



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 13-07-2022 - (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements:

1. The CrPC does not define the word bail but only categories offences under the Indian Penal Code as 'bailable' and 'non-bailable'.
2. Offences under Sections 88 and 170 of the IPC are considered bailable offences, while offences under Sections 204 and 209 are non-bailable.

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

Bail Law



- The CrPC does not define the word bail but only categories offences under the Indian Penal Code as 'bailable' and 'non-bailable'.
- The CrPC empowers magistrates to grant bail for bailable offences as a matter of right.
- This would involve release on furnishing a bail bond, without or without security.
- Non-bailable offences are cognisable, which enables the police officer to arrest without a warrant.
- In such cases, a magistrate would determine if the accused is fit to be released on bail.
- There need not be any insistence on a bail application while considering the application under Sections 88, 170, 204 and 209 of the Code.
- Section 88 - Nothing which is not intended to cause death, is an offence by reason of any harm.
- Section 170 - Whoever pretends to hold any particular office as a public servant.
- Section 204 - Whoever secretes or destroys any 1[document or electronic record] which he may be lawfully compelled to produce as evidence in a Court of Justice.
- Section 209 - Whoever fraudulently or dishonestly, or with intent to injure or annoy any person, makes in a Court of Justice any claim which he knows to be false.

2) Identify the statement associated with the term Lavender Scare, recently in news?

- a. The marginalization of LGBTQ employees working in the US government.
- b. Failure of the lavender cultivation in the perfume producing states of India.
- c. Four-lined plant bug, garden flea hopper found in the lavender plants affecting its yield.
- d. None of the above.

Answer : a

Lavender Scare

- The Lavender Scare was the marginalization of LGBTQ employees working in the US government's offices during the 1950s and 1960s.
- It is often described as a "witch-hunt", where those suspected of being from the LGBTQ community were fired from their jobs.
- One such case was of NASA's Clifford Norton.
- Norton was fired in 1963 for "immoral, indecent, and disgraceful conduct" after being interrogated for allegedly being a homosexual man.
- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has been named after James Webb, who ran the US space agency from 1961 to 1968 and allegedly had a role to play in the "Lavender Scare" at NASA.

3) Consider the following statements:

1. The Kerguelen hotspot is a volcanic hotspot at the Kerguelen Plateau in the Southern Indian Ocean.
2. The Kerguelen islands are administratively a part of the Indian Southern and Antarctic Lands.

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

Kerguelen hotspot



- The Kerguelen hotspot is a volcanic hotspot at the Kerguelen Plateau in the Southern Indian Ocean.
- The Kerguelen hotspot has produced basaltic lava for about 130 million years.
- The Kerguelen Islands, an archipelago in the southern Indian Ocean.
- Administratively a part of the French Southern and Antarctic Lands, it consists of the island of Kerguelen (also known as Desolation Island) and nearly 300 islets, which together cover about 2,400 square miles.
- Heavily glaciated Kerguelen Island, about 100 miles in length, has active glaciers and peaks up to 6,445 feet.

4) Consider the following statements:

1. Cosmic cliffs are mountains and valleys of a star-forming region.
2. Carina Nebula is a massive star-forming region found outside the milky way galaxy.
3. Stephan's Quintet is a visual grouping of five galaxies of which four form the first compact galaxy group ever discovered.

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 : c

Cosmic Cliff

- The latest tranche included the "mountains" and "valleys" of a star-forming region called NGC 3324 in the Carina Nebula, dubbed the "Cosmic Cliffs," 7,600 light-years away.
- The Carina Nebula (NGC 3372) is a massive star-forming region within the Milky Way.
- Officially discovered by French astronomer Nicolas Louis de Lacaille in the 1750s, the nebula stretches over 300 light-years across, so big and bright that it's easy to spot with the naked eye
- Stephan's Quintet is a visual grouping of five galaxies of which four form the first compact galaxy group ever discovered.

5) Consider the following statements:

1. The weakening in the euro against the dollar indicates that investors are pulling out money from the Eurozone and into the US.
2. If the euro weakens against the dollar then the Indian rupee will also further weaken against the dollar.

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 : c

Fall of Euro



- In terms of the exchange rate, one euro became equal to one US dollar.
- This is only the second time since 2002 that the euro has fallen this low to a dollar.
- The weakening in the euro against the dollar shows that investors are pulling out money from the Eurozone and into the US.
- The reasons for the euro's continued weakness against the dollar can be broken into two parts.
- One, is the weakness of the Eurozone's economy.
- Two, the difference in the monetary policy response between the US and European central banks.

Implications on rupee

- At the moment, the rupee has appreciated considerably and as such, Indians holidaying in Europe will find it cheaper to travel.
- However, if the euro continues to stay weak and trend below parity, it will also take the rupee down with it.
- In other words, if the euro continues to weaken, the rupee, which is already just a whisker away from 80 to a dollar, will further weaken against the dollar.
- That's because the euro has immense trade linkages with India and similar emerging economies.