

Women's unemployment fell from 5.7% to 5.2%, while male unemployment only fell from 6.2% to 6%. Urban unemployment was still at a high of 7.7% in 2018-19, a marginal drop from 7.8% in 2017-18, while rural unemployment fell from 5.3% to 5%.

Source

21) Consider the following statements regarding Coal imports.

1. India reduced its coal imports in 2019 compared to 2015.
2. Imports of thermal coal is higher than coking coal.

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)

India's thermal coal imports rose 12.6% to nearly 200 million tonnes in 2019.

**Coal is among the top five commodities imported by India, the world's largest consumer, importer and producer of the fuel.**

Imports of thermal coal — mainly used for power generation — jumped 12.6% to 197.84 million tonnes in 2019. However, imports of coking coal — used mainly in the manufacturing of steel — fell marginally, following two straight years of increase.

India imported 51.33 million tonnes of coking coal in 2019, down from 51.63 million tonnes in 2018.

Indonesia accounted for nearly 60% of India's thermal coal imports in the April-December period, government data showed, while South Africa accounted for 22% and Russia and Australia accounting for over 5% each.

Traders said **coal imports grew largely due to lower production by Coal India Ltd.**, whose output fell for five consecutive months ended November due to the highest annual rainfall in 25 years and frequent outages including strikes by workers and locals.

## India's Grade - wise Coal Imports

Grades	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Non Coking Coal	183.77	167.65	147.59	153.03	182.8
Coking Coal	45.4	47.85	47.37	53.1	53.21
Pet Coke	5.83	9.92	14.93	11.65	8.16
Met Coke	3.33	3.06	4.16	4.5	4.87
Anthracite	0.73	0.63	0.93	1.21	1.31
Grand Total	239.08	229.1	214.99	223.5	250.35

Source

22) Consider the following statements.

1. The GDP growth rate in India has declined successively from 2016-17 to 2019-20.
2. In the last 10 years India has not crossed the GDP growth rate of 8%.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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