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## 1.Consider the following statements about NEFT and RTGS

- 1) There is no limit on minimum and maximum amount of transaction that can be done through NEFT and RTGS
- 2) NEFT is available all around the clock without any time limit.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation:

**National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT):**

- NEFT is a **nation-wide payment system facilitating one-to-one funds transfer.**
- Under this Scheme, individuals, firms and corporates can electronically transfer funds from any bank branch to any individual, firm or corporate having an account with any other bank branch in the country participating in the Scheme.
- NEFT is a payment system facilitating funds transfers from one bank account to another. One can access this service either by using **Internet banking or by visiting the bank branch.** (Not all bank branches are enabled with this service.)
- Once you initiate the transfer, the money reaches the beneficiary account within hours. **There is no limit on the minimum or maximum amount you can transfer, however, individual banks may put restrictions on the per transaction.**
- The bank account in which money has to be transferred will receive the money within **two hours.**
- Earlier, NEFT payment system operated for customers from 8:00AM to 7:00 PM on all working days except on 2nd and 4th Saturday as banks remain close on that day.
- Recently, NEFT has **allowed the bank customers to transfer the money all around the clock. Hence statement 2 is correct.**

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### Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)

- This is a facility used for transferring high value amounts. In real time gross settlement (RTGS), the **minimum amount that can be currently transferred is Rs 2 lakh whereas under NEFT there is no limit on the minimum or maximum amount for transfer, however, individual banks may put restrictions on the per transaction. Hence statement 1 is Incorrect.**
- The funds can be **transferred using RTGS on any working day between Monday and Saturday** either via internet banking or bank branch.

### Why in the news?

The Reserve Bank has announced that the Real Time Gross Settlement System or the RTGS facility will now be available for round the clock transactions, with effect from 14th December.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/personal-finance-news/rbi-removes-neft-rtgs-payment-charges-to-push-digital-transactions/articleshow/69672695.cms?from=mdr>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/save/transfer-money-via-neft-24x7-from-today-from-jan-1-it-will-be-free-of-cost-heres-all-you-need-to-know/articleshow/72742169.cms>

<http://newsonair.com/News?title=RTGS-to-be-available-24x7-from-December-14%2c-says-RBI&id=405896>

### 2. Consider the following statements regarding Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

1. The GCC is India's largest regional-bloc trading partner.
2. All the countries which are the members of the GCC are also the members of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

### Which of the following statements is/ are correct?

- a) 1 only

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- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### Answer: A

Explanation: **Statement 1 is correct.** The GCC is India's **largest regional-bloc trading partner**, which accounted for \$104 billion of trade in 2017–18, nearly a 7 per cent increase from \$97 billion the previous year. This is higher than both India–ASEAN trade (\$81 billion) and India–EU trade (\$102 billion) in 2017-18.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. The GCC was established in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in May 1981.

**Statement 2 is incorrect.** Although the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a full Member of the FATF, the **individual Member countries of the GCC (of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) are not.** As an FATF Member, the GCC is committed to implementing the anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CFT) measures agreed to by the FATF Members - in particular, the FATF Recommendations.

### What is FATF?

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the Ministers of its Member jurisdictions.
- The objectives of the FATF are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
- The FATF is therefore a “policy-making body” which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in these areas.

### Why in the news?

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Ministry of External Affairs is about to hold panel discussions on Gulf Cooperation Council-India in run up to Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention.

Source:

<https://www.iiss.org/blogs/analysis/2018/08/india-gulf-strategic-partnerships>

<http://gcc-sg.org/en-us/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://newsonair.com/News?title=MEA-to-hold-panel-discussions-on-Gulf-Cooperation-Council-India-in-run-up-to-Pravasi-Bharati-Divas-Convention&id=405891>

**3. Which of the following is not a member of Gulf Cooperation Council(GCC)?**

- a) United Arab Emirates
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Oman
- d) Iran

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

- The **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** is a political and economic union of Arab states bordering the Gulf.
- It was **established in 1981** and its 6 members are the **United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain.**

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4. Which of the following are the producers of Aerosols?

1. Automobiles
2. Smelters
3. Power plants

Select the correct answer using the codes given:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

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- Aerosols are minute suspended in the atmosphere. When these particles are sufficiently large, we notice their presence as they scatter and absorb sunlight. Their scattering of sunlight can reduce visibility (haze) and redden sunrises and sunsets.
- Aerosols are short-lived, unlike greenhouse gases that persist and accumulate in the atmosphere for a longer period.
- Automobiles, incinerators, smelters, and power plants are prolific producers of sulfates, nitrates, black carbon, and other particles.

#### Why in the news?

- Scientists have found that aerosols like black carbon and dust, which make the Indo-Gangetic Plain one of the most polluted regions of the world, have led to increased incidents of high rainfall events in the foothills of the Himalayan region.

<https://www.news18.com/news/india/aerosols-in-indo-gangetic-plain-have-led-to-increase-in-high-rainfall-in-himalayan-foothills-study-3166034.html>

#### 5. Which of the following statements about Asian Development Bank is incorrect?

- a) It is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- b) India is a founding member of the ADB.
- c) ADB is an official United Nations Observer.
- d) The two largest shareholders of the ADB are US and India.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank. It is dedicated to reducing poverty in **Asia and the Pacific** through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
- ADB assists its members, and partners, by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.
- ADB maximizes the development impact of its **assistance by facilitating policy dialogues**, providing advisory services, and mobilizing financial resources through cofinancing operations that tap official, commercial, and export credit sources.

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- India is a founding member of the ADB and is **currently the fourth largest shareholder** and the **largest borrower of the ADB**.
- It is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- At present, ADB comprises 68 members (including India)- of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- The two largest shareholders of the ADB are Japan and the US .
- ADB is an official United Nations Observer.

### Why in the news?

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) upgraded its forecast for the Indian economy, projecting 8% contraction in 2020-21 as compared to 9% estimated earlier.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/adb-narrows-indias-fy21-gdp-contraction-projection-to-8/article33302178.ece>

