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PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to Regenerative agriculture consider the following statements:

- 1. Regenerative agriculture refers to a practice of farming and land use that aims to improve the overall health of the soil.
- 2. Sustainable agriculture is a better form agricultural practice than Regenerative agriculture.
- 3. Regenerative farming practices is more expensive than commercial farming.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C Explanation –

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. Regenerative agriculture refers to a practice of farming and land use that aims to improve the overall health of the soil. Regenerative farming practices is more expensive than commercial farming as it focuses on organic based farming therefore the cost of organic farming is higher than commercial farming.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Sustainable and Regenerative agriculture both focus on healthier agricultural practices. However, the key difference between is that regenerative agriculture intends to regenerate, or renew, the productivity and growth potential whereas sustainable practices seek to maintain systems without degrading them. Therefore, regenerative agriculture is better than a sustainable way to farm.

Source: DTE

Q.2) Consider the following statements with reference to Coastal Red Sand Dunes:

- 1. These sand dunes do not occur in equatorial regions or temperate regions.
- 2. These sand dunes are found in Southern India.

Select the correct statements using the codes give below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Coastal Red Sand Dunes do not occur in equatorial regions or temperate regions. These sand dunes are found in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in India.



Q.3) With reference to Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to reduce emissions in the energy sector and accelerate the coal phase-out process.
- 2. India has ratified the JETP.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 is correct. JETP aims to reduce emissions in the energy sector and accelerate the coal phase-out process.

Statement 2 is incorrect. India has opposed the JETP.

Source: Business Standard

Q.4) With reference to Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) consider the following statements:

- 1. One of its objectives is to promote sustainable growth and balanced development of the region and member states.
- 2. Its secretariat is located in Mauritius.
- 3. The Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) is a flagship initiative of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation – Statement 1, 2 and 3 are correct. IORA aims at promoting sustainable growth and balanced development of the region and member states. Its secretariat is located in Mauritius. The Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) is a flagship initiative of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

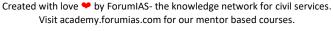
Source: The Hindu

Q.5) Which of the following statements is not true regarding e-rupee?

- a) It is recognised as legal tender by the RBI.
- b) It has same value as the fiat currency.
- c) The digital rupee stored in the wallet attracts lower interest rate than cash deposited with the banks.
- d) Cash deposits in banks can be converted into digital rupees.

Answer: C

Explanation – The digital rupee stored in wallet does not attract any interest from the central bank like the deposited cash in banks.





Q.6) With reference to Parliamentary Privileges consider the following statements:

- 1. The freedom of speech and expression enjoyed by MPs in the Parliament is subjected to legal action of the court.
- 2. MPs cannot be arrested in any civil cases when the Parliament is in session.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. The freedom of speech and expression enjoyed by MPs in the Parliament is not subjected to legal action of the court.

Statement 2 is correct. MPs cannot be arrested in any civil cases when the Parliament is in session.

Source: Live Mint

Q.7) With reference to Divya Kala Mela organized recently consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims at providing platform to tribal artisans and crafts men of the country.
- 2. It was launched by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- 3. It aims at bringing self-reliance to the lives of Divyangjan.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

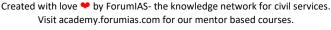
- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 3 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1 only

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. Divya Kala Mela aims at providing a platform for the products and craftsmanship of Divyang(person with disability) artisans, craftsmen and artisans from across the country.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. Divya Kala Mela was launched by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. It aims at bringing self-reliance to the lives of Divyangjan.





Q.8) With reference to the country Peru consider the following statements:

- 1. It lies wholly in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 2. Mississippi river is the longest river of Peru.
- 3. It is bordered in the north by Ecuador and Colombia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. Peru lies wholly in the Southern Hemisphere. It is bordered in the north by Ecuador and Colombia.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The Ucayali River is the longest river of Peru.

Source: The Hindu

Q.9) With reference to Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India (SHAKTI) consider the following statements:

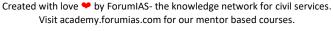
- 1. It aims making coal available to all the Thermal Power Plants of the country in a transparent manner.
- 2. It also aims to reduce the dependence on imported coal and promote domestic industries.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. SHAKTI aims making coal available to all the Thermal Power Plants of the country in a transparent manner. It also aims to reduce the dependence on imported coal and promote domestic industries.





PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to International Labour Organization (ILO) consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an independent non-profit organization that aims at providing financial assistance and employment opportunities to the developing nations.
- 2. The standards set by ILO is non-binding in nature.
- 3. India is a founding and a permanent member of ILO.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. ILO is a United Nations agency whose mandate is to advance social and economic justice by setting international labour standards.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. The standards set by ILO is non-binding in nature. India is a founding and a permanent member of ILO.

Source: <u>The Hindu</u>

Q.2) With reference to the Indian Ocean consider the following statements:

- 1. It is bounded by Africa and the Arabian Peninsula to the west.
- 2. It is landlocked in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 3. It has narrower continental shelves than the Atlantic Ocean.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: D

Statement 1,2 and 3 are correct. The Indian Ocean is bounded by Africa and the Arabian Peninsula to the west. It is landlocked in the Northern Hemisphere. It has narrower continental shelves than the Atlantic Ocean.

Source: The Times of India

Q.3) Which of the following is not correct regrading Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose?

- a) He discovered wireless communication.
- b) He was responsible for the expansion of experimental science in India.
- c) He was named the Father of Radio Science by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.
- d) He chaired the Rules of Procedure Committee in the Constituent Assembly.

Answer: D

Explanation - Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose passed away in 1937 and the Rules of Procedure Committee was headed by Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

Source: PIB

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Q.4) With reference to Digital Agriculture Mission consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims at using ICT for making agriculture profitable and sustainable.
- 2. It aims at creating federated farmers' database which will be linked to the land records of farmers from across the country by creating a unique farmer ID.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Digital Agriculture is "ICT and data ecosystems to support the development and delivery of timely, targeted information and services to make farming profitable and sustainable while delivering safe nutritious and affordable food for all." It aims at creating federated farmers' database which will be linked to the land records of farmers from across the country by creating a unique farmer ID.

Source: PIB

Q.5) With reference to Project UNNATI consider the following statements:

- 1. It has been launched to showcase indigenous product of the Indian states at G-20 meetings.
- 2. The cost of the project is entirely carried out by the Central Government.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. Project UNNATI was launched with the intention of upgrading the skill base of MGNREGS workers to help them transition from partial employment to full employment. Statement 2 is correct. The cost of the project is entirely carried out by the Central Government.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.6) With reference to Natural Farming consider the following statements:

- 1. It does not involve the use of any external chemical or organic fertilizers in the soil.
- 2. It reduces the burden of subsidy on the government.
- 3. The water requirement for natural farming is more than the conventional farming.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: A

Explanation -



Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Natural farming does not involve the use of any external chemical or organic fertilizers in the soil. The decomposition of organic matter by microbes and earthworms is encouraged right on the soil surface itself, which gradually adds nutrition in the soil, over the period. This will in turn reduce the subsidy cost of the government.

Statement 3 is incorrect. Natural farming requires less water than conventional warming. One of the reasons behind it as the conventional farming focuses on high yield thus more irrigation is required for the growth of the crop whereas yield is lower in the natural farming compared to conventional farming.

Source: PIB

Q.7) Consider the following:

- 1. Increasing tillage
- 2. Growing cover crops
- 3. Increasing organic matter inputs

Which of the above are the measures required to improve the health of the soil?

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

Answer: B

Explanation – There are various methods to improve soil health such as growing cover crops, increasing the usage of organic fertilizers, reducing pesticide use, reducing tillage, etc. Further, tillage fractures the soil, it disrupts soil structure, accelerating surface runoff and soil erosion. Tillage also reduces crop residue, which help cushion the force of pounding raindrops.

Source: PIB

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The concentration of nitrogen is very less in the atmosphere due to which plants are unable to take the nitrogen from the atmosphere.
- 2. Nitrogen is important for growth and development of plant tissues and cells like the cell membranes and chlorophyll.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. Nitrogen is form in abundant and has the highest share (78%) in the atmosphere. Plants do not take nitrogen directly from the atmosphere.

Statement 2 is correct. Nitrogen acts the backbone for the development of the plant. It is important for growth and development of plant tissues and cells like the cell membranes and chlorophyll.

Source: India Today



Q.9) Which of the following statements defines "Moral Policing"?

- a) It is a separate body of the Election Commission of India to check the enforcement Model Code of Conduct.
- b) It is a type of organization that aims at spreading awareness related to women's rights.
- c) It is used to describe vigilante groups that act to enforce a code of morality in India without legal authority.
- d) It refers to the department of police responsible for handling child abuse.

Answer: C

Explanation – Moral Policing is used to describe vigilante groups that act to enforce a code of morality in India without legal authority.

Source: The Hindu

Q.10) Consider the following:

- 1. He was arrested in connection with the Alipore Conspiracy Case.
- 2. He edited Bande Mataram newspaper.
- 3. He developed Integral Yoga.

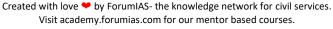
Which of the following personalities is associated with the above characteristics?

- a) Sri Aurobindo Ghose
- b) Lala Lajpat Rai
- c) M.N. Roy
- d) Ram Prasad Bismil

Answer: A

Explanation – Sri Aurobindo Ghose was arrested in connection with the Alipore Conspiracy Case. He edited Bande Mataram newspaper. He developed Integral Yoga.

Source: The Indian Express





PRELIMS

Q.1) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The Prisons Act, 1894 contains specific provision related to parole and furlough.
- 2. Prisons fall in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. The Prisons Act, 1894 and the Prisoners Act, 1900 did not contain any specific provision pertaining to parole and furlough. However, Section 59 of the Prisons Act empowers States to make rules for the shortening of sentences and for rewards for good conduct.

Statement 2 is correct. Prisons fall in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.2) With reference to Kanger Valley National Park consider the following statements:

- 1. Wardha river flows though this park.
- 2. The most popular species found in this park is Bastar Maina.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. Kanger river flows through this park. Kanger Valley National Park is located in Chhattisgarh. It is one of India's densest national parks.

Statement 2 is correct. The most popular species found in this park is Bastar Maina. It is also the state bird of Chhattisgarh.

Source: The Times of India

Q.3) With reference to Free Trade Agreement between India and U.K. consider the following statements:

- 1. It will increase the exports of goods and services from India to UK.
- 2. The imports from UK could lead to job losses in some sectors in India.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

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Answer: C Explanation –

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. The FTA between India and U.K. will increase the exports of goods and services especially IT sector, to the UK. The imports from UK could lead to job losses in those sectors in India where the import is taking place.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.4) Mount Semeru, an active volcano is located in -

- a) Indonesia
- b) South Africa
- c) Russia
- d) Australia

Answer: A

Explanation -

Mount Semeru, an active volcano is located in East Java, Indonesia. It is located in a subduction zone, where the Indo-Australian plate subducts under the Eurasia plate. It is the highest mountain on the island of Java.

Source: DTE

Q.5) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Y chromosomes are only present in males whereas X chromosomes are present in both male and females.
- 2. X chromosomes have lesser number of genes and DNA whereas Y chromosomes have a larger number of genes and DNA.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 is correct. Y chromosomes are only present in males whereas X chromosomes are present in both male and females.

Statement 2 is incorrect. X chromosomes have larger number of genes and DNA whereas Y chromosomes have a lesser number of genes and DNA.



Q.6) Consider the following:

- 1. Increase in inflation
- 2. Increase in the purchase of goods and services
- 3. Increase in the borrowing cost for banks

Which of the above will be the impact of a hike in repo rate?

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

Answer: C

Explanation – A hike in repo rate means the borrowing cost for banking institutions also rises, which is passed on to account holders in the form of higher loan and deposit interest rates, it will lead to lower purchase of goods and services, will lead to decrease in inflation, etc.

Source: The Times of India

Q.7) Satyashodhak Samaj was formed by -

- a) Dayananda Saraswati
- b) Jyotirao Phule
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Swami Vivekananda

Answer: B

Explanation – Jyotirao Phule formed Satyashodhak Samaj. He was an Indian social activist, thinker, anti-caste social reformer and writer from Maharashtra.

Source: The Indian Express

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The committed expenditure of the State Government on revenue accounts consists of interest payments, expenditure on salaries and wages, and pensions.
- 2. If the Committed Expenditure is higher, it means that the government has lesser flexibility to determine the purpose for which revenue expenditure is to be incurred.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. The committed expenditure of the State Government on revenue accounts consists of interest payments, expenditure on salaries and wages, and pensions. If the Committed Expenditure is higher, it means that the government has lesser flexibility to determine the purpose for which revenue expenditure is to be incurred.



Q.9) With reference to e-Visa consider the following statements:

- 1. It enables the visitor to apply for an Indian Visa from his/her home country online without visiting the Indian Embassy.
- 2. e-tourist visa and e-Business visa are only two categories of e-visa provided by the Indian government.
- 3. The Government of India had suspended e-Visa for all countries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. e-Visa enables the visitor to apply for an Indian Visa from his/her home country online without visiting the Indian Embassy and also pay the visa fee online. The Government of India had suspended e-Visa for all countries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statement 2 is incorrect. e-Visa has been divided into several categories such as e-tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Conference, e-Medical Attendant and e-Emergency Visa.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.10) With reference to Krishi Nivesh Portal consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a one-stop solution for all investors who are looking to invest in India in agriculture and allied sectors.
- 2. It has launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

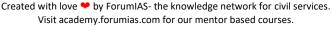
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 is correct. Krishi Nivesh Portal is a one-stop solution for all investors who are looking to invest in India in agriculture and allied sectors.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The portal has been launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.





PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN) consider the following statements:

- 1. It is India's first dedicated platform for innovation, curation, and venture development for the space entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- 2. It is a public-private collaboration for start-ups and SMEs in the space industry.
- 3. India has seen an increase of the start-ups in the space sector.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: D

Explanation -

Statement 1, 2 and 3 are correct. SpIN is India's first dedicated platform for innovation, curation, and venture development for the space entrepreneurial ecosystem. It is a public-private collaboration for start-ups and SMEs in the space industry. According to the Economic Survey 2021-22, there are now over 100 space start-ups in India. the number of startups in this sector has more than doubled in the last year alone.

Source: The Hindu

Q.2) With reference to the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme consider the following statements:

- 1. It covers reimbursement of duties and taxes which are levied at central, state and local level and are not refunded under any other mechanism.
- 2. The scheme is based on the principle that taxes and duties should not be exported and it should be either exempted or remitted to exporters.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. RoDTEP scheme covers reimbursement of duties and taxes which are levied at central, state and local level and are not refunded under any other mechanism. The scheme is based on the principle that taxes and duties should not be exported and it should be either exempted or remitted to exporters.

Source: PIB



Q.3) Single-Block-And-Multiple-Debit Functionality was seen in the news recently is related with -

- a) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)
- b) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- c) Genetically Modified (GM) Crops
- d) Increasing Exports

Answer: B

Explanation - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has augmented the potentialities of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) by introducing the functionality of a single-block-and-multiple-debit in UPI. This will enhance the ease of making payments for investments in securities including through the retail direct platform as well as e-commerce transactions

Source: PIB

Q.4) With reference to Adoption Regulations, 2022 consider the following statements:

- 1. The rules empower the judiciary to issue adoption orders.
- 2. It enables adoptive parents to opt for children from their home state or region.
- 3. The regulations provide that if the child adjusts well with the foster family, then the foster family can adopt the child after two years of fostering.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. The rules empower District Magistrates to issue adoption orders. Earlier, this power was exercised by the judiciary.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. It enables adoptive parents to opt for children from their home State or region. The regulations provide that if the child adjusts well with the foster family, then the foster family can adopt the child after two years of fostering.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.5) With reference to Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary consider the following statements:

- 1. This Sanctuary comes under Project elephant.
- 2. It is located in the Northern Tamil Nadu.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

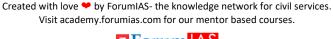
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 is correct. Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary comes under Project elephant.

Statement 2 is incorrect. It is only home for Asiatic elephants in the State of Andhra Pradesh.





Q.6) Consider the following statements:

- 1. India is the second largest economy in the world.
- 2. India has decided to source almost half its energy needs from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.
- 3. Financing the transition from fossil fuel-based energy to non-fossil fuel is one of the major challenges faced by India.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. India is the 5th largest economy of the world.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. India has decided to source almost half its energy needs from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030. Financing the transition from fossil fuel-based energy to non-fossil fuel is one of the major challenges faced by India.

Source: The Hindu

Q.7) Which of the following is not a member of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Bhutan
- c) Pakistan
- d) Myanmar

Answer: C

Explanation – BIMSTEC comprises of seven members – Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand.

Source: The Hindu

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Tourism is one of the biggest foreign exchange earners for India.
- 2. There is no state in India that has the tourist police.
- 3. Women tourists are more prone to sexual attacks by criminals at the tourist destinations.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. Tourism is one of the biggest foreign exchange earners for India. Women tourists are more prone to sexual attacks by criminals at the tourist destinations.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The States that have tourist police are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Rajasthan and Kerala.



Q.9) Which of the following is not correct regarding St Edward's Crown?

- a) It is the crown historically used at the moment of coronation in the UK.
- b) It was worn by Queen Elizabeth II at her coronation in 1953.
- c) The crown was made for Charles II in 1661 as a replacement for the medieval crown.
- d) The crown has been used by all monarchs of the UK for coronation.

Answer: D

Explanation – Although it is regarded as the official coronation crown, only six monarchs have been crowned with St Edward's Crown since the Restoration: Charles II (1661), James II (1685), William III (1689), George V (1911), George VI (1937) and Elizabeth II (1953).

Source: ForumIAS

Q.10) Consider the following statements:

- 1. The percentage of women owning mobile phones is more than the percentage of men in India.
- 2. The percentage of Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC) having access to laptops and computers is less than the percentage of upper castes in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

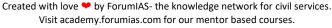
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. According to the Oxfam report on India digital divide, 61% of menowned mobile phones in 2021 compared to just 31% of women.

Statement 2 is correct. The report highlights while 8% of the general caste have access to a computer or a laptop, less than 1% of the Scheduled Tribes (ST) and 2% of the Scheduled Castes (SC) afford it.





PRELIMS

Q.1) With reference to G-20 consider the following statements:

- 1. The G20 Summit is held annually under a rotating presidency.
- 2. The G20 presidency does not come with any formal powers.
- 3. Its secretariat is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. The G20 Summit is held annually under a rotating presidency. The G20 presidency does not come with any formal powers except from hosting the summit and setting the theme.

Statement 3 is incorrect. The G-20 group does not have a permanent secretariat.

Source: The Hindu

Q.2) Consider the following statements:

- 1. India is among top five countries in receiving remittances.
- 2. There has been a decline in the percentage of remittances received from five Gulf Cooperation Council countries in India.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. According to the World Bank's report the top five countries receiving remittances are India (\$100 billion), followed by Mexico (\$60 billion), China (\$50 billion), the Philippines (\$38 billion) and Egypt (\$32 billion). The report also highlights that there has been a shift in remittances. The remittances from the U.S., U.K. and Singapore have increased from 26% to 36% while the share from five GCC countries dropped from 54% to 28%.



Q.3) Consider the following statements regarding Industrial Disputes Act, 1947:

- 1. Any retrenchment and lay-off are deemed to be illegal which is not carried out as per the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
- 2. As per the ID Act, establishments employing 100 persons or more are required to seek prior permission of the appropriate government before effecting closure, retrenchment or lay-off.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Any retrenchment and lay-off are deemed to be illegal which is not carried out as per the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. As per the ID Act, establishments employing 100 persons or more are required to seek prior permission of the appropriate government before effecting closure, retrenchment or lay-off.

Source: The Hindu

Q.4) Which of the following countries do not share border with Afghanistan?

- a) Tajikistan
- b) Turkmenistan
- c) Uzbekistan
- d) Kazakhstan

Answer: D

Explanation - Kazakhstan do not share border with Afghanistan.

Source: The Indian Express

Q.5) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Conjugal visits are not included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 2. Conjugal visits fall under the ambit of Article 21 of the India Constitution.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

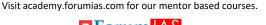
Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. International treaties such as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights include conjugal visits.

Statement 2 is correct. Conjugal visits fall undern the ambit of Article 21 of the India Constitution. However, it is subjected to certain restrictions.

Source: ForumIAS





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Q.6) With reference to Gamma Ray Burst (GRBs) consider the following statements:

- 1. These are high-energy short gamma radiations which get released when massive stars collapse or die in the Universe.
- 2. The energy associated with GRBs is many folds larger than the energy emitted by our Sun in its entire lifetime.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. GRBs are high-energy short gamma radiations which get released when massive stars collapse or die in the Universe. The energy associated with GRBs is many folds larger than the energy emitted by our Sun in its entire lifetime.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.7) With reference to Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) consider the following statements:

- 1. The aim of the DAC is to build a strong military organization by facilitating the bonding amongst the major powers of the world.
- 2. India is not the member of DAC.
- 3. United Nations Development Program (UNDP) hold observer status in DAC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

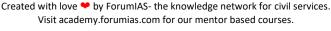
Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. It is a forum to discuss issues surrounding aid, development and poverty reduction in developing countries. It describes itself as being the "venue and voice" of the world's major donor countries.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. India is not the member of DAC. United Nations Development Program (UNDP) hold observer status in DAC.

Source: Live Mint





Q.8) Consider the following statements with respect to South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC):

- 1. It is an economic and political organization of eight countries in South Asia.
- 2. Its secretariat is based in New Delhi.
- 3. No SAARC summit has taken place since 2014.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. SAARC is an economic and political organization of eight countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri-Lanka) in South Asia. No SAARC summit has taken place since 2014.

Statement 2 is incorrect. Its secretariat is based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.9) With reference to black-footed ferret consider the following statements:

- 1. It is an animal endemic to Western Ghats of India.
- 2. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red Data List.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

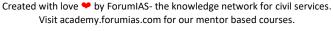
- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. It is a species of native to North America.

Statement 2 is correct. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red Data List.





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Q.1) With reference to Meizotropis pellita (Patwa) consider the following statements:

- 1. It is endemic to Nilgiris.
- 2. It is listed as Critically Endangered in IUCN Red Data List.
- 3. The species is threatened by deforestation, habitat fragmentation and forest fires.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: B

Explanation -

Statement 1 is incorrect. Patwa is a perennial shrub with restricted distribution that is endemic to Uttarakhand.

Statement 2 and 3 are correct. It is listed as Critically Endangered in IUCN Red Data List. The species is threatened by deforestation, habitat fragmentation and forest fires.

Source: The Hindu

Q.2) Narikoravan tribe is associated with the state of -

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: A

Explanation – Narikoravan tribes are an indigenous group from Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Source: The Hindu

Q.3) With reference to the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 consider the following statements:

- 1. Public Distribution System (PDS) coverage is determined by Section 3(2) of the NFSA 2013.
- 2. NFSA is operational in all states and union territories.
- 3. The Act includes the Midday Meal program and Integrated Child Development Service Program under it but maternity benefits are not provided by the act.

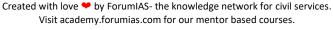
Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Public Distribution System (PDS) coverage is determined by Section 3(2) of the NFSA 2013. NFSA is operational in all states and union territories.





Statement 3 is incorrect. Maternity benefits are provided by the act. Pregnant women and lactating mothers get maternity benefit of Rs. 6,000.

Source: The Hindu

Q.4) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Article 25(1) of the Constitution guarantees the freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion.
- 2. Freedom of conscience of a person includes a right to openly say that he does not believe in any religion.

Select the correct statements using the codes given below:

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Article 25(1) of the Constitution guarantees the freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion. The Bombay High Court has recently held that the freedom of conscience of a person includes a right to openly say that he does not believe in any religion.

Source: The Indian Express

Q.5) With reference to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a United Nations treaty responsible for the conservation of Biological Diversity around the world.
- 2. The US is one of the signatories of UNCBD whereas India is not.
- 3. The convention is legally binding on its signatories.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

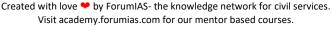
Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 3 are correct. UNCBD is a United Nations treaty responsible for the conservation of Biological Diversity around the world. The convention is legally binding on its signatories.

Statement 2 is incorrect. India is one of the signatories of UNCBD whereas the US is not.

Source: The Indian Express





Q.6) With reference to Aichi targets consider the following statements:

- 1. The Aichi Targets were adopted during the 2010 United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity summit in Nagoya.
- 2. It included goals such as reducing deforestation by at least half during the 2011-20 period.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. The Aichi Targets were adopted during the 2010 United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity summit in Nagoya. It included goals such as reducing deforestation by at least half during the 2011-20 period. After this period the Aichi targets expired and a new meeting is taking place for new targets.

Source: The Indian Express

Q.7) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Delhi is the largest producer of plastic waste in India.
- 2. Plastic accounts for 85% of all marine litter.
- 3. The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) had been introduced in India for plastic packaging.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answre: D

Explanation -

Statement 1, 2 and 3 are correct. Delhi is the largest producer of plastic waste in India. Plastic accounts for 85% of all marine litter. The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) had been introduced in India for plastic packaging.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.8) Consider the following statements:

- 1. A political party would be considered a national party if it is recognised as state party in four or more states.
- 2. A party once recognized as a national party can never lose its national party status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: A

Explanation -



Statement 1 is correct. A political party would be considered a national party if it is recognised as state party in four or more states.

Statement 2 is incorrect. A party may gain or lose national party status from time to time depending on the fulfilment of the laid-down conditions.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.9) Consider the following statements:

- 1. Most of the Arctic Sea remains frozen throughout the year.
- 2. Sea ice helps in insulating the ocean against heat loss.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: C

Explanation -

Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Most of the Arctic Sea remains frozen throughout the year. However, some of the Arctic Sea ice is seasonal. It forms in the winter when seawater freezes and thaws during the summer. Sea ice helps in insulating the ocean against heat loss.

Source: ForumIAS

Q.10) Which of the following statements is not true regarding South Korea?

- a) It is a country in East Asia.
- b) Yellow Sea borders it at the west.
- c) Jeju-do is the largest island of South Korea.
- d) 80% of its land area lies in the highly fertile region.

Answer: D

Explanation – South Korea's terrain is mostly mountainous, most of which is not arable. Lowlands, located primarily in the west and southeast, make up only 30% of the total land area.

Source: The Indian Express

