



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz - 03-09-2020 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) *Global Innovation Index 2020*, was released recently by which of the following?

- UNESCO
- World Economic Forum
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- None of the above

Answer : c

- India has climbed 4 spots and has been ranked 48th by the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** in the *Global Innovation Index 2020* rankings.
- India was at the 52nd position in 2019 and was ranked 81st in the year 2015.
- The WIPO had also accepted India as one of the leading innovation achievers of 2019 in the central and southern Asian region, as it has shown a consistent improvement in its innovation ranking for the last 5 years.

Global Innovation Index (GII)

- The **GII** by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ranks global economies according to their innovation capabilities, including roughly 80 indicators, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs.

2) With respect to *Mission Karmayogi*, which was launched recently, consider the following statements

- It is a new capacity building scheme for civil servants aimed at upgrading the post-recruitment training mechanism of the officers and employees at all levels.
- The programme will be delivered by setting up a digital platform called iGOTKarmayogi.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

- The Union Cabinet recently approved *Mission Karmayogi* or National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB).

Mission Karmayogi

- The aim of *Mission Karmayogi* is to provide a mechanism to continuously build capacity, update the talent pool, and provide equal opportunities for personal and professional growth and esteem of government officials at all levels.
- Karmayogi* seeks to shift the focus from '**rule-specific**' to '**role-specific**'.
- It will be steered by four new bodies, and will be available for civil servants from the rank of

assistant section officer to Secretary, across services.

- NPCSCB will be governed by the **Prime Minister's Human Resource Council**, which will also include state Chief Ministers, Union Cabinet ministers and experts.
- This council will approve and review civil service capacity building programmes.
- Besides this, there will be a **Cabinet Secretary Coordination Unit** comprising of select secretaries and cadre controlling authorities.
- Also, there will be a **Capacity Building Commission**, which will include experts in related fields and global professionals.
- This commission will prepare and monitor annual capacity building plans and audit human resources available in the government.
- Additionally, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) that will own and operate the digital assets and technological platform for online training
- An Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT)-Karmayogi platform will be developed for the project.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to *Sree Narayana Guru*

1. He coined the slogan no religion, no caste, no God for mankind.
2. He held all religions to be the same and condemned animal sacrifices.
3. He started the Sree Narayana Guru Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Movement.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

- a. 3 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1, 2 and 3
- d. None

Answer : b

- The Sree Narayana Guru Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Movement was an example of a regional movement born out of conflict between the depressed classes and upper castes.
- It was started by Sree Narayana Guru Swamy (1856-1928) among the Ezhavas of Kerala, who were a backward caste of toddy-tappers and were considered to be untouchables, denied education and entry into temples.
- Narayana Guru, himself from the Ezhava caste, took a stone from the Neyyar river and installed it as a Sivalinga at Aruvippuram on Sivaratri in 1888.
- It was intended to show that consecration of an idol was not the monopoly of the higher castes.
- With this he began a revolution that soon led to the removal of many discriminations in Kerala's society.
- Sree Narayana Guru held all religions to be the same and *condemned animal sacrifice* besides speaking against divisiveness on the basis of caste, race or creed.
- He coined the slogan *one religion, one caste, one God for mankind*, which his disciple Sahadaran Ayyapan changed into "no religion, no caste, no God for mankind."

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit*

1. It is an annual summit organized by USISPF, a non-profit organization that works for the partnership between India and the U.S.
2. The theme for the 3rd edition of the summit is US-India Navigating New Challenges.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently deliver the Special Key Note Address at the USISPF 3rd Annual Leadership Summit through video conference.
- The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is a non-profit organization that works for the partnership between India and the U.S.
- The Theme of the 5 day Summit that began on the 31st of August is “US-India Navigating New Challenges”.
- The theme covers various subjects such as India’s potential in becoming a Global Manufacturing Hub, Opportunities in India’s Gas Market, Ease of Doing Business to attract FDI in India, Common Opportunities & Challenges in Tech Space, Indo-Pacific Economic issues, Innovation in Public Health and others.

5) Consider the following statements regarding the Ecological Succession

1. Primary Succession occurs when an ecological community first enters into a new form of habitat that it has not been present in before.
2. Secondary Succession occurs in already established habitat.
3. In Climax stage, an ecosystem becomes balanced and there is a little risk of an interfering event to influence the environment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

6) Consider the following statements with respect to *Question Hour*

1. It is mentioned in the Rules of Procedure of the House.
2. The questions can not be asked to the private members during the Question Hour.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- In view of the pandemic, Parliament has said *no to Question Hour and curtailed Zero Hour*.
- *Question Hour*, is usually the first hour of every sitting of house.
- During this time, *the members ask questions and the ministers usually give answers*.
- In addition to the ministers, *the questions can also be asked to the private members*.
- Thus, *a question may be addressed to a private member if the subject matter of the question relates to some Bill, resolution or other matter connected with the business of the House for which that member is responsible*.
- The procedure in regard to such question is the same as that followed in the case of questions addressed to a minister.

7) Consider the following statements with respect to *Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)*

1. It is a revenue-sharing fee model between government and the telecom operators.
2. AGR comprise of income only from the core telecom operations.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

- The Supreme Court gave telecom firms 10 years to clear *Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)* related dues.
- AGR is a revenue-sharing fee model between government and the telecom operators.
- The dispute between DoT and the mobile operators was mainly on the definition of AGR.
- The DoT argued that AGR includes all revenues (before discounts) from both telecom and non-telecom services.
- The companies claimed that AGR should comprise just the revenue accrued from core services and not dividend, interest income or profit on sale of any investment or fixed assets.
- The Supreme Court upheld Department of Telecommunications' (DoT) definition of adjusted gross revenue (AGR).

8) Consider the following statements with respect to *Press Trust of India (PTI)*

1. It is the India's premier news agency under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
2. It acts as a conduit of information between the Government of India and its citizens and it periodically releases information and only gives coverage to government plans, policies, programme initiatives, achievements.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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



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Answer : d

- Recently, Aveek Sarkar, has been elected Chairman of *Press Trust of India (PTI)*.
- PTI is a is the *India's premier, independent news agency*.
- It is a non-profit cooperative.
- The released information, includes the mainstream media, the specialized presses, research groups, companies, and government and non-governmental organisations.
- *PTI is run by a Board of Directors* with the Chairmanship going by rotation at the Annual General Meeting.
- PIB is the government news agency under under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

9) *Novichok* recently seen in news is?

- a. Russia's new COVID 19 vaccine
- b. A spy satellite of Russia
- c. A chemical nerve agent
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

- The Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, was poisoned With Chemical Nerve Agent, according to Germany.
- He was poisoned by *Novichok, a chemical nerve agent*.
- *Novichok* nerve agents banned by chemical-weapons treaty.
- In 2017, the *Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)* confirmed the full destruction of of chemical weapons possessed by Russia.

- The OPCW has the power to send inspectors to any signatory country to search for evidence of production of banned chemicals.
- It also can send experts to help countries to investigate crime scenes where chemical agents may have been used.

10) Consider the following statements with respect to *Lebanon*

1. It is located on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.
2. It shares it's border with Syria and Israel.

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

- Beirut, the capital of *Lebanon*, marked the 100th anniversary of its creation September 1, 2020.
- It is on a verge of a solid-waste crisis, said a top expert of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Nearly 2,750 tonnes of Ammonium Nitrate exploded in a warehouse at the port and wiped out parts of the city.
- Lebanon was under a French military administration.
- It is *located on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea*.
- It is bounded to the north and east by *Syria*, to the south by *Israel*.



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