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**PROVISIONAL ANSWER KEY:
NATIONAL LAW APTITUDE TEST, 2020 (UNDERGRADUATE)**

Passage 1:

Extract from *Poor Economics: Rethinking Poverty and the Ways to End It*, by Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo, Penguin, 2013.

Preliminary sentences:

Risk is a central fact of life for the poor, who often run small businesses or farms or work as casual laborers, with no assurance of regular employment. In such lives a bad break can have disastrous consequences...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	c
2	b
3	d
4	a
5	c
6	a
7	a
8	b
9	d
10	b

Passage 2:

Extract from “The credit burden”, by Sumedha Shukla and Gaurav Arora, *The Indian Express*, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/covid-credit-lockdown-demand-supply-chain-farmers-kharif-burden-6576476/>

Preliminary sentences:

The COVID-19 crisis and subsequent lockdown measures have adversely affected all forms of economic activity, including India’s agricultural sector. The timing of these lockdowns coincided with the cropping cycles, particularly affecting the harvesting cycle of the Rabi crop...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	b
2	a
3	d

4	d
5	a
6	c
7	c
8	d
9	b
10	c

Passage 3:

Extract from "Women's Right to Property Ownership", *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 55, Issue No. 35, 29 Aug, 2020, available at: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2020/35/editorials/womens-right-property-ownership.html>

Preliminary sentences:

In acknowledging the right of Hindu daughters to their fathers' properties, the Supreme Court in *Vineeta Sharma v. Rakesh Sharma* (2020) has restored the original intent of the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005. The interpretation of this important social reform law was marred by conflicting and contradictory judgments by two-judge benches of the Supreme Court, and the three-judge bench in *Vineeta Sharma* case has cleared the confusion...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	b
2	a
3	d
4	b
5	c
6	b
7	d
8	b
9	d
10	a

Passage 4:

Extract from "Over-reliance on forex reserves is problematic, not using them a lost opportunity", by Christophe Jaffrelot and Vihang Junle, *The Indian Express*, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/forex-reserves-rising-india-economy-gdp-covid-19-impact-6484029/>

Preliminary sentences:

India's forex reserves have crossed an unprecedented mark — over half trillion USD — placing India only behind China and Japan in Asia. And while it may seem like a ray of hope amidst the economic turmoil in the country, one must scrutinise its utility. The issue is not about a “few extra” reserves but unused “excessive” reserves which may indicate that the Indian government is likely anticipating the need of an enormous economic stimulus and hence is banking on these reserves to support the failing Indian economy...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	b
2	d
3	b
4	b
5	b
6	b
7	c
8	c
9	b
10	d

Passage 5:

Extract from "Women leaders handled coronavirus better than their male counterparts – and the data shows that", by Supriya Garikipati and Uma S Kambhampati, *Scroll.in*, available at:

<https://scroll.in/article/971955/women-leaders-handled-coronavirus-better-than-their-male-counterparts-and-the-data-shows-that>

Preliminary sentences:

Over the last few months, there has been much discussion of leadership during the pandemic. One pattern that emerged early on was that women leaders were seen to have handled the crisis remarkably well...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	b
2	a
3	c
4	b
5	d
6	c
7	b
8	d
9	b
10	d

Passage 6:

Extract from "Why 'vaccine nationalism' could doom plan for global access to a COVID-19 vaccine", by Adam Kamradt-Scott, *Down To Earth*, <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/governance/why-vaccine-nationalism-could-doom-plan-for-global-access-to-a-covid-19-vaccine-73259>

Preliminary sentences:

With ‘vaccine nationalism’ increasingly becoming a concern, several international organisations (including the World Health Organization (the “**WHO**”)) have put their diplomatic weight behind the COVID-19 Global Access (COVAX) initiative. This encourages countries to sign up to a deal that is designed to make 2 billion doses of vaccines available by the end of 2021...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	c
2	b
3	c
4	d
5	d
6	d
7	c
8	d
9	c
10	b

Passage 7:

Extract from "Is the National Education Policy 2020 designed to deliver equitable quality public education?", by Poonam Batra, *Scroll.in*, available at: <https://scroll.in/article/970548/is-the-national-education-policy-2020-designed-to-deliver-equitable-quality-public-education>

Preliminary sentences:

The National Education Policy, 2020 (the “**NEP**”) has been projected and applauded as the government of India’s resolve to expand and vitalise equitable quality public education. The document emphasises interventions in early childhood education; foundational literacy and numeracy; rearrangement of curricular and pedagogical structure of school education; reorganisation of teacher education; and a new institutional architecture for higher education...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	a
2	b
3	d

4	c
5	a
6	c
7	d
8	d
9	c
10	b

Passage 8:

Extract from “Delhi Announced New EV Policy, Proposes Incentives Up to ₹150,000 for Electric Cars” by Nithin Thomas Prasad, *Mercom India*, available at: <https://mercomindia.com/delhi-new-ev-incentives-policy/>

Preliminary sentences:

The Delhi government has issued the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy, 2020, to boost the adoption of electric vehicles (“EVs”) in the national capital following the unsatisfactory results of the central government’s efforts.

The policy is valid for three years. It aims to speed up the pace of EV adoption, primarily in the category of two-wheelers, public and shared transport vehicles, and goods carriers...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	a
2	d
3	c
4	c
5	d
6	c
7	a
8	b
9	d
10	b

Passage 9:

Extract from “Designing a new framework for paid period leaves”, by Aparajita Bharti and Mitali Nikore, *Hindustan Times*, <https://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/designing-a-new-framework-for-paid-period-leaves-analysis/story-fHAzp65zaoNfxw7NxALRxN.html>

Preliminary sentences:

The recent announcement of paid period leave for female employees by an Indian unicorn has once again thrust the issue of mandatory menstrual leave into the spotlight. Many activists feel that menstrual leave should be a paid leave granted by law, like maternity leave...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	d
2	b
3	a
4	d
5	c
6	a
7	b
8	b
9	a
10	d

Passage 10:

Extract from "Last quarter's washout must spur policy action", *Livemint*,
<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/last-quarter-s-washout-must-spur-policy-action-11598886533678.html>

Preliminary sentences:

Data from India's statistics ministry has put a figure on the gloom that has pervaded our economy since the COVID pandemic struck. By its estimate, gross domestic product ("GDP") in the three months ended 30 June, or the first quarter of 2020-21, shrank 23.9% from the quarterly figure a year earlier. This marks the country's first economic contraction since 1979...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	c
2	d
3	a
4	b
5	c
6	a
7	a
8	a
9	d
10	a

Passage 11:

Extract from "The Errant Market", by Devendra Saksensa, *The Statesman*, available at:
<https://www.thestatesman.com/opinion/the-errant-market-2-1502922581.html>

Preliminary sentences:

The share market is probably the only component of the economy that has recovered fully from the Covid induced slowdown. To the consternation of Central Banks the world over, the funds released by monetary easing have fuelled a boom in the stock market; stock prices are on the up and up, the US Dow Jones and S&P 500 are nearing all-time highs and European, Chinese and Japanese stock markets are behaving similarly...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	d
2	b
3	a
4	b
5	d
6	b
7	b
8	a
9	c
10	c

Passage 12:

Extract from "The Wilful Destruction Of The Himalaya Must Stop" by Ramachandra Guha, *NDTV.com*, <https://www.ndtv.com/opinion/killing-the-himalaya-one-cut-at-a-time-by-ramachandra-guha-2287551>

Preliminary sentences:

The Himalaya are India's most important natural asset. Without them, the country would not survive. These grand mountains are a barrier to invaders, the source of our greatest rivers, a rich reservoir of biodiversity, and home to our holiest shrines. Ecologically, economically, culturally, and strategically, the Himalaya are vital to the future of India as a nation...

Question No.	Correct Answer (Option)
1	c
2	a
3	a
4	d
5	b
6	d
7	d

8	d
9	b
10	b

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