



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 07-10-2022 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP):

1. It is a step-by-step plan to counter Delhi-NCR's deteriorating air quality.
2. It was formulated by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) jointly with the Delhi government in 2017.
3. The GRAP is currently being implemented by the Environmental Pollution Prevention and Control Authority (EPCA).

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

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

Answer : a

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)



- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has recently said that measures under 'Stage-1' of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) will be enforced in the NCR with immediate effect.
- It is an emergency measures to prevent deterioration of air quality in Delhi and other parts of the NCR.
- The GRAP was first notified in January 2017 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- This was based on a plan that was submitted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in November 2016.
- According to the GRAP notification, the task of implementing the GRAP fell on the now dissolved Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority for the NCR.
- From 2021 onwards, the GRAP is being implemented by the CAQM.
- The GRAP has four stages :
 - Stage 1 AQI Poor (201 to 300)
 - Stage 2 AQI Very poor (301 to 400)
 - Stage 3 AQI Severe (401 to 450)
 - Stage 4 AQI Severe + (more than 450)

2) Consider the following statements with respect to Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956

1. Under the Act, the Union Government will constitute a tribunal for adjudication of inter-state river water disputes.
2. All decisions of the constituted tribunal are final and binding and has the same force as an order of the Supreme Court.

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

Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956

- The inter-State river disputes in India are governed by the Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956.
- State may request the Centre to refer an inter-State river dispute to a tribunal for adjudication.
- If disputes cannot be settled, the centre can setup a Water Disputes Tribunal to resolve within one year.
- The tribunal must decide on the dispute within three years, which may be extended by two years.
- All decisions of the Tribunal are final and binding.
- After its publication in the Official Gazette, a decision has the same force as an order of the Supreme Court.

3) Consider the following statements with respect to Rajarajeswaram Temple:

1. It was built by Raja Raja I and was also called as Brihadeeswara Temple.
2. The temple was built in dravidian architecture and the complete structure of the temple is made out of granite.
3. The temple represents the ideology of Chola Empire.
4. It is one among the three Great Living Chola Temples that is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a. 1 and 3 only
- b. 3 and 4 only
- c. 1, 3 and 4 only
- d. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer : d

The Brihadeeswara Temple

- The Brihadeeswara Temple also known as Peruvudaiyar Kovil is located in Thanjavur.
- The temple was dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- The temple was built around 1010 AD by the Chola king Rajaraja Chola I.
- The temple was originally called as Rajarajeswaram.
- It is one among the three 'Great Living Chola Temples'.
- The site includes three great 11th- and 12th-century temples

1. The Brihadisvara temple,
2. The Gangaikondacholisvaram and
3. The Airavatesvara temple

- The complex is also listed as a part of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

- The structure is an example of Dravidian architecture and represents the ideology of Chola Empire.
- The vimana symbolises the holy Meru, Mount Kailash, the sacred abode of Shiva.

4) With reference to Bathukamma festival, consider the following:

1. It is celebrated on a full moon day.
2. The festival is celebrated in Orissa.
3. It is a post-harvest festival to celebrate the Sun god.

Which of the above statements are **incorrect**?

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

Answer : d

Bathukamma festival

- The nine-day Bathukamma festivities celebrated in the state of Telangana was culminated recently.
- Bathukamma means Mother Goddess come Alive.
- It is a vibrant, colourful floral festival celebrated by women in Telegana.
- It is celebrated towards the end of monsoon.
- The festival begins on the day of Mahalaya Amavasya.
- It is the festival for feminine felicitation.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant

1. It will be provided to the States under Article 275 of the Indian Constitution.
2. These grants are released to the States as per the recommendations of the Union Finance Ministry to meet the gap in Revenue Accounts of the States post devolution.

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

Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant

- The Union Finance Ministry has recently released the monthly instalments of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant for states.
- The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.
- PDRD grants are released to the States as per the recommendations of the successive Finance Commissions.
- Its main objective is to meet the gap in Revenue Accounts of the States post devolution.
- The funds will be released by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- The PDRD grant are provided to the States under Article 275 of the Constitution.

- The grant is released to the recommended States in 12 equated monthly instalments.



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