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Passage 03



Directions: In this section, you have one short passages. Each passage, you will find some questions based on the passage. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and the opinion of the author only.



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Question 1:

According to the passage, what is the primary purpose of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020?

- (a) To increase the number of private universities in India.
- (b) To promote multidisciplinary education and enhance research capabilities.
- (c) To reduce government expenditure on education.
- (d) To implement a uniform curriculum across all educational institutions.

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Question 2:

In the context of the passage, what does the term "Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER)" most nearly mean?

- (a) The ratio of students enrolled in private institutions to those in public institutions.
- (b) The percentage of the eligible population enrolled in higher education.
- (c) The number of students graduating annually from higher education institutions.
- (d) The ratio of male to female students in higher education.

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Question 3:

The passage concludes that the success of educational reforms depends on:

- (a) Increased government funding alone.
- (b) Collaboration between government, academia, and industry.
- (c) Standardization of curricula across institutions.
- (d) Privatization of higher education.

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Question 4:

According to the passage, which of the following is a concern regarding the implementation of NEP 2020?

- (a) Lack of emphasis on vocational training.
- (b) Insufficient funding and institutional autonomy.
- (c) Overregulation of private educational institutions.
- (d) Decrease in the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER).

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Question 5:

Which of the following strategies is implied in the passage as necessary to improve India's higher education sector?

- (a) Establishing more single-discipline institutions.
- (b) Encouraging collaboration between educational institutions and industry.
- (c) Reducing the number of research initiatives.
- (d) Implementing a standardized national curriculum.

Answer & Explanation

1. **Answer:** B

Explanation:

The passage states that the NEP 2020 aims to address challenges by promoting multidisciplinary education and enhancing research capabilities, among other goals.

2. **Answer:** B

Explanation:

Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) refers to the percentage of the eligible population enrolled in higher education, indicating the level of access to education.

3. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The passage emphasizes that collaborative efforts between the government, academia, and industry are essential to create an ecosystem that fosters innovation and inclusivity, leading to the success of educational reforms.

4. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The passage mentions concerns about the adequacy of funding and the autonomy of educational institutions in the context of implementing NEP 2020.

5. **Answer:** B

Explanation: The passage suggests that creating an ecosystem that fosters innovation and inclusivity requires collaborative efforts between the government, academia, and industry, implying the need for partnerships between educational institutions and industry.