

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

- As per the RBI, currently outstanding Debt of the Government is US\$ 99.9 billion. Non Government Debt is US\$ 454.6 dollars (End of June, 2020).
- US dollar denominated debt remained the largest component of India's external debt, with a share of 53.9 per cent at end-June 2020, followed by the Indian rupee (31.6 per cent), yen (5.7 per cent), SDR (4.5 per cent) and the euro (3.5 per cent).
- The ratio of external debt to GDP in India varies as shown below.
  - 2016- 23.4
  - 2017- 19.8
  - 2018- 20.1
  - 2019- 19.8
  - 2020- 20.6
  - 2021- 21.1
- **India's external debt** jumped by 2.1 per cent year-on-year to USD 570 billion as at March-end 2021, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, as per the Finance Ministry. India's external debt to GDP ratio jumped to 21.1 per cent at March-end 2021 from 20.6 per cent as at end-March 2020.

Q.5 Consider the following statements regarding 'Positive Pay Mechanism' introduced by Reserve Bank of India:

1. It is a method that will make UPI transactions safer and more accessible to clients.
2. Any difference is identified by the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) and reported to the drawee and presenting banks, who take corrective action.
3. It is developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

- (a). 1 only
- (b). 2 and 3 only
- (c). 1 and 2 only
- (d). 1 and 3 only

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

- **Positive Pay Mechanism** involves a process of reconfirming key details of large-value cheques.
- The issuer of the cheque transmits certain minimal details of the cheque to the drawee bank electronically using channels such as SMS, mobile app, and Internet banking, and these data are cross-checked with the given cheque by Cheque Truncation System (CTS).
- Any discrepancy is flagged by CTS to the drawee bank and presenting bank who then take redressal measures.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) will develop the facility of Positive Pay in Cheque Truncation System and make it available to participant banks.