



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 17-02-2021 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Which of the following statements are correct with respect to *Mushaira*

1. It is a poetic symposium, a part of the culture of Pakistan, North India and the Deccan especially among the Hyderabadi Muslims.
2. Mazahiya and Tarahi are two different types of Musharia.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : c

Mushaira

- Mushaira is a poetic symposium, an event (called mehfil, mushairi) where poets gather to recite their work so that they may enjoy, criticise, and ultimately appreciate what was recited.
 - Urdu Mushaira reach its final, decisive form in 18th century.
 - It was popularised by Bahadur Shah Zafar, the last Mughal Emperor of India.
 - Union Ministry of Minority Affairs will organise “Mushaira” on the theme of “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat”.
 - Types of Mushaira are
1. **Mazahiya Mushaira** - If the poetry is humorous in nature, it is referred to as Mazahiya Mushaira.

Some of the poets now developed it in the form of criticising with a deeper meaning.

1. **Tarahi Mushaira** - The Tarahi Mushaira is a competitive form of mushaira where a misra is given, and poets compose their ghazals using that misra and the behar (rhythmic metre) of the misra.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to *Kailash Range*

1. The Kailash Range originates from the Northern bank of Tso Moriri in Ladakh.
2. The Kailash Ridge dominates Chushul Bowl which is an important communications centre for defence forces.

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

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

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : a

Kailash Range

- The Karakoram Range ends on the northern side of the Pangong Tso.
- The Kailash Range originates from the southern bank and runs northwest to southeast for over 60 km.
- The Kailash Ridge is characterised by rugged, broken terrain with heights varying between 4,000-5,500m.
- The key features of Kailash Ridge include Helmet Top, Gurung Hill, Spanggur Gap, Muggar Hill, Mukhpari, Rezang La and Rechin La.

3) Which of the following organization has initiated the traceability software system *GrapeNet*?

- a. Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- b. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- c. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- d. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Answer : c

GrapeNet

- It is a web based certification and traceability software system for monitoring fresh grapes exported from India to the European Union.
- APEDA can trace details of the consignment right upto the farm plot level.
- It collects, stores and reports, forward and backward traces and quality assurance data entered by the stakeholders within the Grapes supply chain in India.
- The Blockchain of GrapeNet will help track all the activities and steps involved in the grapes lifecycle process.
- It will help track right from the allocation of the farms for production of the grapes to the point of grapes being delivered to the customers.

APEDA

- It is an authority established under an act of parliament.
- It is under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It has been mandated with the responsibility of export promotion and development of the scheduled products.
- It replaced the Processed Food Export Promotion Council (PFEPCC).
- APEDA has been entrusted with the responsibility to monitor import of sugar.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to *Maharaja Suheldev*

1. He is said to be an eleventh century ruler of Shrasvati, located in present-day Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich district.
2. He bravely fought against the Mahmud Ghazni's during the invasion of Somnath.

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

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

Answer : b

Maharaja Suheldev

- He is popularly known to have defeated and killed the Ghaznavid general Ghazi Saiyyad Salar Masud at Bahraich in 1034 CE, at Chittaura Lake.
- The 17th century Persian-language historical romance 'Mirat-i-Masudi' has mentioned about Maharaja Suheldev.
- It was written by Abd-ur-Rahman Chishti during the reign of the Mughal emperor Jahangir.

The Last invasion of Mahmud Ghazni, in which he sacked and destroyed temple of Somnath happened in 1025 A.D.

5) Which of the following statements are *incorrect* with respect to *Mandarin Duck*

1. It is a small-exotic bird native to East Asia.
2. It is very rare to spot and mentioned as critically endangered under IUCN Red list.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

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

Answer : a

Mandarin Duck



- It is considered the most beautiful duck in the world, was first identified by Swedish botanist, physician and zoologist Carl Linnaeus in 1758.
- Though it's native to East Asia, now it has established populations in Western Europe and America also.
- It is mentioned as Least Concern under IUCN Red list.
- The duck, however, rarely visits India as it does not fall in its usual migratory route.