

10 PM Current Affairs Quiz Compilation

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POLITY

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Tribunals in India:

1. Original Constitution contained implicit provisions regarding establishment of tribunals
2. Appeals against the orders of an Administrative Tribunal shall lie before the Division Bench of the concerned High Court

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Original Constitution had no provisions for establishment of tribunals. The 42nd amendment Act 1976 added a new part XIV – A to the Constitution. This part is titled as 'Tribunals' and consists of only two articles 323A dealing with administrative tribunals and 323B dealing with tribunals for other matters
- **Statement 2 is correct:** As a result of the judgement dated 18 March 1997 of the Supreme Court, the appeals against the orders of an Administrative Tribunal shall lie before the Division Bench of the concerned High Court.

Q.2) Consider the following statements regarding Sedition law in India:

1. Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Sedition Act in the Kedarnath Singh Vs State of Bihar case
2. Criticism of the government policies automatically qualifies as sedition
3. Before independence, Bal Gangadhar Tilak referred to sedition as the prince among the political sections of the Indian Penal Code

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Constitution Bench of Supreme Court upheld the validity of Sedition Act in Kedarnath Singh vs State of Bihar 1962 case. But Supreme Court stated that persons can be charged with sedition only if there is incitement to violence in his speech or writing or an intention or tendency to create disorder or disturbance in law and order.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Sedition charge is valid only against actions that incite violence. that express strong disapproval of 'the measures of the Government, with a view to obtain their desired modifications by lawful means, **without** exciting or attempting to excite hatred, contempt or disaffection, **do not** constitute an offense under this section.'

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- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** This statement was made by Mahatma Gandhi after he was tried under Section 124A of IPC on the charge of “exciting disaffection towards the government established by law in India” because he had written against the colonial rule on Rowlatt Act & Jallianwala Bagh massacre. He said: “*Section 124-A under which I am happily charged is perhaps the prince among the political sections of the Indian Penal Code designed to suppress the liberty of the citizen. Affection cannot be manufactured or regulated by law.*”

Q.3) Consider the following statements:

1. Central government is to be consulted when a state wants to create a new district
2. The renaming of a state requires Parliamentary approval under Article 3 and 4 of the Constitution

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** The Centre has no role to play in the alteration of districts or creation of new ones. States are free to decide. The Home Ministry comes into the picture when a State wants to change the name of a district or a railway station. The State government’s request is sent to other departments and agencies such as the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Intelligence Bureau, Department of Posts, Geographical Survey of India Sciences and the Railway Ministry seeking clearance. A no-objection certificate may be issued after examining their replies.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The renaming of a state requires Parliamentary approval under Article 3 and 4 of the Constitution, and the President has to refer the same to the relevant state legislature for its views.

Q.4) Consider the following statements on **Legislative Council**

1. The Parliament can abolish a Legislative Council or create it by simple majority
2. Legislative assembly of the concerned state has to pass a resolution by a special majority

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both the statements are correct.

Recently West Bengal government has decided to set up a Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad).

- For setting up the Council, Legislative assembly of the concerned state has to pass a resolution by a special majority
- The Parliament can abolish a Legislative Council or create it by simple majority

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- Six States having a Legislative Council: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka.

Q.5) Which of the following is/are features of a federal polity?

1. Written Constitution
2. Rigid Constitution
3. Supremacy of the Constitution

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation All of the above are features of a Federal Polity

- **Written Constitution:** It specifies the structure, organisation, powers and functions of both the Central and state governments and prescribes the limits within which they must operate. Thus, it avoids the misunderstandings and disagreements between the two
- **Rigid Constitution & supremacy of Constitution:** The division of powers established by the Constitution as well as the **supremacy of the Constitution** can be maintained only if the method of its amendment is rigid. Hence, the Constitution is rigid to the extent that those provisions which are concerned with the federal structure (i.e., Centre-state relations and judicial organisation) can be amended only by the joint action of the Central and state governments.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Q.1) Which of the following countries does not border Armenia?

1. Syria
2. Azerbaijan
3. Iraq

Select your answer from the codes given below:

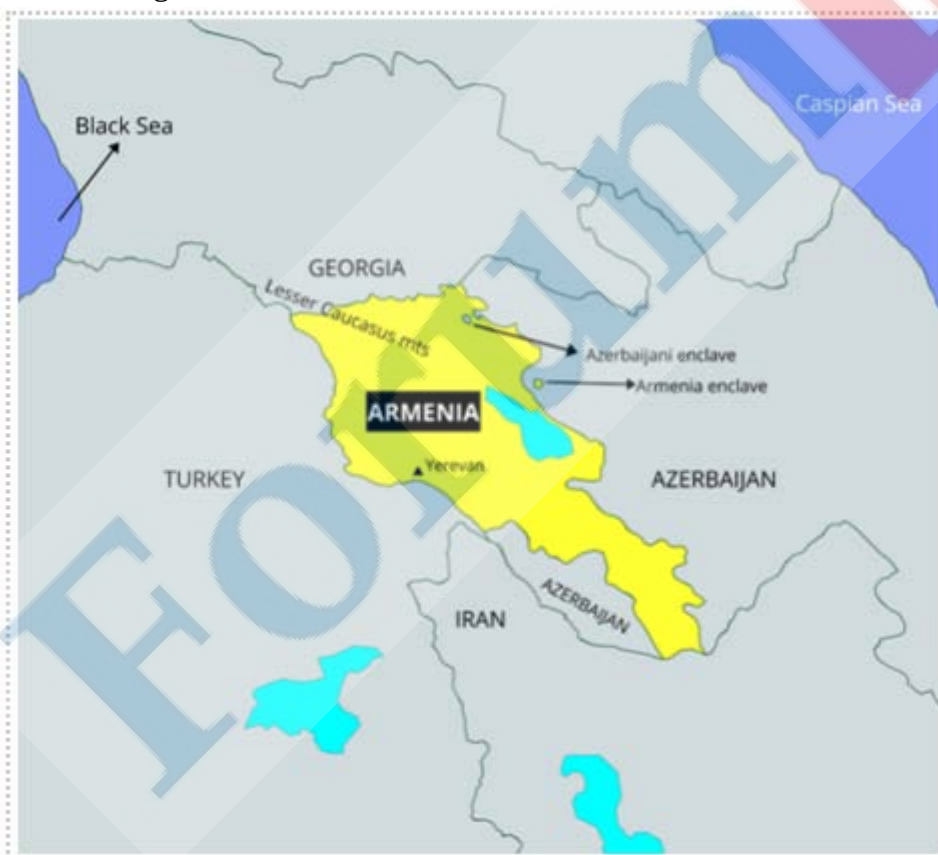
- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Bordering countries -

- Turkey
- Azerbaijan
- Iran
- Georgia



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Q.2) Houthis, a term often seen in news is related to:

- a) Israel
- b) Qatar
- c) Yemen
- d) Lebanon

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- The Houthis are a large clan originating from Yemen's north-western Saada province

Note: You can read more about the Houthi movement [here](#) and [here](#)

Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Electoral bonds:

1. Companies or businesses are not allowed to subscribe to Electoral bonds
2. These bonds are available at regional branches of all scheduled commercial banks

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) **Only 1**
- b) **Only 2**
- c) **Both 1 and 2**
- d) **None of the above**

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** These bonds can be bought by any Indian citizen or company incorporated in India from select branches of State Bank of India. The citizen can then donate the same to any eligible political party of his/her choice.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** These bonds are available with only State bank of India (SBI)

Q.4) Public health emergencies of international concern (PHEIC) is often in news. In this regard consider the following statements:

1. Director-General of World Health Organization determines whether an event can be categorised as PHEIC.
2. Swine flu, polio and Ebola have all been declared as PHEIC in the past

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** It is defined as an extraordinary event that constitutes a public health risk to other States through the international spread of the disease and potentially requires a coordinated international response.
 - The responsibility of declaring an event as an emergency lies with the Director-General of the WHO and requires the convening of a committee of members.

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- **Statement 2 is correct:** So far 6 PHEIC have been declared by WHO. These are:
 - H1N1 (Swine Flu)
 - Ebola (In 2014 in West Africa and In 2019 in Democratic Republic of Congo)
 - Polio
 - Zika
 - COVID 19

Q.5) Consider the following statements on Diplomatic Immunity

1. It is a privilege provided to diplomats in the country in which they get posting
2. Diplomats get immunity only from the civil cases
3. The home country of the diplomats has the power to waive off diplomatic immunity

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- Diplomatic Immunity is a privilege provided to diplomats in the country in which they got posted. Generally, these privileges will be in the form of exemption from certain laws and taxes. This may be civil or criminal.
- **However, it is possible for the diplomat's home country** to waive immunity. But this can happen only when the individual has committed a 'serious crime', anything unconnected to their diplomatic role or has witnessed such a crime.

Read more: [Diplomatic Immunity](#)

Q.6) "Farzad B gas field" is located in which of the following country?

- a) Iraq
- b) Palestine
- c) Iran
- d) Saudi Arabia

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Farzad-B is an offshore natural gas field** located on the Iranian side of the Persian Gulf.
- **The gas field was discovered in 2008** by a consortium of three Indian companies led by the state-owned ONGC Videsh, Indian Oil Corporation and Oil India.
- **The gas field** holds 23 trillion cubic feet of in-place reserves. Of these about 60% is recoverable. It also holds gas condensates of about 5,000 barrels per billion cubic feet of gas.
- Recently, Iran has given the Farzad B gas field to a domestic gas producer. This is a setback for India's energy ties with Iran. As ONGC has been part of the ongoing cooperation of the Gas field.

Read More: [Farzad B gas field](#)

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Q.7) Consider the following pairs

1. Operation Aman - Sri Lanka
2. Operation Cactus - Lakshadweep
3. Operation Crowsnest - Maldives

Which of the following pairs matched **incorrectly**?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Navy has decommissioned the INS Rajput at Naval Dockyard at Visakhapatnam after 41 years of service.

The destroyer ship participated in several important missions over the years including:

- **Operation Aman** off the coast of Sri Lanka to assist the Indian Peace Keeping Force during Srilankan Civil War
- **Operation Pawan** for patrolling duties off the coast of Sri Lanka
- **Operation Cactus** to resolve hostage situation of the Maldives and
- **Operation Crowsnest** off Lakshadweep.

Read more: [INS Rajput](#)

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GOVERNMENT SCHEMES/INITIATIVES

Q.1) Consider the following statements regarding Integrated Child Protection Scheme:

1. TrackChild has been established under provisions laid down by ICPS
2. It is a centrally sponsored scheme

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** TrackChild portal has been designed and developed adhering to the guidelines provided in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and Model Rules 2007 and the provisions laid down in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)
- **Statement 2 is correct:** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented by Women and Child Development Ministry

Q.2) Which state became the first to establish cashless system for distribution of food grain?

- a. Kerala
- b. MP
- c. Sikkim
- d. Gujarat

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

- Gujarat became India's first state to establish a cashless system in its foodgrain PDS. The state government has installed Aadhaar enabled payment systems (AEPS) in around 17,250 fair price shops to ensure that those eligible for subsidized food grains under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) only need their Aadhaar numbers to collect their rations

Q.3) SAMVEDNA helpline was established recently. Which of the following is the aim of this helpline?

- a) They help individuals to report officials about the oxygen cylinder requirement for patients.
- b) They help people to intimate health officials about the persons with Covid-19 symptoms living nearby
- c) They provide psychological and emotional support to the COVID-19 affected children
- d) They provide information to people regarding the nearby hospital, availability of bed, etc.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Children impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic are being provided telecounseling through SAMVEDNA.

About SAMVEDNA:

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- **SAMVEDNA** stands for Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance.
- **Purpose:** It is a toll-free helpline number that aims to provide psychological first-aid and emotional support to the COVID-19 affected children
- **Provided by:** The tele-counselling is provided by the National Commission of Child Rights(NCPCR).
- **Number:** This tele-counselling service is available on a toll-free number 1800-121-2830. It is exclusive for children who are willing to talk and are in need of counselling.

Read more: [SAMVEDNA Helplines](#)

Q.4) Medicine from the sky project was launched by which of the following state?

- a) Delhi
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Telangana

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

- Recently Telangana government has selected 16 primary healthcare centres (PHCs) spread around Vikarabad area hospital for pilot testing the ambitious '**Medicine from the sky**', the first-of- its-kind project.
- The project involves delivery of medicines through multiple drones.
- Telangana government has collaborated with the World Economic Forum and HealthNet Global for implementing the project.
- The project aims to assess alternative logistics routes in providing safe, accurate and reliable pick up and delivery of health care items.

Q.5) Which of the following is/are push factors behind migration of healthcare workers from India to foreign countries?

1. Low wages in India
2. Lack of health care educational Institutions in India
3. Migrant-friendly policies of OECD countries
4. Better Standard of Living in other countries

Answer using the codes given below

- a) 1 and 4 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

There is a difference between push and pull factors of migration. Brain drain of healthcare workers from India is happening due to both.

While 1 and 2 are push factors i.e., pushing workers towards other countries, 3 and 4 are pull factors, which attracts Indian health workers.

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Push Factors

- **Low Wages**
- **Lack of government investment in health care**
- **Lack of health care educational Institutions**

Pull Factors

- **Access to advanced technology:** Developed countries offer better opportunities to pursue research in health care. Health care professionals also get access to advance technology, research facilities and even get higher scholarship amounts for their research.
- **Better standard of living and life quality:** Many developed and GCCs offer a higher salary, tax benefits, higher standard of living, etc. These act as a pull factor for Indian health care professionals.
- Developed countries adopted **migrant-friendly policies towards health care professionals** to retain them in their country

Q.6) Consider the following on **Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)**

1. These are model residential schools for Scheduled Tribes across India
2. Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal ministry for EMRS

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- **Eklavya Model Residential Schools(EMRS)** is a Government of India scheme for model residential schools for Scheduled Tribes across India.
- **Nodal Ministry:** The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the year 1997-98.
- **Aim:** To impart quality education to ST children in remote areas. It will also enable them to avail themselves of opportunities in high and professional educational courses and get employment in various sectors.
 - The schools focus not only on academic education but on the all-around development of the students.
- Recently **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs(MTA)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Microsoft to support the digital transformation of Tribal schools such as **Eklavya Model Residential Schools(EMRS)**.

Read more: [Eklavya Model Residential School](#)

Q.7) COVID19BWM App was recently seen in news. Which of the following reasons the app is used for?

- a) The app is used to track the bed availability in Covid-19 hospitals
- b) The app helps users to report black fungal infection
- c) The app is used to track biomedical waste generated during the Covid-19 treatment.
- d) The app helps individuals to report about mild covid-19 infections

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Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- **COVID19BWM App:** It is an application launched by the Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB) to track biomedical waste.
- It allows a generator of waste (urban local body in the case of home and hospital); the picker of the waste (transport of the ULB) and the waste treatment operator to feed in data so that COVID-19 biomedical waste can be tracked and monitored.
- Earlier the Supreme Court has made it mandatory for all municipal corporations and state pollution control boards to use the 'COVID19BWM APP' for tracking biomedical waste daily.

Q.8) National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) application is launched by government recently. Which of the following purpose the app is used for?

- a) The app helps to monitor Covid-19 disease trajectory in India
- b) The app aid Indian government to monitor government procurements in defence sector
- c) The app allows real-time attendance for MGNREGA workers at worksites
- d) The app permits government to monitor the NRI inflow into the country

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) application

- **NMMS App** permits taking real-time attendance of workers at [Mahatma Gandhi NREGA](#) worksites along with geotagged photographs.
- **Impact:** This will increase citizen oversight of the programme. It also enables the potential processing of payments faster.

Q.9) Consider the following statements regarding Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)

1. Setting up of new AIIMS-like Institutions is a component of the Yojana.
2. The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Human Resource and Development

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: About Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana(PMSSY)

- **Type:** Central Sector Scheme
- **Nodal Ministry:** The scheme was announced in 2003 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Objective:** To correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services. Moreover, It will also augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.
- **Components:** The scheme has two components:
 - Setting up of new AIIMS-like Institutions and

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- Up-gradation of existing Government Medical Colleges /Institutions in a phased manner.

Total AIIMS established: Total of 22 new AIIMS have been announced so far the scheme

- 6 AIIMS are already functional at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur, and Rishikesh.
- 16 more AIIMS are approved by the Cabinet. Among them, 7 AIIMS, have started OPD facility and MBBS classes while in 5 AIIMS only MBBS classes have started.

Q.10) Consider the following statements regarding Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI):

1. RCI maintains the Central Rehabilitation Register for qualified professionals
2. It is a statutory body
3. It works under the Ministry of Skill Development

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The mandate given to RCI is to regulate and monitor services given to persons with disability, to standardise syllabi and to maintain a Central Rehabilitation Register of all qualified professionals and personnel working in the field of Rehabilitation and Special Education. The Act also prescribes punitive action against unqualified persons delivering services to persons with disability.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The Rehabilitation Council of India has been set up as a Statutory Body under an Act of Parliament
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It works under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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GEOGRAPHY

Q.1) Consider the following:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Name</u>
1. Philippines	Baguio
2. South Pacific Ocean	Tropical Cyclone
3. Atlantic Ocean	Hurricane

Which of the above pairs is/are matched correctly?

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

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Tropical cyclones are referred to by different names depending on where they originate in the world.

- Atlantic Ocean & Eastern North Pacific Ocean – **Hurricane**
- Western North Pacific Ocean – **Typhoon**
- South Pacific Ocean & Indian Ocean - **Tropical Cyclone**
- Australia - **Willy Willy**
- Philippine Islands – **Baguio**

Q.2) Consider the following statements on Cyclone Tauktae

- 1. It is developed in the Bay of Bernal
- 2. It is classified as a very severe cyclonic storm (VSCS)

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: B

- **Cyclone 'Tauktae'** name was suggested by Myanmar. Tauktae means a highly vocal lizard gecko.
- This cyclone has been classified as a very severe cyclonic storm (VSCS).
- The Cyclone has been developed in the Arabian Sea.
- This will also be the fourth cyclone in consecutive years to have developed in the Arabian Sea, that too in the pre-monsoon period (April to June)

Read more: [Cyclone 'Tauktae'](#)

Q.3) Which of the following countries border Red Sea?

- 1. Yemen
- 2. Djibouti
- 3. Somalia
- 4. Egypt
- 5. Sudan

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Select your answer from the codes given below:

- a) 1, 2, 4, 5
- b) 2, 3, 5
- c) 1, 3, 4, 5
- d) 1, 2, 3

Correct Answer: A

Explanation



6 countries border The Red Sea –

- Yemen
- Saudi Arabia
- Egypt
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Sudan

Note: If Gulf of Aqaba is taken as extension of Red Sea then two additional countries of Israel and Jordan also border it meaning a total of 8 countries.

Q.4) Sulawesi Island was seen in news recently. It's located in which country?

- a) Australia
- b) India
- c) Brazil
- d) Indonesia

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

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A new Australian study has suggested that climate change may be accelerating the degradation of Pleistocene-era rock paintings located in the Sulawesi Island of Indonesia. It is the world's oldest cave art.

Read more: [Sulawesi Island](#)

Q.5) Lightning injuries are common during monsoon in India. In this regard consider the following statements:

1. DAMINI is an app that gives locations of current and impending lightning strikes around area of 40 sq.km
2. India Lightning report is published annually by ISRO
3. Frequency of lightning is more over land compared to oceans

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), an autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, has a Lightning Location Network with about 48 sensors over various parts of the country and are connected to central processing unit at IITM, Pune.
 - This network provides exact information about lightning strikes and movement of thunderstorm path. Using this network, by IITM developed a Mobile App, DAMINI LIGHTNING.
 - This app gives exact location of current lightning strikes, probable locations of impending lightning around area of 40 sq.km and movement and direction of thunderstorm. It also lists precautionary steps to be taken during lightning and some general information on lightning.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The report is released by Earth Network. It is a company which operates the largest global hyperlocal weather network & provides companies with weather intelligence data to help automate decision-making. With over 1,800 sensors in over 100 countries, Earth Networks Total Lightning Network is the most extensive and technologically advanced lightning network in the world
- **Statement 3 is correct:** There is a higher frequency of lighting over land because solid earth absorbs sunlight and heats up faster than water; this means there is stronger convection and greater atmospheric instability, leading to the formation of thunder and lightning producing storms.

Q.6) Equator doesn't pass through which of the following countries:

1. Gambia
2. Ecuador
3. Colombia

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- a) Only 1

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- b) 2 and 3
- c) Only 3
- d) 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- Equator doesn't pass through Gambia while it does pass through Ecuador and Colombia.
- You can read more about these locations [here](#) and [here](#)

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP):

1. It aims to mitigate the effects of cyclones in coastal states and Union Territories only
2. ISRO is collaborating with Ministry of Earth Sciences to implement the project

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The objective of the NCRMP is to undertake suitable structural and non-structural measures to mitigate the effects of cyclones in the coastal states and UTs of India.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) under the aegis of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will implement the Project in coordination with participating State Governments and the National Institute for Disaster Management (NIDM).

Q.8) Arrange the following from left to right:

1. Arafura Sea
2. Coral Sea
3. Timor Sea

Select your answer from the codes given below:

- a) 1-2-3
- b) 2-3-1
- c) 3-1-2
- d) 1-3-2

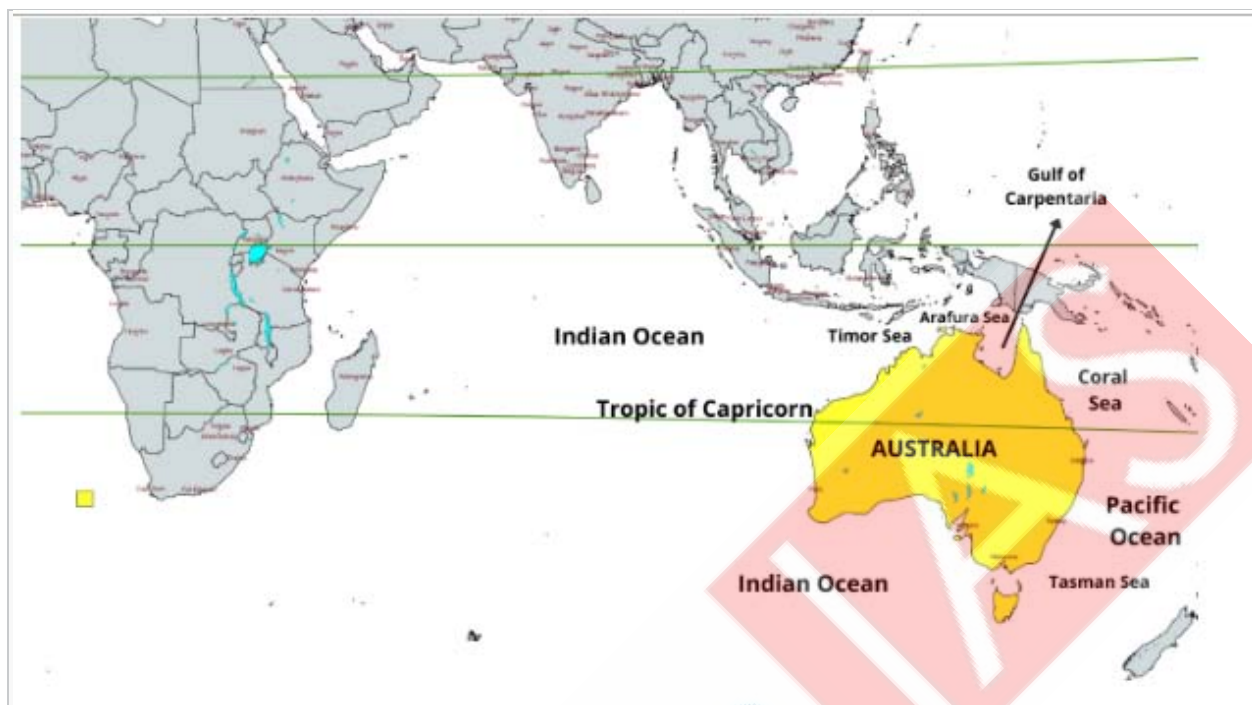
Correct Answer: C

Explanation

Correct order from left to right is –

- Timor Sea – Arafura Sea – Coral Sea

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Q.9) Which of the following country's submitted name has been chosen for Cyclone Tauktae?

- a) Iran
- b) Myanmar
- c) Indonesia
- d) Brunei

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- The cyclone names are given by countries on rotation basis in the region
- The RSMC New Delhi Tropical Cyclone Center is responsible to name the tropical cyclones that have formed over the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea when they have reached the relevant intensity.

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WMO/ESCAP member countries	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bangladesh 	Nisarga	Biparjoy	Arnab	Upakul	Barshon	Raji
India 	Gati	Tej	Murasu	Aag	Vyom	Jha
Iran 	Nivar	Hamoon	Akvan	Sepand	Booran	Ana
Maldives 	Burevl	Midhill	Kaani	Odi	Kenau	Enc
Myanmar 	Tauktae	Michaung	Ngamann	Kyarthit	Sapakyee	Wei
Oman 	Yaas	Remal	Sail	Naseem	Muzn	Sac
Pakistan 	Gulab	Asna	Sahab	Afshan	Manahil	Shu
Qatar 	Shaheen	Dana	Lulu	Mouj	Suhail	Sac
Saudi Arabia 	Jawad	Fengal	Ghazeer	Asif	Sidrah	Har

Q.10) Consider the following statements:

1. Rises from Zemu glacier
2. Also known as lifeline of Sikkim
3. It is a right bank tributary of Brahmaputra

Which of the following river is being described in above statements?

- a) Teesta
- b) Manas
- c) Subansiri
- d) Dibang

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- The Teesta rises from Zemu glacier in Sikkim. The Teesta River drains the entire state of Sikkim and a part of Darjeeling Hills.
- It is known as the lifeline of Sikkim. The Teesta flows along a very deep gorge which divides north Bengal or the hills of Darjeeling into two parts-Tiger Hill range in the west and the Kalimpong Hill range in the east.
- It joins the Brahmaputra on its right-bank in Bangladesh.

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Q.11) Which of the following countries border Afghanistan?

1. India
2. Uzbekistan
3. Turkmenistan

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

Countries bordering Afghanistan

- India
- China
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan
- Turkmenistan
- Iran
- Pakistan

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HISTORY

Q.1) Mongolian Kanjur was seen in news. Which of the following correctly describes it?

- These are sacred words of Lord Buddha in Mangolia
- These are Mangolian temple belongs to Buddhism
- These are Magolian form of Jainism practised today in the region
- These are religious sanctions practised in Mangolia

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- Mongolian Kanjur** is a Buddhist canonical text that has 108 volumes. It is considered to be the most important religious text in Mongolia.
- Meaning:** In the Mongolian language 'Kanjur' means 'Concise Orders'- the words of Lord Buddha in particular.

The Ministry of Culture has taken up the project of reprinting 108 volumes of Mongolian Kanjur under the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM). Recently the Ministry announced that the reprinting of about 100 sets of Mongolian Kanjur will be completed by next year.

Read more: [Mangolian Kanjur](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statement on **National Mission for Manuscript**

- Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is the nodal agency for this mission,
- A National Database is created under the Mission.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only 1
- Only 2
- Both 1 and 2
- None of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- The National Mission for Manuscripts** was established in February 2003, by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India.
- Objective:** It aims to unearth and preserve the vast manuscript wealth of India. This will help India to connect its past with its future. It also helps to connect India's memory with its aspirations.
- National Nodal Agency for the Mission:** Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi.
- The Mission set up a web-based **National Database of Manuscripts** with information on 2.7 million manuscripts.

Q.3) Consider the following statements on **Basavanna**. Which of the following statements are **not correct**?

- He lived during the reign of the Kakatiya Dynasty
- He introduced new public institutions such as the Anubhava Mantapa
- He conducted Sharana movement towards egalitarianism
- He spread social awareness through his poetry known as Vachanas

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- Basavanna was a philosopher, statesman, Kannada poet and a social reformer during the reign of **the Kalachuri-dynasty king Bijjala I in Karnataka**.
- Basavanna spread social awareness through his poetry, popularly known as Vachanas.
- He introduced new public institutions such as **the Anubhava Mantapa** (or, the “hall of spiritual experience”). This Mantapa welcomed men and women from all socio-economic backgrounds to discuss spiritual and mundane questions of life, in open.
- He developed and inspired a new devotional movement named **Virashaivas, or “ardent, heroic worshippers of Shiva”**. This movement shared its roots in the ongoing Tamil Bhakti movement, particularly the Shaiva Nayanars traditions, over the 7th- to 11th-century.
- He conducted **Sharana movement** towards egalitarianism. The movement attracted people from all castes, and like most strands of the Bhakti movement. The movement is produced a corpus of literature, the vachanas, these unveiled the spiritual universe of the Veerashaiva saints. This movement is too radical for his times.

Q.4) Consider the following pairs

- Site : Place
1. Hire Bengal megalithic site : West Bengal
 2. Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat : Madhya Pradesh
 3. Temples of Kanchipuram : Tamil Nadu

Which of the following pairs are matched correctly?

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Archaeological Survey of India has submitted nine sites for their inclusion in the tentative list of UNESCO. Recently the UNESCO has accepted six of the nine sites.

The six Indian sites included in the [UNESCO](#) Tentative list are:

- Ganga ghats in Varanasi,UP
- Temples of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.
- Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh,
- Maratha military architecture in Maharashtra
- Hire Bengal megalithic site in Karnataka and
- Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat of Narmada Valley in Madhya Pradesh.

Read more: [Tentative list of UNESCO](#)

Q.5) Consider the following statements:

1. Morley-Minto reforms established council of states at national level
2. Government of India act 1935 set up bicameral legislatures in Indian provinces

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2

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- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** Montagu-Chelmsford reforms of 1919 set up councils of states at national level
- **Statement 2 is correct:** GOI Act 1935 led to the establishment of bicameral legislatures in Indian provinces

Q.6) Consider the following statements regarding tentative list of UNESCO?

1. World Heritage Committee will select the sites in each and every country
2. To become world heritage site a site has to be included in the tentative list first.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: To include a site into tentative list of UNESCO

- **Firstly**, If a state considers a **monument/site has cultural and/or natural heritage** of outstanding universal value and therefore **suitable for inscription on the World Heritage List**. Then the state prepares a list of such sites and sends it to UNESCO. The UNESCO after preliminary inspection accepts/rejects the monument and form a tentative list.
- **Secondly**, a position on a country's tentative list does not automatically tender that site with world heritage status.
- **Thirdly**, it is mandatory to put any monument/site on the Tentative List (TL) before it is considered for the final nomination dossier.
- **Fourthly**, the sites will remain on the tentative list for a year, after which the government will decide which one of them to push for in their final dossier to UNESCO.
- **Lastly**, the tentative list is extremely important. This is because the **World Heritage Committee** cannot consider a nomination for the World Heritage List unless the property has already been included on the State party's tentative list.

Q.7) Consider the following statements regarding National Archives of India

1. It is the nodal agency for implementation of the Public Records Act
2. Abhilekh Patal is an initiative of NAI to make its records publicly accessible
3. It works as an attached office under Archaeological Survey of India

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** National Archives of India is the nodal agency of Government of India for the implementation of the Public Records Act, 1993 and the Public Records Rules, 1997 made under the Act
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Abhilekh Patal Portal for Access to Archives and Learning is an initiative of NAI to make its rich treasure of Indian Archival Records available to one and all at the click of a button.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect:** It works as an attached office under Ministry of Culture

Q.8) The Tinkathia System is associated with which of the following events?

- a) Ahmedabad Mill Strike
- b) Champaran Satyagraha
- c) Revolt of 1857
- d) Quit India Movement

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Tinkathia was the system under which the native peasants of Champaran (Bihar) were forced to cultivate three kathaa Indigo out of every 20 kathaa (Bigha) of land. A Bigha is a popular land holding in Bihar and it is little less than an Acre. The Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 was aimed to address the concerns of indigo planters. They were compelled to grow Indigo and charged with high taxes.

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ENVIRONMENT

Q.1) Asian gracile skink was seen in news. Which of the following correctly describes it?

1. These are lizard species that has smaller legs in comparison to typical lizards
2. These are highly venomous

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: A new species of an Asian gracile skink has been discovered recently at Western Ghats.

- **Skinks** are lizards belonging to the family Scincidae, a family in the infraorder Scincomorpha.
- **Features:** Skinks are characterized by their smaller legs in comparison to typical lizards. They are mostly found in a variety of habitats except for arctic and subarctic regions.
- **Behaviour:** Many species of skink does digging and burrowing.
- **The skinks are also non-venomous.** They resemble snakes because of the inconspicuous limbs and the way they move on land.

Read more: [Asian Gracile skink](#)

Q.2) Consider the following statements

1. Melting of icebergs will increase the sea level
2. Melting of Glaciers in ocean will not increase the sea level

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

Melting of iceberg will not lead to a sea-level rise because it was part of a floating ice shelf. It is just like a melting ice cube doesn't increase the level of the water in the glass.

This makes the icebergs different from glaciers or ice sheets. Glaciers or ice sheets found on land, and they raise global sea levels when they break off into the ocean and melt.

Q.3) Consider the following statement on **Snow Leopard**

1. Snow Leopard is an indicator species
2. It is a State animal of Himachal Pradesh.
3. HimalSanrakshak is a community volunteer programme launched by the Government of India to protect Snow leopards.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1

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- b) 1 and 3
- c) Only 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

- **Snow leopards:** It lives in the mountainous regions of central and southern Asia.
- **Range Countries:** Snow leopard is found in 12 range countries namely Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- **India:** The states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh constitute snow leopard Habitat range in India.
- **IUCN Status:** Vulnerable
- **CITES:** Appendix I
- **Significance:** Snow leopard is the State animal of Himachal Pradesh.
- **Indicator species:** The Snow Leopard (also known as Ghost of the mountains) acts as an indicator of the health of the mountain ecosystem in which they live. It is because of their position as the top predator in the food web.
- **HimalSanrakshak:** It is a community volunteer programme launched by the Government of India to protect Snow leopards.

Read more: [Snow leopard](#)

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Q.1) Protein–Antibody Conjugates (PAC) was seen in news sometimes. Which of the following correctly describes it?

- a) This is a new protein present in the Corona Virus
- b) This is a nanoparticle used in human genome sequencing
- c) This is a new drug for reducing the impact of Covid-19
- d) This is a new concept of therapy used for targeted drug delivery

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

- **This is a new concept** of combining two different approaches to drug delivery. Namely, Biological drugs and Antibody-Drug Conjugates(ADC). Both these methods combined to produce Protein–Antibody Conjugate or PACs. This PAC can be used for targeted drug delivery.
- **Protein-antibody conjugates(PACs)** are used for antibody-directed delivery of protein to specific cells.
- **This method ensures** the precise and effective delivery of drugs to specific cells. Hence, this method could have an impact on treating diseases like pancreatic cancer.

Read more: [Protein–Antibody Conjugates](#)

Q.2) Doomsday Surfing was seen in news sometimes. Which of the following correctly describes it?

- a) It is a large scale online hacking of important information on banking websites
- b) It is a wide scale posting of illicit content in internet
- c) It is the type of searching and scroll through bad news.
- d) It is a large-scale spreading of destruction of world.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- Doomsday Surfing refers to the tendency to continue to surf or scroll through bad news. The people will surf even though that news is saddening or depressing.
- Recently, many people are finding themselves continuously reading bad news about Covid-19 without being able to stop. The situation is worsening and even people are sacrificing their crucial sleep time or working hours in the process.

Q.3) Consider the following statements on Dengue

1. National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) is the nodal agency for prevention and control of Dengue.
2. So far there is no vaccine available for Dengue.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

- National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) is the central nodal agency for prevention and control of **six vector borne diseases** i.e. Malaria, Dengue, Lymphatic Filariasis, Kala-azar, Japanese Encephalitis and Chikungunya in India.
- The NVBDCP functions under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The dengue vaccine CYD-TDV or **Dengvaxia** was approved by the US Food & Drug Administration in 2019. This is the **first dengue vaccine** to get the regulatory nod in the US.
- Dengvaxia is basically a **live, attenuated dengue virus**. The vaccine has to be administered in people of ages 9 to 16 who have laboratory-confirmed previous dengue infection and live in endemic areas.

Q.4) Consider the following statements regarding blood plasma:

1. It is the largest part of the blood
2. A bulk of plasma is just water
3. Helps to maintain proper pH in the body

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** Plasma is the liquid portion of blood. About 55% of our blood is plasma, and the remaining 45% are red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets that are suspended in the plasma.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Plasma is about 92% water. It also contains 7% vital proteins such as albumin, gamma globulin and anti-hemophilic factor, and 1% mineral salts, sugars, fats, hormones and vitamins.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Plasma serves four important functions in our bodies:
 - Helps maintain blood pressure and volume.
 - Supply critical proteins for blood clotting and immunity.
 - Carries electrolytes such as sodium and potassium to our muscles.
 - Helps to maintain a proper pH balance in the body, which supports cell function.

Q.5) Consider the following statements

1. While SARS-CoV-2 is the name of virus, N501Y is the name of its variant.
2. Both Virus and its variants are named by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct. In February 2020, the ICTV re-christened what was then called the 2019 novel coronavirus as SARS-CoV-2, which stands for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. In November 2020, researchers in South Africa sequenced a new and more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 variant, which included an N501Y mutation that allowed the spike protein to bind more tightly to human cells.

Statement 2 is incorrect. the ICTV only names viruses at the species level and higher. So the process for naming variants begins much more informally among scientists—and will vary from pathogen to pathogen

Q.6) Blocktrack app was seen in news sometimes. Which of the following correctly describes it?

- It is a new application that presents fluctuations in majority of the crypto currencies.
- It is a new application to track the blocked roads and signals in real time using decentralised information.
- It is an app that aims to digitise healthcare information systems using block chain technology
- It is a blockchain based application to track illicit wildlife trade.

Answer: C

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras have developed a mobile app named “Blocktrack”.

About Blocktrack App:

- Blocktrack** is a **blockchain**-based secure medical data and information exchange system for mobile phone applications.
- Purpose:** The App aims to digitise healthcare information systems. At the same time the app will protect sensitive personal information and medical records by decentralising control and ownership of patient data using a blockchain-based innovation.

Read more: [Blocktrack App](#)

Q.7) Consider the following statements on Mucormycosis or Black Fungus infection

- It spread from people to people and between people and animals
- It can affect different parts of the body, with different sets of symptoms.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only 1
- Only 2
- Both 1 and 2
- None of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The Rajasthan government has declared Mucormycosis or black fungus as an epidemic and a notifiable disease.

- Mucormycosis or Black Fungus** is a rare fungal infection. A group of molds called mucormycetes is the reason behind it, which is abundant in the environment.

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- **Transmission:** It occurs through inhalation, inoculation, or ingestion of fungal spores from the environment. However, it does not spread between people or between people and animals.
- **Symptoms:** Mucormycosis can affect different parts of the body, with different sets of symptoms. Some common symptoms are face numbness, nose obstructions on one side, swelling in the eyes, or pain.

Read more: [Mucormycosis or Black Fungus](#)

Q.8) Consider the following statements regarding Sentinel-1 mission:

1. Mission comprises of a constellation of two polar-orbiting satellites
2. It is a part of NASA's Copernicus initiative

Which of the above statements is/are incorrect?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct:** The Sentinel-1 mission is the European Radar Observatory for the Copernicus joint initiative of the European Commission (EC) and the European Space Agency (ESA). The mission is composed of a constellation of two satellites, Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B, sharing the same orbital plane.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** Copernicus is a European initiative for the implementation of information services dealing with environment and security. It is based on observation data received from Earth Observation satellites and ground-based information.

Q.9) Consider the following statements on white fungus infections

1. Patients of white fungus show Covid-like symptoms but test negative in Covid-19 tests
2. White Fungus infection is deadlier than Black Fungus infection

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- This infection can be caused due to low immunity or if people come in contact with things that contain these moulds like water, etc.
- Patients of white fungus show Covid-like symptoms but test negative; the infection can be diagnosed through CT-Scan or X-ray.
- As per experts on the subject, White Fungus is deadlier than Black Fungus as the infection not only affects the lungs but other parts of the body as well such as nails, skin, stomach, kidney, brain, private parts and mouth.

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Q.10) Which of the following is/are primary aerosols?

1. Airborne dust
2. Sea salt particles
3. Vegetation emissions

Select your answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- Aerosol sources are of two types -- primary and secondary. Primary aerosols are emitted directly as tiny particles, such as smoke from bush or forest fires, soot from burning fossil fuels in industries, vehicles, trains, airplanes, airborne dust and **sea-salt particles** produced when sea spray dries out.
- Secondary aerosols are produced from gaseous precursors. Chemical reactions in the air, converts the primary gaseous pollutants -- like sulphur dioxide and nitrous oxide -- into gases with lower volatility, some of which condense into particulates. Sulphur dioxide pollution from power plants or other industries, converts into sulphate particles, for instance. **Emissions from vegetation** and marine organisms also form secondary aerosols in the atmosphere. The resulting product then nucleates to form new particles or condenses on pre-existing particles

Q.11) Fifth domain, a term often seen in news, is related to:

- a) Blockchain
- b) Social Media
- c) Cyberspace
- d) Intellectual Property Rights

Correct Answer: C

Explanation Fifth Domain is the newest theatre of warfare – cyberspace – joining land, sea, air and space. But unlike the other domains, the conflicts in cyberwar are rarely military-on-military. Instead, nation-states, criminal organizations and terrorist groups are going after civilian populations and infrastructure.

Q.12) Geographical Indication (GI) tag is often seen in news. In this respect consider the statements below:

1. It is deemed to be a private property of the producers of the concerned goods till the duration of registration.
2. GI tags are covered under Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

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Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** A geographical indication is a public property belonging to the producers of the concerned goods.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** Under Articles 1 (2) and 10 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, geographical indications are covered as an element of IPRs. They are also covered under Articles 22 to 24 of the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement

Q.13) Dipcovan kit was seen in news recently. Which of the following application the kit is used for?

- a) The kit helps to identify Black and White fungal infections
- b) The kit contains precautionary medicines against fungal infections
- c) The Kit is used in Covid-19 antibody detection.
- d) The Kit contains high protein healthy supplements

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

- It is a **Covid-19 antibody detection kit**. It is developed by the Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The Dipcovan kit can detect both spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of SARS-CoV-2 virus with a high sensitivity of 97 % and specificity of 99%.
- The kit has a shelf life of 18 months.

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ECONOMY

Q.1) Consider the following statement on **SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable & Mid-Income Housing) Fund**

1. It provide relief to developers that require funding to complete a set of unfinished projects.
2. It has been set up as a Category-II AIF (Alternate Investment Fund) registered with SEBI.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the above

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The government of India's SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable & Mid-Income Housing) Fund has completed its first residential project in Mumbai.

- **SWAMIH Fund** is a government-backed investment fund set up in the year 2019.
- **Purpose:** The fund was formed to provide relief to developers that require funding to complete a set of unfinished projects. Consequently, it will also ensure the delivery of homes to the home-buyers.
- **Type:** The fund has been set up as a Category-II AIF (Alternate Investment Fund) debt fund registered with SEBI.
- **Investment manager:** The Investment Manager of the Fund is SBICAP Ventures, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Markets. This in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the State Bank of India.
- **Sponsor:** The Sponsor of the Fund is the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India.

Read more: [SWAMIH Fund](#)

Q.2) Which of the following will shall cause a decrease in inflation?

1. Buying of g-sec by RBI
2. Increase in CRR
3. Encouraging savings

Select your answer from the codes given below:

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

Correct Answer: B

Explanation

- Buying of g-sec means liquidity shall be injected in the economy by RBI
- Increase in CRR means banks will have to keep more money under reserve requirements now resulting in decreased money supply in the economy -> decrease in inflation
- Encouraging savings results in lesser money in the economy -> decrease in inflation

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Q.3) Bimal Jalan Committee seen in news is related to:

- a) Measures to address the NPA problem in banks
- b) Framework for reforming APMCs
- c) Reviewing the Extant Economic Capital Framework of the RBI
- d) Preventing stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: C

Explanation

- RBI, in consultation with the Government of India, had constituted an Expert Committee to Review the Extant Economic Capital Framework of the Reserve Bank of India (Chairman: Dr. Bimal Jalan)