

TNPSC GROUP II MAIN - 2018 CYCLE TEST - 01 CURRENT AFFAIRS - I

3 Marks

- 1. UN's highest environmental honour award**
Champions of the Earth - Narendra Modi - Efforts for plastic elimination in India by 2022
- 2. Plan Bee**
Indian Railways - Preventing trains hitting elephants - 'Buzzing' sound devices
- 3. Top three states in 'Ease of Living Index' under AMRUT**
Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh
- 4. Bedaquiline**
New anti-TB drug - Revised National TB Control Program - Mycobacterial ATP synthase
- 5. WAYU**
Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit - Air pollution control device at traffic junctions - Removes particulate matter & poisonous gases

6. **First ever gender neutral hostel in India**
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) - Mumbai's Deonar - Decriminalization of IPC Section 377
7. **#LooReview Campaign**
Swachh Bharat Mission - Google Maps - Local guides to rate & review public toilets - SBM Toilet
8. **Poshan Maah**
National Nutrition Month (September, 2018) - Poshan Abhiyan - Antenatal care, growth monitoring, anaemia awareness, etc
9.
 - a. Mr. Abhay Kumar
 - b. Mr. Purushothaman
 - c. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
10. **New Diamond**
Crude Oil Vessel - Greece Port Emporios - Largest vessel ever handled by Chennai port
11.
 - a. Ms. R. Sathi, Madukkarai, Malumichampatti, Coimbatore
 - b. Sadarmatt anicut, Pedda Cheruvu
 - c. Paritchaikku Bhayamen, V. Insuvai
12. **Rikako Ikee**
Japanese swimmer - First female athlete named the Most Valuable Player at Asian Games, 2018 - First female athlete in any sport to win six gold medals at a single Asian Games.
13. **Varma Therapy at AYUSH block**
Trichy, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Karur
14. **Prof. Balaji**
Chennai based craniomaxillofacial surgeon - Pakistan Dental Association's Humanitarian Award - First Indian to receive such an honour

15. India's first Customs Checking Centre

Thiruvottriyur, Chennai - Elimination of massive backlog in front of port - Eases traffic congestion

16. Yuva Nestam Scheme

Andhra Pradesh - Youth unemployment allowance - Rs. 1000 - Age of 25 to 30 years

17. Tamil Nadu Villages

Malliamman Thurkam (Sathyamangalam taluk), Ramar dam (Thalavadi taluk), Kathirimalai (Anthiyur taluk)

18. Portals to strengthen women safety

Cyber Crime Prevention against Women & Children (CCPWC) portal - to check objectionable online content - National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO) - to aid in monitoring & investigation of sexual crimes

5 Marks

19. 2018 Kerala Floods

A calamity of severe nature - Level 3 calamity - August, 2018 - Operation Sahyog (Details) - Operation Madad (Details) - KPMG (Details)

20. First Tribal Circuit Project

Swadesh Darshan Scheme - Gangrel, Chhattisgarh - Union Ministry of Tourism - 13 tourism sites (Details) - Components (Details)

21. Women-only Foreign Minister Conference

First ever - Montreal Canada - Aim - to highlight women's key role in politics & decision-making processes - Co-chaired by Chrystia Freeland & Federica Mogherini - Other female top diplomats (Details)

22. PM-AASHA

Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan - Umbrella scheme - Ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce - 3 sub-schemes - Price Support Scheme (PSS) (Details) - Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) (Details) - Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS) (Details)

23. Amitava Roy Committee

3 members committee - Supreme Court of India - Prison reforms - Overcrowding in prisons, issue of human rights of prisoners, issues concerning women prisoners - Other aspects (Details)

Injeti Srinivas Committee

Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - Reviews existing CSR framework (Details) - Measures

24. Krishna Kutir

Union Ministry of Women & Child Development - Vrindavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh - Special home for 1000 widows - Swadhar Greh scheme - Empowerment of women

Swayangsiddha

West Bengal - Self-reliance - To combat human trafficking, child marriage - To empower young boys and girls - Swayangsiddha Groups

8 Marks

25. International Solar Alliance

Indian initiative - 2015 - Narendra Modi & Emmanuel Macron - COP21, Paris - Inter-governmental organisation - Countries - Tropic of Cancer & Tropic of Capricorn - To promote solar energy - Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana - Bring together a group of nations to endorse clean energy, sustainable environment, public transport and climate - 121 Nations - 1st General Assembly - New Delhi - International Agency for Solar Policy and Application (IASPA) - Other aspects (Details)

26. a. MILEX-18

BIMSTEC - First-ever joint military anti-terror exercise - Aundh Military Station, Pune - Observers - Nepal & Thailand

b. EyeROV TUNA

India's first underwater robotic drone - Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) - EyeROV Technologies - First commercial Remotely Operated Vehicle

c. TN-SMART app

Tamil Nadu - System for Multi-hazard potential impact Assessment and Emergency Response Tracking - Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority (TNSDMA) - Flood alerts

d. WHO's SAFER Programme

Health, beat non-communicable diseases, alcohol consumption reduction - Strengthen, Advance, Facilitate, Enforce, Raise

27. HIV / AIDS Act, 2017

Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare - 10th September, 2018 - Rights of people with HIV (Details) - Prohibits discrimination (Details) - Formal mechanism - Below 18 years aged persons rights (Details) - 12 to 18 years aged persons - HIV / AIDS affairs management & maturity

28. a. India Cooling Action Plan

India -1st country in the World - 'Montreal Protocol - India's Success Story'- The Ozone Cell of Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change - 2018 World Ozone Day - Addresses cooling requirement across sectors (Details) - Lists out actions to reduce the cooling demand (Details) - 20-year projection for 2037-38 (Details)

b. Sections 33 & 47 of Aadhaar Act

Section 33 - Disclosure of information - Section 33(1) - Court not inferior to that of District Judge - Section 33(2) - Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary

to the Government of India - Section 47 - cognizance of offences - complaint made by the authority of officer or person authorised by it

29. Sustainable Development Framework 2018 - 2022

NITI Aayog - Development cooperation strategy - Focus areas - povert & urbanization, health, water & sanitation, education, nutrition & food security, climate change, clean energy, disaster resilience, skilling, entrepreneurship & job creation, gender equality & youth development - Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas (development for all) (Details) - affordable housing - children protection from vaccine-preventable diseases - improving the child sex ratio

30. a. India's smart border fence

1st pilot project - India-Pakistan International border - BSF headquarters, Ploura, Jammu - Purpose (Details) - Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) - to stop infiltration and illegal migration - laser-activated fences and technology-enabled barriers

b. TESS

Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite - NASA - to detect exoplanets - Super Earth (Details) & Hot Earth (Details)

31. a. Nuakhai Agricultural Festival

Agricultural festival - Odisha - nua(new), khai(food) - farmers - newly harvested rice - the day after the Ganesha Chaturthi festival - Nabann

b. 'TX2' Programme

World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) - 2010 St Petersburg Tiger Summit held in Russia - 13 tiger range countries - Double the world tiger population by 2022 - Nepal - first country in the world to double its tiger population

c. Justice Tahira Safdar

First woman Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court - first female chief justice of any court in the history of Pakistan - first female civil judge in Balochistan - 3-judge special court conducting the trial of former president Pervez Musharraf

d. Indian Shooters

Anjum Moudgil & Apurvi Chandela - National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will take the final call on selection

15 Marks

32. Gaganyaan

India's 1st manned space mission (Details) - 3 persons (Gaganyatris) - 2022 - 5 to 7 days - 4th nation - GSLV Mk III (Details) - Space Suit (Details) - Crew Model (Details) - ROSCOSMOS (Details) - Description (Details) - V R Lalithambika

33. New TN ICT Policy

2018 - Objectives (Details) - Targets (Details) - Strategies (Details) - Key Components (Details) - Focus Areas (Details) - Tamil Computing (Details) - Tamil Virtual Academy (Details) - New Technologies (Details)

30 Marks

34. a. World's largest state funded insurance scheme

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) - Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission (AB - NHPM) - Modicare - 14555 - Operational (Details) - Free Coverage (Details) - Beneficiary (Details) - Apex body - Implementation - National Health Agency (NHA) - mera.pmjay.gov.in - states signed - states rolled out - State Health Agency - Child Cancer inclusion - umbrella of two major health initiatives - Health & Wellness centres (Details), National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) (Details)

b. Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance

Triple Talaq Ordinance - introduced and passed in Lok Sabha - currently pending in Rajya Sabha - declaration of talaq, including in written or electronic

form, to be void (i.e. not enforceable in law) and illegal - Talaq (Details) - Offence & Penalty (Details)

35. Indian & Bangladesh

India's approach

Bangladesh Liberation War - Ganges Water Sharing Treaty - strategic partners - counter terrorism - Energy Cooperation - Tin Bigha Corridor - Petrapole - Benapole Border Checkpoint - Land Boundary Agreement - 100th Constitutional Amendment - Transportation - Financial supports - Defence relations - Rooppur Project - Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade - Education - Communication - SAARC Satellite

India's recent development efforts

Development partner - India-Bangladesh Friendship Product Pipeline Project (Details) - Ports Development - Chittagong & Mongla ports usage (Details) - joint border conference - Additional power supply - Rehabilitation of the Kulaura-Shahbazpur section of Bangladesh Railways (Details) - National Knowledge Network (Details)