR)
- d. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Upchar Rashi (PMSUR)

**Answer: Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN)**

Question 28. What is the name of the celebrations that are being planned to commemorate India's 75<sup>th</sup> year of independence?

- a. Jashn-e-Azadi
- b. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav
- c. Ayushman Bharat Mahotsav
- d. Azad Bharat Mahotsav

**Answer: Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

Question 29. Quadrilateral security dialogue (Quad) virtual summit was held recently among the Heads of Governments of India,

- a. USA, France and UK
- b. USA, UK and Australia
- c. USA, Japan and Australia
- d. USA, France and Australia

**Answer: USA, Japan and Australia**

Question 30. DUSTLIK-II, a bilateral military exercise between India and Uzbekistan, was conducted recently at

- a. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- b. Chaubatia, Ranikhet (Uttarakhand)
- c. Vairengte (Mizoram)
- d. Bakloh, Chamba (Himachal Pradesh)

**Answer: Chaubatia, Ranikhet (Uttarakhand)**

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