

And a **cooperative bank can, with prior approval of the RBI, issue equity shares, preference shares, or special shares to its members** or to any other person residing within its area of operation, by way of public issue or private placements.

It **can also issue unsecured debentures or bonds** with maturity of not less than 10 years. This essentially means non-members can become shareholders of the bank, and this will allow the RBI to merge failing banks quickly.

[Source](#)

14) Consider the following statements.

1. Unemployment rate helps in giving a measure of those who are willing to take on jobs but are not employed.
 2. Labour participation rate helps measure the section of the population that is willing to take on jobs.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: c)

The labour participation rate (LPR) for April 2021, at 40%, remained lower than the levels seen before last year's lockdown. **Labour participation helps measure the section of the population that is willing to take on jobs. Unemployment is a subset, which helps in giving a measure of those who are willing to take on jobs but are not employed.**

[Source](#)

15) Consider the following statements regarding GST Compensation to States.

1. Under the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, states are guaranteed compensation for loss of revenue on account of implementation of GST for period of ten years.
2. The compensation is calculated based on the difference between the states current GST revenue and the protected revenue after estimating an annualised 14% growth rate from the base year of 2015-16.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Solution: b)

Under the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, states are guaranteed compensation for loss of revenue on account of implementation of GST for a **transition period of five years between 2017 and 2022.**

The compensation is calculated based on the difference between the states current GST revenue and the protected revenue after estimating an annualised 14% growth rate from the base year of 2015-16.

16) Consider the following statements.

1. Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) is founded on the principle of "product patents".
2. Product patents allow inventors of new drugs to have exclusive rights to produce and sell them for some years.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2