

## Social Awareness

The National Education Policy-2020 states that 'the education system must aim to benefit India's children so that no child loses any opportunity to learn and excel because of circumstances of birth or background.' Which of the following best describes the policy goal behind this statement?

- A) Inclusive Education
  - B) Merit-based Education
  - C) Need-based Education
  - D) Contextual Education
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A batch of petitions have been filed before the Supreme Court of India seeking a probe into the alleged use of Pegasus software by the Government for surveillance. Which of the following fundamental rights is/are alleged to have been violated in the use of this software?

- (i) Right to Privacy
- (ii) Right to Free Speech
- (iii) Right to Practice any Trade or Business

- A) Only (i)
  - B) Both (i) and (ii)
  - C) Both (i) and (iii)
  - D) (i)(ii) and (iii)
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According to the Global Hunger Index 2021, which of the following countries are doing worse than India?

- A) Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
  - B) Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Zambia
  - C) Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Chad
  - D) Madagascar, Yemen, Chad
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Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021 for their contribution to:

- A) protection of freedom of expression
  - B) raising awareness about nuclear weapons
  - C) raising awareness about racial prejudice
  - D) arresting climate change
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*But this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever. This eventuality we must all resolutely guard against. We must be determined to defend our independence with the last drop of our blood.* These lines are excerpts from;

- A) B.R. Ambedkar's speech in the Constituent Assembly
  - B) Jawaharlal Nehru's speech on the eve of Indian Independence
  - C) C. Rajagopalachari's speech in the Constituent Assembly
  - D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's speech after the integration of Princely States into the Indian Union
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The National Education Policy-2020 proposes a system of learning based on hands-on work, storytelling, arts, theatre, music and sport in higher education. Which of the following best describes this mode of learning?

- A) Experiential learning
  - B) Rote learning
  - C) Emotional Learning
  - D) Aesthetic learning
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Which of the following ideas does **NOT** figure in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution?

- A) Welfare
  - B) Religious Freedom
  - C) Vertical division of sovereign power
  - D) Individual Freedom
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Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) introduced in Indian elections in 2014 aims to:

- (i) enable voters to verify whether the vote has been cast as intended
- (ii) enable voters to verify whether the vote has been counted as it was cast

- A) Only (i)
  - B) Only (ii)
  - C) Both (i) and (ii)
  - D) Neither (i) nor (ii)
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Which of the following states has adopted total organic farming?

- A) Sikkim
  - B) Meghalaya
  - C) Assam
  - D) Mizoram
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Which of the following philanthropists was declared as the philanthropist of the century by the Hurun Research and EdelGive Foundation's list of the top 50 global philanthropists?

- A) Azim Premji
- B) Jamsetji Tata
- C) Mukesh Ambani

D) Bill Gates

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Which of these groups benefitted the most from the Green Revolution?

- a. Subsistence farmers
  - b. Small farmers
  - c. Large farmers
  - d. Medium farmers
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Which of these are challenges with regard to fulfilling the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement for India:

- a. Reducing dependence on coal because of the large numbers of people employed in the sector
  - b. the trajectory of India's economic
  - c. the high cost of technology transfer for alternative energies
  - d. All of the above
  - e. None of the above
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Article 15 of the Indian Constitution secures the citizens from discrimination by the State on the grounds of: race, caste, sex or place of birth or any of them

- a. Religion
  - b. Caste & Race
  - c. Sex
  - d. Place of Birth
  - e. All of the above
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Some of the exclusionary practices within the caste system is practised by members of the following religious communities in India:

- a. Hindus
  - b. Christians
  - c. Muslims
  - d. Sikhs
  - e. All of the above
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The criminalisation of certain tribal groups began in which of the following periods:

- a. Pre-colonial
  - b. Colonial period
  - c. Post-colonial
  - d. Does not happen in India
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Avijit Banerjee, Esther Dufflo and Michael Kremer won the Nobel prize in Economics in 2019 for which of the following contributions

- a. Antipoverty research
- b. Climate Change

- c. Behavioural Finance
  - d. Common-pool resources
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Who is the author of 'The Discovery of India'?

- a. Mahatma Gandhi
  - b. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
  - c. Jawaharlal Nehru
  - d. Vallabhbhai Patel
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In a Parliamentary democracy such as in India, which of the following organs of the government holds supremacy?

- a. Legislature
  - b. Executive
  - c. Judiciary
  - d. Bureaucracy
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Which of the options is not the feature of the NEP (New Education Policy)?

- a. Children be taught in their mother tongue, local language or regional language when possible
  - b. Mandatory instruction in the official language of the state through the primary years irrespective of a child's mother tongue
  - c. Mandatory schooling between 3-18 years
  - d. A unified body for higher education excluding medical and legal education
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In the 1970s and the 1980s, began the populist phase in Indian politics. Which of these is the most appropriate example of a populist measure?

- a) Opening more police stations
  - b) Opening good schools in villages
  - c) Providing television sets to all low-income families
  - d) Providing free medical care to all
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Pick one option from the list. The position of the following segment of a caste society is more fluid and ambiguous in the ritual hierarchy:

- a) Caste groups involve in farming with some land holding
  - b) Priestly caste groups
  - c) Caste groups doing jobs which is considered unclean
  - d) None of the above
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Following the farmers' agitation 2021, the Farm Acts 2020 or the Indian Agricultural Acts 2020 was.....

- a) Repealed by the Government of India after the Supreme court stayed the acts
- b) Rolled out by the Government of India in the states of Punjab, Haryana and other states

- c) Introduced by the Government of India in the southern states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu with some changes.
- d) Repealed by the Government of India under order of the Delhi High Court

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Directed by Shyam Benegal and based on the White Revolution in India, *Manthan* (1976) was.....

- a) The first Hindi film to win a National Award for Best Film in Hindi
- b) The only film to win a National Award for Best Screenplay in Hindi
- c) The first film that was completely crowdfunded by thousands of dairy farmers
- d) The first film that was based on rural issues in India

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Annie Ernaux, the French academic and novelist, won the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2022 for her courageous and accurate portrayal of.....

- a) The strong disparities that exist regarding gender, language and class and how that shapes one's life experiences
- b) The racial discrimination that exists in America
- c) Popular culture and its influence on youth in France
- d) The struggles of a young immigrant French couple from a marginalized background trying to find new life in America

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India ranked 132 out of 191 countries in the Human Development Report of 2021/2022. What are the key dimensions of the Human Development Index (HDI):

- a) Ability to lead a long and healthy life, access to education, and a decent standard of living
- b) Ability to lead a long and health life, political representation and per capita income
- c) Population control, industrial progress and a decent standard of living
- d) Access to education, decent standard of living and right to information

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'Mission LIFE' recently launched by prime minister Narendra Modi is an initiative to:

- a) Help the world in its fight against climate change and lead to a sustainable way of life.
- b) Develop an institutional framework for effective conservation of vultures in India.
- c) Infuse life in the dying rivers of India by taking direct action steps to clean river Ganga as a first.
- d) Take India forward in its communication system from Wi-Fi to Li-Fi using modulation of light intensity to transmit data.

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Match the following mountain ranges with the countries they are located in:

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| 1. The Andes                | a. United States of America |
| 2. Drakensberg              | b. Peru                     |
| 3. The Rockies              | c. South Africa             |
| 4. The Great Dividing Range | d. Australia                |

Which of the following is correct:

- a) 1b; 2c; 3a; 4d
- b) 1d; 2c; 3b; 4a

c) 1c; 2b; 3a; 4d

d) 1a; 2b; 3c; 4d

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The recent mass protests in Iran after the custodial death of 22 year old Mahsa Amini is for:

- a) Access of women to positions in civil and political bodies
  - b) Prevention of violence against women
  - c) Removal of mandatory Hijab law
  - d) Access to universal and free health services for all citizens
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What are Gram Sabhas?

- a) Gram Sabhas are village level forums where local festivals are celebrated
  - b) Gram Sabhas are village level courts of justice where trials are held
  - c) Gram Sabhas are held by the Panchayat with villagers to discuss local governance issues
  - d) Gram Sabhas are held by self-help groups to discuss loan and repayment issues
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“Learning loss” is currently of great concern in the education sector due to

- a) COVID-19 pandemic interrupting early childhood education and primary education
  - b) Increasing use of mobile phone among students of all ages
  - c) Increased absenteeism due to migration of households
  - d) Children sleeping in class and not listening to the teachers
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As of September, 2022, which state in India had introduced a “Right to Health” bill in their state assembly.

- a) Rajasthan
  - b) Karnataka
  - c) Kerala
  - d) “Right to health” is already enshrined in Indian constitution
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“India emphasized the foundational principles of equity, and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. It also highlighted that all countries should have equitable access to the global carbon budget, a finite global resource, for keeping temperature increase within the limits set by the Paris Agreement and all countries must stay within their fair share of this global carbon budget, while using it responsibly.” This was India’s statement as part of:

- a) Resolution on the Russia-Ukraine War in the United National General Assembly
  - b) International deliberations on the repair of the Ozone hole in 2022
  - c) 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - d) The SAARC summit on cooperation between nations in the South Asian Region in 2021
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Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MGNREGA) legislates that:

- a) Everyone should have access to full employment round the year
- b) All agricultural workers should get minimum wages

- c) All rural workers should have access to minimum wages, housing and access to health services
  - d) 100 days of wage employment every year should be given to every household whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work
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The Nobel prize in Economics 2019 was awarded to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for:

- a) Their research on economics of climate change
  - b) Their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty
  - c) Their work on ensuring full employment outcomes in developing economies
  - d) All of the above
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*Waiting for Visa* is an autobiographical book written by

- a) Rabindranath Tagore based on his tours of different European countries
  - b) Om Prakash Valmiki based on his experience of discrimination and exclusion in school and college
  - c) B R Ambedkar based on his reminiscences of untouchability and discrimination experienced by him in different contexts
  - d) Kadambini Ganguly on her struggle as the first Indian woman to travel to London to study medicine
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“I believe that winning over people through dhamma (meaning ‘dharma’ in Sanskrit) is much better than conquering them through force...I am inscribing this message for the future, so that my son and grandson after me should not think of war”.

- a) This is what Ashoka, the famous Mauryan emperor, declared in one of his inscriptions after winning the Kalinga war some 2300 years ago.
  - b) This is an excerpt from a speech given by B R Ambedkar on the eve of his conversion to Buddhism in 1956
  - c) This is an excerpt from a speech delivered by Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of launching the Non-Cooperation movement in 1920.
  - d) This is an excerpt from ‘Long Walk to Freedom’, the autobiography of the late South African President and revolutionary leader Nelson Mandela, who believed in the principles of non-violence promoted by Gandhi
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The Right to Information Act 2005 says that:

- a) Every Indian citizen has the right to access information from all public institutions and authorities
  - b) The Indian Government can access personal information of any citizen if necessary
  - c) All information related to policies and schemes should be available on Government websites
  - d) The Indian Government can withdraw sensitive information from any social media if it leads to conflict
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In the new labour codes, there is a statement “These are futuristic legislations which will empower enterprises by reducing compliance, red-tapism and ‘Inspector Raj’”. This idea is encapsulated in the phrase:

- a) Satyameva Jayate
  - b) Ease of doing business
  - c) Equitable development
  - d) Environmental sustainability
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Which were the first two vaccines against COVID-19 to get emergency use authorisation in India

- a) Pfizer and Covaxin
  - b) Covishield and Sputnik-V
  - c) Pfizer and Sputnik – V
  - d) Covishield and Covaxin
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