



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 07-07-2022 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements:

1. According to the High Court, an accused, in normal circumstances, need not be handcuffed upon the arrest.
2. The law with regard to handcuffing was settled in Prem Shankar Shukla vs Delhi Administration, by the Supreme Court.
3. An under-trial prisoner during transit from jail to the court and back need not be handcuffed.

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

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

Answer : a



Principles of handcuffing

- The High Court held that an accused, in normal circumstances, need not be handcuffed on the arrest.
- It is only under exceptional circumstances (such as the possibility of escape and/or the possibility of causing harm to himself or others), that handcuffing an accused can be resorted to.
- Further, when there is such handcuffing, the arresting officer must record the reasons, which then would have to stand judicial/court scrutiny.
- There can be three occasions when a person can be (legally) handcuffed, i.e., an accused on his arrest and before he is produced before the magistrate; an under-trial prisoner during transit from jail to the court and back; and a convict being transported from jail to the court and back.
- The law with regard to handcuffing was settled in 1980 when the Supreme Court of India, in Prem Shankar Shukla vs Delhi Administration, held that 'the only circumstance which validates incapacitation by irons — an extreme measure — is that otherwise there is no other reasonable way of preventing his escape.
- It said that where an arrestee or a convict can be prevented from escaping by increasing security, such an increase is to be a norm rather than handcuffs.

2) Consider the following statements:

1. The hydroxyl radical has been termed the detergent of the atmosphere because it removes methane gas.
2. The decrease in temperature speeds up microbe activity in the wetlands which decreases the methane level.

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

- a. 1 only

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

Answer : a

Hydroxyl Radical

- The predominant way in which methane is mopped up is via reaction with hydroxyl radicals (OH) in the atmosphere.
- The hydroxyl radical has been termed the detergent of the atmosphere because it works to cleanse the atmosphere of harmful trace gases.
- But hydroxyl radicals also react with carbon monoxide, and an increase in wildfires may have pumped more carbon monoxide into the atmosphere and altered the chemical balance.
- Global heating is four times more influential in accelerating methane emissions than previously estimated, with rising temperatures helping to produce more methane (by speeding up microbe activity in wetlands for example), while at the same time slowing down the removal of methane from the atmosphere (with increasing numbers of wildfires reducing the availability of hydroxyl radicals in the upper atmosphere).

3) Consider the following pairs:

Article	Purpose
1. Article 63	Office of the Vice President
2. Article 66(3)	Office of Profit of Vice President
3. Article 66(4)	Eligibility to be a Vice President
4. Article 67	Term of office of Vice President

How many pairs given above are matched correctly?

- a. Only one pairs
- b. Only two pairs
- c. Only three pairs
- d. All four pairs

Answer : b

Office of Vice President

- Article 63 of the Constitution states that “there shall be a Vice-President of India”. Under Article 64, the Vice-President “shall be ex officio Chairman of the Council of the States” (Rajya Sabha).

Eligibility and term of office

- Article 66(3) says “No person shall be eligible for election as Vice-President unless he — (a) is a citizen of India; (b) has completed the age of thirty-five years, and (c) is qualified for election as a member of the Council of States”.
- Under Article 66(4), “A person shall not be eligible for election as Vice-President if he holds any office of profit under the Government of India or the Government of any State or under any local or other authority subject to the control of any of the said Governments.”
- Article 67 lays down that the “Vice-President shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office”.

4) Consider the following statements:

1. Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) is a type of term deposit that NRIs can hold in India in

foreign currency.

2. Any Non-Resident Indian and PIO cardholder can open an FCNR (B) account.
3. The principal amount and interest amount of an FCNR (B) are tax-free and fully repatriable.

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

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

Answer : d

Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) FCNR (B) deposits

- An FCNR account is a type of term deposit that NRIs can hold in India in a foreign currency.
- The FCNR (A) account does not exist anymore.
- It was replaced by the FCNR (B) account in 1993. All FCNR accounts today are FCNR (B) accounts.
- FCNR (A) was introduced in 1975 to encourage NRI deposits.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guaranteed the exchange rate prevalent at the time of a deposit to eliminate risk to depositors.
- In 1993, the apex bank, introduced FCNR (B), without an exchange rate guarantee, to replace FCNR (A).
- Any Non-Resident Indian - NRI and PIO cardholder - can open an FCNR (B) account.
- It is a term deposit with a stipulated maturity date and can be held in a foreign currency.
- The main benefit of an FCNR (B) account is that the principal amount and interest amount are tax-free and fully repatriable.
- Here are the currency options available to open an FCNR (B) account:
- USD - United States Dollar; GBP - Great Britain Pound; AUD - Australian Dollar; SGD - Singapore Dollar; CAD - Canadian Dollar; CHF - Swiss Franc; HKD - Hong Kong Dollar.

5) Consider the following statements:

1. The Kannimara teak is worshipped by the tribespeople of Parambikulam and is the flagship of the tiger reserve.
2. The Kannimara tree had won the Union government's Mahavriksha Puraskar and is also regarded as UNESCO intangible heritage.

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

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

Answer : a

Kannimara Teak

- The teak was measured as part of the ongoing Vanamahotsavam.
- Worshipped by the tribespeople of Parambikulam, the Kannimara teak remains a flagship of the tiger reserve offering a spectacular view to visitors.
- For the tribespeople of Parambikulam, it is still a 'virgin tree'. That was why they named it Kannimara (meaning virgin tree).

- The Kanimara tree had won the Union government's Mahavriksha Puraskar in its first year of introduction in 1994.

