



Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

on

**New National Education
Policy 2020 (NEP 2020)**

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1. Which of the following statement/statements is/are incorrect?
 - A. Education is under the Union List in the constitution
 - B. Prakash Javadekar is the current Union Minister for education
 - C. The first education policy of independent India was in 1968
 - a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Both A and B
 - d. Both A and C
 - e. Both B and C

Ans. C

*Explanation: **Education is under the concurrent list** which enables both the centre and the state to legislate upon it. It was previously under the state list and transferred to concurrent list via an amendment in 1976. Further, **Ramesh Pokhriyal is the current Union Minister** for education (as of July 2020).*

2. Recently, the Indian Government has announced the new national education policy (NEP) 2020. Based on which committee recommendations the aforesaid policy has been finalized?
 - a. TS Subramanian committee
 - b. Mudaliyar committee
 - c. Radhakrishnan committee
 - d. K Kasturirangan
 - e. None of the above

Ans. D

*Explanation: The Committee led by the Chairman **Dr. K Kasturirangan** submitted the Draft National Educational Policy to the Union Human Resource Ministry in 2019 (currently renamed as Ministry of Education).*

The Radhakrishnana committee 1948-49 had dealt with higher education while Mudaliyar committee 1952 focused on secondary education. Further, Kothari commission 1964-66: formulated the first national education policy of 1968.

3. Which of the following is/are correct with regard to previous national education policies of India?
 - A. NEP 1968 proposed a structure of 10+2+3 in Indian education
 - B. NEP 1986 proposed starting Mid-day meal scheme, setting up of Navodaya Vidyalayas
 - C. NEP 1986 was subsequently updated in 1992
 - a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: First National Education Policy (NEP) came in 1968, based on the recommendations of Education Commission headed by D.S. Kothari, UGC Chairperson (constituted in 1964).

NEP 1968 laid emphasis on radical redesign of education system, cultivation of moral values and closer relation between education and individual's life. NEP 1968 proposed the 10+2+3 school to graduation system.

NEP 1986 proposed Operation Blackboard to improve primary schools. It further, called for setting up of open universities and boosting distance learning. It stressed upon use of Information Technology in improving quality of education

4. Which of the following statement/statements with regard to NEP 2020 is/are incorrect?
- A. It is the first policy of India on education
 - B. It will replace education policy of 1968
 - C. Seeks to create job seekers
- a. Only A
b. Only B
c. Only C
d. Either A or B
e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: The new policy aims to 'job creators' rather than 'job seekers'. This is the third education policy of India and also the first education policy of the 21st century. This policy will replace the 34 year old National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986.

5. Which of the following statement/statements with regard to 'Committee for the Draft National Education Policy' is/are correct?
- A. It was constituted in 2018
 - B. It was chaired by an eminent scientist K Kasturirangan
 - C. It submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the HRD Ministry in 2020
- a. Only B
b. Only C
c. Only A and B
d. Only B and C
e. All of the above

Ans. A

Explanation: K Kasturirangan committee was constituted in 2017 by the HRD Ministry. The committee submitted the Draft National Education Policy to the HRD Ministry in 2019

6. Which one of the following recommendation is made by Kasturirangan committee?
- A. An all India education service cadre to be established with officers being on permanent settlement
 - B. Teacher Entrance Tests (TET) should be made mandatory for recruitment of all teachers
 - C. No detention policy must be continued for young children until completion of class V
 - D. On-demand board exams should be introduced to offer flexibility and reduce year end stress of students
- a. Only B and C
 - b. Only B and D
 - c. Only C and D
 - d. Only A and D
 - e. None of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: All of the above recommendations were proposed by T.S.R. Subramanian committee which submitted its report in 2016 to the HRD ministry

Major recommendations of the Kasturirangan committee are:

- I. Universalize the pre-primary education by 2025 and provide foundational literacy/numeracy for all by 2025
 - II. Proposed new Curricular and Pedagogical Structure, with 5+3+3+4 design covering the children in the age group 3-18 years.
 - o Under this, Pre-Primary & Grades 1-2 is considered as foundational Stage; Grades 3-5 as Preparatory Stage; Grades 6-8 as Middle Stage and Grades 9-12 as Secondary Stage
 - III. Universal Access & Retention with 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio for all school education by 2030
 - IV. An autonomous body called the National Research Foundation (NRF) to be set up through an Act of Parliament
 - V. MHRD to be re-designated as the Ministry of Education (MoE)
7. The NEP 2020 has replaced which previous policy on education?
- a. 1996
 - b. 1986
 - c. 1994
 - d. 2009
 - e. None of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: The new policy aims to pave way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country. This policy will replace the 34 year old National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986. Also, India had two earlier education policies in 1968 and 1986.

8. NEP aims to improve foundational literacy in India. With regard to literacy in India, which of the following is/are correct?
- A. Person aged 7 yrs or more who can read with understanding in any language is considered literate
 - B. According to Census 2011, literacy rate in India was approximately 74%
 - C. According to Census 2011, literacy level in males was approximately 82% while that for females stood at 50%
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. None of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: Person aged 7 yrs or more who can read and write with understanding in any language is considered literate. The 15th national census was conducted in 2011 and shows improvement in overall literacy rate by 9.21% as compared to 2001.

According to Census 2011, literacy rate of India in 2011 is 74%; literacy level in males was approximately 82.14% while that for females stood at 65.46%. Increase in literacy rates for males and females stood at 6.88% and 11.79% respectively as compared to 2001.

9. Which of the following is the vision of NEP 2020?
- A. India to have an education system which is rooted in its ethos that contributes directly to transforming India into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society
 - B. Instill among the learners a deep-rooted pride in being Indian, not only in thought, but also in spirit
 - C. Develop knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development, etc.
- a. Only A
 - b. Only A and B
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP states that the aim for India should be to have the best education system by 2040, with equitable access to the highest-quality education for all learners regardless of social or economic background.

Further, the Policy envisages that the curriculum and pedagogy of our institutions must develop among the students a deep sense of respect towards the Fundamental Duties and Constitutional values, bonding with one's country, and a conscious awareness of one's roles and responsibilities in a changing world

10. Which of the following statement/statements with regard to NEP 2020 is/are incorrect?
- The current 10+2 system to be replaced by a new 5+4+3+3 curricular structure
 - 10 bag-less days introduced every month
 - Vocational Education to start from Class 6 with internships
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only C
 - Only A and B
 - None of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: The current 10+2 system to be replaced by a new 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years respectively.

Further, school students to have 10 bag-less days annually during which they are exposed to a vocation of their choice

Also, emphasis to be on foundational literacy and numeracy and no rigid separation between academic streams, extracurricular and vocational streams in schools.

Vocational education to start from Class 6 with internships

11. School dropout is a major concern which is being addressed by NEP. Which of the following steps is/are suggested by NEP for the same?
- Provide effective and sufficient infrastructure so that all students have access to safe and engaging school education at all levels from pre-primary to Grade 12
 - Achieve universal participation in school by carefully tracking students, as well as their learning levels
 - Credibility of Government schools shall be re-established
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only A and B
 - Only B and C
 - All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP states current Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for grades 6-8 was 90.9%, while for Grades 9-10 and 11-12 it was only 79.3% and 56.5%, respectively - indicating that a significant proportion of enrolled students drop out after Grade 5 and especially after Grade 8. As per the 75th round household survey by NSSO in 2017-18, the number of out of school children in the age group of 6 to 17 years is 3.22 crore.

Thus, NEP proposes improving infrastructure in schools such as conveyances, hostels, etc. especially for the girl children to check school dropouts. Further, it recommends achieving universal participation in school by carefully tracking students, as well as their learning levels, in order to ensure that they

- are enrolled in and attending school, and have suitable opportunities to catch up and re-enter school in case they have fallen behind or dropped out*

12. NEP aims to overhaul the exam pattern at school level. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- A. All students will take school examinations in Grades 3, 5, and 8
 - B. Board exams for Grades 10 and 12 to be made tougher with all students allowed to take the exam thrice
 - C. Boards may develop viable models of board exams, such as – annual or semester modes
- a. Only A
 - b. Only A and B
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. C

Explanation: Board exams for Grades 10 and 12 will be continued and will be made easier. Additionally, class 10 and 12 board examinations to test core competencies rather than memorised facts, with all students allowed to take the exam twice.

13. NEP has outlined various reasons for low penetration of vocational studies in Indian education system. Which of the following is/are NOT one of them?
- A. Vocational education has in the past focused largely on Grades 11–12 and on dropouts in Grade 8 and upwards
 - B. Students passing out from Grades 11–12 with vocational subjects often did not have well-defined pathways to continue with their chosen vocations in higher education
 - C. Admission criteria for general higher education were also not designed to provide openings to students who had vocational education qualifications
- I. Only A
 - II. Only B
 - III. Only A and B
 - IV. Only B and C
 - V. None of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: All of the above statements are reasons given by NEP for poor vocational studies in India. In addition, NEP states that admission criteria for general higher education were not designed to provide openings to students who had vocational education qualifications, leaving them at a disadvantage relative to their compatriots from 'mainstream' or 'academic' education. This led to a complete lack of vertical mobility for students from the vocational education stream. Also, vocational education is perceived to be inferior to mainstream education and meant largely for students who are unable to cope with the latter. This is a perception that affects the choices students make.

14. NEP has placed much importance on vocational education. Identify the correct statement/statements which is/are correct
- A. NEP proposes vocational education to be integrated in all school and higher education institutions in a phased manner over the next 5 years
 - B. A national committee for integration of vocational education will be setup under the Education Ministry
 - C. Vocational Education to start from Class 5 with Internships
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: NEP recommends vocational education should be integrated in all school and higher education institutions in a phased manner over the next 10 years. Further, vocational education to start from Class 6 with internships. Also, 'Lok Vidya', i.e., vocational knowledge developed in India, will be made accessible to students

15. New Policy aims for universalization of education from pre-school to secondary level with ___ gross enrollment ratio by ___?
- a) 80%, 2025
 - b) 100%, 2025
 - c) 80%, 2030
 - d) 100%, 2030
 - e) 80%, 2032

Ans. D

Explanation: New Policy aims for universalization of education from pre-school to secondary level with 100 % Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education by 2030. NEP 2020 will bring 2 crore out of school children back into the main stream through open schooling system.

16. Which of the following statement/statements with regard to NEP 2020 is/are correct?
- A. National Research Foundation will be created as an apex body for fostering a strong research culture
 - B. A new and comprehensive National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education, NCFTE 2021, will be formulated in consultation with CBSE
 - C. Higher Education Commission of India(HECI) will be set up as a single umbrella body the for entire higher education
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. A

Explanation: The National Research Foundation will be created as an apex body for fostering a strong research culture and building research capacity across higher education.

- *Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) will be set up as a single overarching umbrella body for the entire higher education, excluding medical and legal education.*
- *Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) to be established to facilitate transfer of credits.*
- *Additionally, a new and comprehensive National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education, NCFTE 2021, will be formulated by the NCTE in consultation with NCERT.*
- *The NCFTE will thereafter be revised once every 5-10 years by reflecting the changes in revised NCFs as well as emerging needs in teacher education*
- *Furthermore Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) at par with IITs, IIMs to be set up as models of best multidisciplinary education of global standards in the country.*

17. Research has received a major thrust by NEP. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are suggested by NEP?

- A. Establishment of a National Research Foundation
 - B. Shifts in school education to a more play and discoverybased style of learning with emphasis on the scientific method and critical thinking
 - C. Inclusion of research and internships in the undergraduate curriculum, faculty career management systems
- a. Only A
 - b. Only A and B
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP states that the research and innovation investment in India currently is only 0.69% of GDP, much lower than other countries. It recommends career counselling in schools towards identifying student interests and talents, promoting research in universities, the multidisciplinary nature of all HEIs.

It also proposes establishment of a National Research Foundation (NRF) which will be governed, independently of the government. It will aim to enable a culture of research to in universities.

Functions of NRF

- *Provide a reliable base of merit-based but equitable peer-reviewed research funding,*
- *Develop a culture of research in the country through suitable incentives for and recognition of outstanding research, and by*
- *Undertaking major initiatives to seed and grow research at State Universities and other public institutions where research capability is currently limited. The NRF will competitively fund research in all disciplines.*

- *Recognition of successful research and where relevant, implemented through close linkages with governmental agencies as well as with industry and private/philanthropic organizations.*
18. NEP seeks for the establishment of PARAKH National centre. What will the main function of the above mentioned centre as per NEP?
- A. Assess learning outcomes of students
 - B. Assess capabilities of teachers in providing knowledge to students
 - C. Facilitate standards and guidelines for school boards
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only C
 - d. Both A and B
 - e. None of the above

Ans. C

Explanation: PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) National center will facilitate standards and guidelines for school boards

19. NEP has laid emphasis on foundational literacy and numeracy. With regard to the above, identify the statement/ statements which are incorrect.
- A. Every student should attain foundational literacy and numeracy by grade 5
 - B. Setting up of a National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy by the Education Ministry
 - C. Union government will prepare an implementation plan for attaining universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools for all learners by grade 3 by 2030
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: NEP 2020 aims that every student should attain foundational literacy and numeracy by grade 3. Further, States will prepare an implementation plan for attaining universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools for all learners by grade 3 by 2025. Also, a National Book Promotion Policy is to be formulated

20. Which of the following statement/statements with regard to NEP 2020 is/are correct?
- A. Division between arts, science and commerce streams will be phased out
 - B. Separation between curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular fields

- C. Curriculum content will be increased in each subject to cover as many topics as possible
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. None of the above

Ans. A

Explanation: No hard separation between curricular, co-curricular and extra curricular fields. Further, curriculum content will be reduced in each subject to its core essentials. Also, curriculum and pedagogy to be changed by 2022 for boosting skill based learning and thereby reducing rote learning

21. NEP has highlighted various problems with regard to small size of schools and thus calls for their consolidation. Which of the following is/are the benefit/benefits which will accrue due to consolidation as per NEP?
- A. Greater resource efficiency and more effective functioning, coordination, leadership, governance, and management of schools in the cluster
 - B. Better infrastructure such as a library, science labs, computer labs, skill labs, playgrounds, sports equipment and facilities
 - C. A sense of community will be built to overcome the isolation of teachers, students, and schools
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

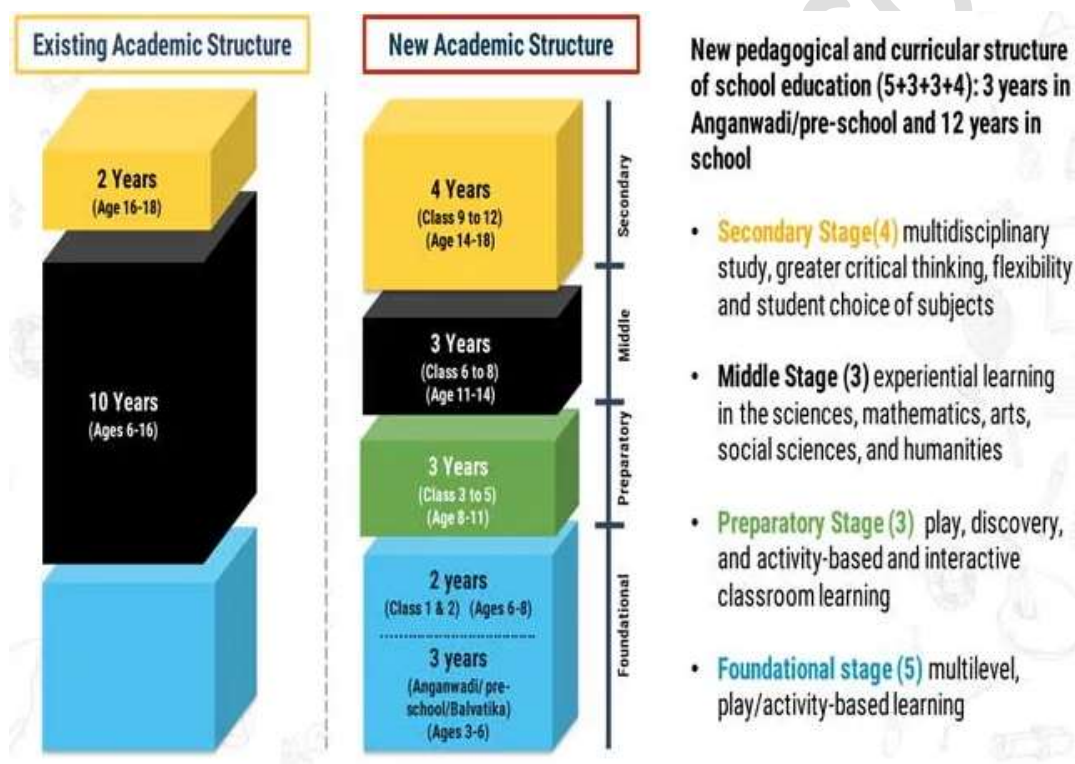
Explanation: NEP states that small school sizes have rendered it economically suboptimal and operationally complex to run good schools, in terms of deployment of teachers as well as the provision of critical physical resources. Further, geographical dispersion, challenging access conditions, and the very large numbers of schools make it difficult to reach all schools equally. Thus, NEP calls for grouping of schools to form clusters/complex which will facilitate improved support for children with disabilities, more topic-centred clubs and academic/sports/arts/crafts events across school complexes, better incorporation of art, music, language, vocational subjects, physical education, and other subjects in the classroom through the sharing of teachers in these subjects including use of ICT tools.

22. NEP has proposed an elaborative structure with regard to school curriculum. Which of the following statement/statements is/are correct?
- A. Foundational Stage will consist of 5 years in two parts, that is, 3 years of Anganwadi/pre-school + 2 years in primary school in Grades 1-2

- B. The Middle Stage will comprise 4 years of education, building on the pedagogical and curricular style of the Foundational Stage
- C. Secondary Stage will comprise of 3 years of multidisciplinary study, building on the subject-oriented pedagogical and curricular style of the Middle Stage
- a. Only A
- b. Only B
- c. Only A and B
- d. Only A and C
- e. All of the above

Ans. A

Explanation:



Source: News Article

23. Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) has received much importance in NEP. Which of the following is/are suggested by NEP with regard to ECCE?
- A. Planning and implementation of ECCE will be carried out entirely by the Education Ministry
- B. Prior to the age of 3 every child will move to a “Preparatory Class” or “Balavatika” which has an ECCE-qualified teacher
- C. ECCE will be delivered through institutions including Anganwadis and pre-schools that will have teachers and Anganwadi workers trained in the ECCE pedagogy and curriculum

- a. Only A
- b. Only C
- c. Only A and B
- d. Only A and C
- e. All of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: NEP proposes planning and implementation of ECCE will be carried out jointly by the Education Ministry, Women and Child Development (WCD), Health and Family Welfare (HFW), and Tribal Affairs

Further, it states that prior to the age of 5 every child will move to a “Preparatory Class” or “Balavatika” (that is, before Class 1), which has an ECCE-qualified teacher. The learning in the Preparatory Class shall be based primarily on play-based learning with a focus on developing cognitive, affective, and psychomotor abilities and early literacy and numeracy

Also, to prepare an initial cadre of high-quality ECCE teachers in Anganwadis, current Anganwadi workers/teachers will be trained through a systematic effort in accordance with the curricular/pedagogical framework developed by NCERT.

24. NEP 2020 proposes project/activity on ‘The Languages of India’ under the ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’ initiative. Identify the correct statement/statements with regard to Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat program
- A. It was announced on 31st October, 2014
 - B. Aims to enhance interaction between people of diverse cultures living in different States and UTs in India
 - C. It strengthens the unity and integrity of India by facilitating exchange of knowledge language, culture, traditions and practices between different states
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ program was announced on 31st October, 2015 on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Education Ministry is the nodal ministry for this program

Important objectives of the program are as follows:

- *To celebrate the Unity in Diversity of India and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people*
- *To promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States*

- To showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity
- To create an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences

25. New Policy states that at least ___% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to vocational education by ___?

- 40%, 2030
- 50%, 2025
- 75%, 2025
- 50%, 2030
- 75%, 2030

Ans. B

Explanation: By 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to vocational education. NEP mentions that less than 5% of the workforce in the age-group of 19-24 has received vocational education in India during 2012-2017

26. NEP has recommended use of 3 language formula. Identify the correct statement/statements with regard to the same

- The three-language formula for language learning was formulated in 1986
 - Provides for the study of Hindi, English and one modern Indian language (preferably one of the southern languages) in the Hindi speaking states and Hindi, English and the Regional language in the non-Hindi speaking States
 - It is implemented in all states across India
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only A and B
 - Only B and C
 - All of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: The three-language formula for language was formulated in 1968 by the Ministry of Education. It is not being followed by all states (for e.g. in Tamil Nadu)

27. NEP 2020 aims to overhaul the system of preschooling and schooling. Identify the correct statement/statements with regard to the same

- Aims at bringing the uncovered age group of 3-5 years under school curriculum
 - Proposes 14 years of schooling with 3 years of Anganwadi/ pre schooling
 - NCERT will develop a National Curricular and Pedagogical Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (NCPFECCE) for children up to the age of 5
- Only A
 - Only C
 - Only A and B

- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP 2020 aims at bringing the uncovered age group of 3-6 years under school curriculum. In addition, it also recommends 12 years of schooling with 3 years of Anganwadi/ pre schooling. Moreover, NCERT will develop a National Curricular and Pedagogical Framework for Early Childhood Care and Education (NCPFECCE) for children up to the age of 8

28. NEP 2020 aims to make education free from any language barrier. In light of the above statement, which of the following reforms is/are suggested by NEP?
- A. Teaching up to at least Grade 5 to be in mother tongue/ regional language
 - B. Out of current three languages framework, at-least one of the three languages should be native to India
 - C. Hindi should be offered as an optional language at all levels of education
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. A

Explanation: NEP 2020 states that teaching up to at least Grade 5 (but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond) to be in mother tongue/ regional language. No language will be imposed on any student or state. Also, it recommends that out of current three languages framework, at-least two of the three languages should be native to India. Further, Sanskrit should be offered as an optional language at all levels of education.

29. NEP 2020 seeks to overhaul the quality of teaching in India. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are not recommended by NEP?
- A. Minimum degree qualification for teaching, by 2025, will be a 2-year integrated B.Ed. degree
 - B. Teachers will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuous professional development training annually
 - C. National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) 2024 will be formulated by the NCERT
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP 2020 recommends minimum degree qualification for teaching, by 2030, will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed. degree. Additionally, Teachers will be required to complete a

minimum of 50 hours of continuous professional development training annually. Furthermore, National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) 2022 will be formulated by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in consultation with NCERT

NEP suggests promotions to be merit-based, with a mechanism for multi-source periodic performance appraisals and available progression paths to become educational administrators or teacher educators

30. NEP 2020 paves the way for reforms in school governance and regulation. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are recommended by NEP?
- A. Department of School Education to be the apex regulator for schools
 - B. An independent Central School Standards Authority (CSSA) should be set up which will prescribe basic uniform standards for public and private schools
 - C. A self-regulation or accreditation system will be instituted for schools
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: NEP recommends that the Department of School Education should only be involved in policy making and overall monitoring, but not in regulation of schools. The educational operations and service provision for the public schooling system will be handled by the Directorate of School Education

In addition, it recommends setting up of an independent State School Standards Authority (SSSA) in each state. It will prescribe basic uniform standards for public and private schools.

Further, it proposes grouping of schools together to form a school complex. The school complex will consist of one secondary school and other schools, Anganwadis in a 5-10 km radius

It emphasizes on 'light but tight' regulatory approach that mandates full public self-disclosure of finances, procedures, course and programme offerings, and educational outcomes

31. Which of the following is/are incorrect with regard to NEP proposals for higher education?
- A. Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education to be raised to 50 % by 2030
 - B. 5 crore seats to be added in higher education
 - C. Policy aims to achieve 80% youth and adult literacy
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP proposes Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education to be raised to 50 % by 2035; 3.5 crore seats to be added in higher education. Further, policy aims to achieve 100% youth and adult literacy

32. NEP 2020 has proposed changes in college related structure. Which of the following is correct in this regard?
- A. Affiliation of colleges is to be phased out in 10 years and a stage-wise mechanism is to be established
 - B. By 2030, all higher education institutions (HEIs) shall strive to become multidisciplinary institutions
 - C. By 2040, there should be one multidisciplinary Higher Educational Institutions in or near every district
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. None of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: Affiliation of colleges is to be phased out in 15 years and a stage-wise mechanism is to be established for granting graded autonomy to colleges. Also, by 2030, there should be one multidisciplinary Higher Educational Institutions in or near every district and by 2040, all higher education institutions (HEIs) shall aim to become multidisciplinary institutions Further, NEP envisages that every college would develop into either an Autonomous degree-granting College, or a constituent college of a university

33. NEP has outlined the broad structure of Master's program. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- A. A 2-year programme with the second year devoted entirely to research for those who have completed the 3-year Bachelor 's programme
 - B. For students completing a 4-year Bachelor 's programme with Research, there could be a 1-year Master's programme
 - C. M.Phil program to be redesigned
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. C

Explanation: HEIs will have the flexibility to offer different designs of Master's programmes. Also, NEP suggests that there may be an integrated 5-year Bachelor's/Master's programme.

Undertaking a Ph.D. shall require either a Master's degree or a 4-year Bachelor's degree with research. The M.Phil programme shall be discontinued

34. NEP has proposed to establish Higher Education Commission of India (HECI). Which of the following is/are correct regarding HECI?
- A. It will be a body under University Grants Commission (UGC)
 - B. It will offer more flexibility to autonomous educational institutions
 - C. It will have 4 independent verticals which will perform several functions including accreditation, funding and academic standard setting
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: HECI will replace UGC and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). It will be set up as a single overarching umbrella body for entire higher education, excluding medical and legal education. Further, it will have 4 independent verticals:

- *National Higher Education Regulatory Council (NHERC) for regulation,*
- *General Education Council (GEC) for standard setting,*
- *Higher Education Grants Council (HEGC) for funding, and*
- *National Accreditation Council (NAC) for accreditation*

35. NEP seeks to address gender inequality in education. It has thereby recommended creation of Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF). Which of the following is/are correct about GIF?
- A. It aims towards capacity building to provide quality education to girls only
 - B. It will be available to states for implementing priorities determined by state governments
 - C. It will enable states to improve community-based interventions addressing local barriers
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. Only B and C

Ans. B

Explanation: GIF aims towards capacity building to provide quality education to girls and transgenders. Also, it will be available to states for implementing priorities determined by central

government important for improving accessibility of education for girls and transgenders (such as sanitation, bicycles, conditional cash tranfers)

36. NEP 2020 aims to provide education transcending social barriers and thus promotes inclusiveness of marginalized section of the society. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- A. NEP proposes to incentivize meritorious students belonging to SC, ST, OBC, and other social and economic disadvantage group (SEDG)
 - B. Establishing Special Education Zones for disadvantaged regions and groups
 - C. Seeks to provide access to SEDG students and teachers through digital devices, such as tablets with pre-loaded content
- a. Only A
 - b. Only c
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP lays emphasis on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) which include gender, socio-cultural, and geographical identities and disabilities

The National Scholarship Portal will be expanded to support, foster, and track the progress of students receiving scholarships. Also, every state/district will be encouraged to establish "Bal Bhavans" as a special daytime boarding school.

Further, free boarding facilities will be built, in line with Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, in school locations where students may have to come from far, and particularly for students who from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, with suitable arrangements for the safety of all children, especially girls.

Also, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas will be strengthened and expanded to increase the participation in quality schools (up to Grade 12) of girls from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds

37. Right To Education (RTE) was a watershed moment in Indian education. Which of the following is/are correct about RTE
- A. It is a Fundamental Right under the constitution
 - B. Provides free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of six to twelve years
 - C. On its basis, RTE act 2009 was formulated which came into force from 2010
- a. Only A
 - b. Only A and B
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. C

Explanation: Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002 inserted Article 21-A in the Constitution of India to provide free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of six to fourteen years as a Fundamental Right in such a manner as the State may, by law, determine.

Important provisions under RTE Act are:

- *Right of children to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education in a neighbourhood school.*
- *It makes provisions for a non-admitted child to be admitted to an age appropriate class.*
- *It specifies the duties and responsibilities of appropriate Governments, local authority and parents in providing free and compulsory education*
- *It lays down the norms and standards relating inter alia to Pupil Teacher Ratios (PTRs), buildings and infrastructure, school-working days, teacher-working hours*
- *It prohibits physical punishment and mental harassment; screening procedures for admission of children; capitation fee; private tuition by teachers; and running of schools without recognition*

38. NEP seeks to promote Indian languages, art and culture. Which of the following is/are recommended by NEP in this regard?

- A. Indian Institute for Pali, Persian and Prakrit along with National Institute of Translation and Interpretation to be set up
 - B. Scholarships for people of all ages to study Indian Languages, Arts, and Culture with local masters and/or within the higher education system
 - C. All students in all schools, public or private, will have the option of learning at least one year of a classical language of India and its associated literature
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only A and B
 - e. All of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: NEP states National Institute for Pali, Persian and Prakrit along with Indian Institute of Translation and Interpretation to be set up.

Further, all students in all schools, public or private, will have the option of learning at least two years of a classical language of India and its associated literature, through experiential and innovative approaches, including the integration of technology, in Grades 6-12, with the option to continue from the middle stage through the secondary stage and beyond.

Strong departments and programmes in Indian languages, comparative literature, creative writing, arts, music, philosophy, etc. will be launched and developed across the country, and degrees including 4- year B.Ed. dual degrees will be developed in these subjects

Outstanding local artists and craftsmen will be hired as guest faculty to promote local music, art, languages, and handicraft

Please note: There are currently 22 languages under schedule VIII of the Indian constitution

39. NEP has focused upon the availability of teachers in schools for providing quality education. In light of the above statement, which of the following statement is/are correct?
- A. Teacher vacancies will be filled at the earliest, in a time-bound manner
 - B. Special attention will be given to employing local teachers or those with familiarity with local languages
 - C. A pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) of under 20:1 will be ensured at the level of each school
- a. Only A
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and C
 - d. Only A and B
 - e. All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: NEP emphasises on filling teacher vacancies at the earliest, in a time-bound manner - especially in disadvantaged areas and areas with large pupil-to-teacher ratios or high rates of illiteracy

Further, a pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) of under 30:1 will be ensured at the level of each school. Areas having large numbers of socio-economically disadvantaged students will aim for a PTR of under 25:1

40. NEP 2020 has a forward looking approach towards disruptive technologies. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- A. In school, the study of current affairs and ethical issues will include a discussion on disruptive technologies
 - B. Universities will aim to offer Ph.D. and Masters programmes in core areas such as Machine Learning
 - C. Higher Educational Institutes may offer targeted training in low expertise tasks for supporting the AI value chain
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only A and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: HEIs may offer targeted training in low expertise tasks for supporting the AI value chain such as data annotation, image classification, and speech transcription. Further, in school, the study of current affairs and ethical issues will include a discussion on disruptive technologies such as those identified by National Educational Technology Forum/ Ministry of Education

In addition, NEP suggests raising awareness on issues of privacy, laws, and standards associated with data handling and data protection, etc. It also highlights ethical issues surrounding the development and deployment of AI-based technologies




A digital repository of content including creation of coursework, Learning Games & Simulations, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality to be developed

41. NEP states that benefits of online/digital education cannot be reaped unless the digital divide is eliminated through efforts such as the Digital India campaign and the availability of affordable computing devices. Which of the following is/are correct about Digital India campaign (DIC)?
- A. It was launched in 2014
 - B. Aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy
 - C. It has 3 vision areas such as digital infrastructure, digital empowerment of citizens and provision of services on demand
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: DIC was launched in 2015. It comes under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Vision area of DIC is:

 <p>Digital Infrastructure as a Core Utility to Every Citizen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Availability of high speed internet as a core utility for delivery of services to citizens ◦ Cradle to grave digital identity that is unique, lifelong, online and authenticable to every citizen ◦ Mobile phone & bank account enabling citizen participation in digital & financial space ◦ Easy access to a Common Service Centre ◦ Shareable private space on a public cloud ◦ Safe and secure cyber-space 	 <p>Governance & Services on Demand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Seamlessly integrated services across departments or jurisdictions ◦ Availability of services in real time from online & mobile platforms ◦ All citizen entitlements to be portable and available on the cloud ◦ Digitally transformed services for improving ease of doing business ◦ Making financial transactions electronic & cashless ◦ Leveraging Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) for decision support systems & development 	 <p>Digital Empowerment of Citizens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Universal digital literacy ◦ Universally accessible digital resources ◦ Availability of digital resources / services in Indian languages ◦ Collaborative digital platforms for participative governance ◦ Citizens not required to physically submit Govt. documents / certificates
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Source: Digital India Website

42. NEP 2020 facilitates community participation in providing education. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- Proposes support of active and healthy senior citizens, school alumni and local community members
 - Databases of literate volunteers, retired scientists/government/semi government employees, alumni, and educators will be created
 - Unutilized capacity of schools to be used as Samajik Chetna Kendra to promote social, intellectual, and voluntary activities
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only A and B
 - Only A and C
 - All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP calls for efforts to be made to involve community and alumni as volunteers for enhancing learning by providing at schools: one-on-one tutoring; the teaching of literacy and holding of extrahelp sessions; teaching support and guidance for educators; career guidance and mentoring to students; etc

43. Which of the following is/are correct about Samagra Shiksha Program (SSP)?
- It covers school education extending from pre-school to class 8
 - Aims to improve school effectiveness measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes
 - It subsumes the three schemes - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE)
- Only A
 - Only C
 - Only A and B
 - Only B and C
 - All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: covers school education extending from pre-school to class 12 in line with announcement in Union Budget, 2018-19 to treat school education holistically without segmentation from pre-nursery to Class 12

Main features of SSP are:

- Inclusion of senior secondary levels and pre-school levels in support for School education for the first time*
- Enhanced focus on improving quality of education by focus on the two T's – Teachers and Technology*
- Composite school grant increased from Rs. 14,500-50,000 to Rs. 25,000- 1 Lakh and to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment.*
- Self-defence training for girls from upper primary to senior secondary stage*
- Vocational education for Class 9-12 as integrated with the curriculum and to be made more practical and industry oriented*
- Flexibility to States to prioritise their interventions under the Scheme*

44. NEP 2020 is optimistic towards use of technology in education. In light of the above statement, which of the following is/are correct?
- NEP proposes setting up of a dedicated unit for the purpose of building of digital infrastructure, digital content and capacity building under Ministry of Information and Technology
 - An autonomous body, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), will be created to provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on the use of technology
 - Promoting online education consequent to the recent rise in epidemics and pandemics
- Only A
 - Only B
 - Only A and B
 - Only B and C
 - All of the above

Ans. D

Explanation: NEP recommends setting up of a dedicated unit for the purpose of building of digital infrastructure, digital content and capacity building under Ministry of Education

Also, aim of the NETF will be to facilitate decision making on the induction, deployment, and use of technology, by providing to the leadership of education institutions, State and Central governments, and other stakeholders, the latest knowledge and research as well as the opportunity to consult and share best practices.

The NETF will have the following functions:

- *provide independent evidence-based advice to Central and State Government agencies on technology-based interventions*
- *build intellectual and institutional capacities in educational technology*
- *envision strategic thrust areas in this domain*
- *articulate new directions for research and innovation*

Further, NEP promotes online education consequent to the recent rise in epidemics and pandemics to ensure preparedness with alternative modes of quality education whenever and wherever traditional and in-person modes of education are not possible

45. Which of the following is/are correct about the Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform as discussed under NEP?

- A. DIKSHA will be better integrated across school and higher education, and will include ratings/reviews by users
 - B. Digital version of textbooks to be provided on the platform
 - C. This platform may also be utilized for Teacher's Professional Development
- a. Only A
 - b. Only B
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: Teaching-learning e-content will continue to be developed by all States in all regional languages, as well as by the NCERT, CIET, CBSE, NIOS, and other bodies/institutions, and will be uploaded onto the DIKSHA platform.

In addition, DIKSHA platform will be better integrated across school and higher education, and will include ratings/reviews by users, so as to enable content developers create user friendly and qualitative content.

46. Which of the following is/are correct about Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4?

- A. It seeks to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030
- B. It has been adopted by India in 2016
- C. It has been released by UNEP

- a. Only A

- b. Only C
- c. Only A and C
- d. Only A and B
- e. All of the above

Ans. A

Explanation: SDG 4 is part of 17 SDG which in turn is designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". It was adopted in 2015 by countries including India and intended to be achieved by the year 2030. It is released by UNDP (United Nation Development Program). Some of the targets under SDG 4 are:

- *By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education*
- *By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university*
- *By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy*
- *By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations*

47. NEP has called for leveraging technology in education for last mile delivery. Which of the following is/are correct in this regard?

- A. Appropriate agencies, such as the NETF, IITs, NITs, etc. will be identified to conduct a series of pilot studies to evaluate the benefits of integrating technology in education
- B. Creation of open, interoperable, evolvable, public digital infrastructure in the education sector
- C. Appropriate existing e-learning platforms such as SWAYAM, DIKSHA, will be extended to provide teachers with a structured, user-friendly, rich set of assistive tools for monitoring progress of learners
- D. Existing mass media, such as television, radio, and community radio will be used for telecast and broadcasts of educational programmes

- a. Only A and B
- b. Only B and C
- c. Only B and D
- d. Only B,C and D
- e. All of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: NEP recommends use of existing e-learning platforms such as DIKSHA, SWAYAM and SWAYAMPBHA for creating virtual labs so that all students have equal access to quality practical and hands-on experiment-based learning experience

Teachers will undergo rigorous training in learner-centric pedagogy and on how to become high-quality online content creators themselves using online teaching platforms and tools

Also, online education to be blended with experiential and activity-based learning. Studies will be undertaken to pilot new ways of assessment using education technologies focusing on 21st century skills

48. For achieving concerted action from all concerned stakeholders at National, State, institutional, and individual levels, NEP recommends strengthening and empowering the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE). Which of the following functions will not be under the purview of CABE?
- A. It will be responsible for developing, articulating, evaluating, and revising the vision of education in the country on a continuous basis
 - B. It will have much greater mandate and not merely a forum for widespread consultation and examination of issues relating to educational and cultural development
 - C. It shall also create and continuously review the institutional frameworks
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. None of the above

Ans. E

Explanation: The Central Advisory Board of Education is the oldest and the most important advisory body of the Government of India in education and was first established in 1920 and dissolved in 1923. It was revived in 1935 and has been in existence ever since.

49. NEP calls for an increase in investment in education. In line with the above statement, which of the following statement/statements is/are correct?
- A. The public expenditure on education in India is currently around 4.3% of GDP
 - B. Budget 2020 has allocated nearly Rs 99,000 crore for the education sector
 - C. NEP recommends Centre and the States to work together to increase the public investment in education sector to 8% of GDP at the earliest
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. All of the above

Ans. C

Explanation: NEP recommends scaling up the public investment in education to 6% of GDP. NEP states that this increase to be instrumental for achieving the high-quality and equitable public education system that is needed for India's future economic, social, cultural, intellectual, and technological progress and growth

Historically, public expenditure on education in India has not come close to the recommended level of 6% of GDP, as envisaged by the 1968 Policy, reiterated in the Policy of 1986, and which was further reaffirmed in the 1992 review of the Policy

50. NEP has outlined various principles for its effective implementation. Which of the following is/are not proposed by NEP?
- A. Implementing the policy initiatives in a phased manner
 - B. Prioritization in implementation of initiatives so that the most critical and urgent actions are taken up first
 - C. Subject-wise implementation committees of experts in cooperation and consultation with other relevant Ministries will be set up at the Central level only
- a. Only B
 - b. Only C
 - c. Only A and B
 - d. Only B and C
 - e. None of the above

Ans. B

Explanation: NEP suggests setting up of subject-wise implementation committees of experts in cooperation and consultation with other relevant Ministries at both the Central and State levels. Also, yearly joint reviews of the progress of implementation of the policy, in accordance with the targets set for each action, will be conducted by designated teams constituted by Ministry of Education and the States, and reviews will be shared with the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE). In addition, entire NEP will be in operation in 2030-40