



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 23-12-2022 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Veer Guardian is a bilateral exercise between which two countries?

- India and Bangladesh
- Indonesia and Nepal
- India and France
- India and Japan

Answer : d

Veer Guardian

- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF) are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, Veer Guardian.
- The air exercise will take place at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan.
- The exercise aims to promote mutual understanding and strengthen defense cooperation between the Air Forces and enhance JASDF's tactical skills.
- The IAF is fielding four Su-30MKI fighters and the JASDF would be fielding four F-15s and four F-2 fighter jets for the exercise.
- Japan also participated for the first time in the multilateral exercise MILAN hosted by the Navy early this year.
- The two countries also operationalized the logistics support agreement, Reciprocal Provision of Supply and Services Agreement, in March this year.

2) Consider the following statements with respect to the Battle of Wandiwash:

1. It was fought between the Nawab of Arcot and the British East India Company.
2. General Coote who won the battle also went on to defeat Hyder Ali of Mysore.
3. The Battle of Wandiwash is part of the Anglo-Mysore wars.

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

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

Answer : c

Battle of Wandiwash

- Battle of Wandiwash, (Jan. 22, 1760), in the history of India, a confrontation between the French, under the comte de Lally, and the British, under Sir Eyre Coote.
- It was the decisive battle in the Anglo-French struggle in southern India during the Seven Years' War (1756-63).
- Lally, cut off from sea support by the withdrawal of Admiral d'Aché's fleet and hampered by a

lack of funds and by dissensions among his troops, tried to recover the fort of Wandiwash near Pondicherry.

- There he was attacked and routed by Coote, with about 1,700 British troops against about 2,000 French.
- Lally's best general, the marquis de Bussy, was captured.
- The French were thereafter confined to Pondicherry, which surrendered on Jan. 16, 1761, after much privation.
- Lally was later imprisoned and executed, after a trial in Paris, for alleged treason.
- The victory in Vandavasi was one of the successes of Coote who went on to defeat Hyder Ali of Mysore (1722-1782) in June 1781 at Parangipettai (Porto Novo).

3) Consider the following statements with respect to the National Investment and Infrastructure (NIIF) Fund:

1. It is the first sovereign wealth fund of India.
2. It is established by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to fund public infrastructure projects.
3. The NIIF is currently managing three funds namely, the Master Fund, Fund of Funds, and Strategic Fund.

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

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

Answer : b

National Investment and Infrastructure (NIIF) Fund



- It is the first sovereign wealth fund of India.
- It was founded to provide infrastructure investment for maximizing the economic impact of the commercially available projects.
- It is registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under SEBI Regulations, 2012 as a Category II Alternate Investment Fund (AIF).
- It provides long-term capital for infra-related projects.
- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is currently managing three funds namely: Master Fund, Fund of Funds, and Strategic Fund.

4) Consider the following statements with respect to Sand Battery:

1. Sand does not conduct electricity and it can retain heat over a long period of time.
2. Sand batteries are indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
3. They are used in light weight electric vehicles.

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

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

Answer : a

Sand Battery

- A sand battery is a high temperature thermal energy storage that uses sand or sand-like materials as its storage medium.
- It stores energy in sand as heat.
- Its main purpose is to work as a high-power and high-capacity reservoir for excess wind and solar energy.
- Sand is a very effective medium for retaining heat over a long period, storing power for months at a time.
- The sand has a very long lifetime: it can heat up and cool off any number of times.
- Sand is a terrible conductor of electricity.

5) Consider the following statements about Cervical Cancer:

1. It is sexually transmitted by the Human Papillomavirus (HPV).
2. It occurs in the cells of the cervix in the uterus.
3. Both men and women can be affected by cervical cancer.
4. It is the second most common cancer in Indian women.

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

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

Answer : d

Cervical Cancer

- Cervical cancer is a type of cancer that occurs in the cells of the cervix, the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina.
- Various strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted infection, play a role in causing most cervical cancer.
- HPV doesn't only affect women.
- Anyone with a cervix can get cervical cancer.
- This includes women, trans men, non-binary people, and intersex people with a cervix.
- The preventable and curable cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in Indian women.
- India is expected to roll out the indigenously developed CERVAVAC vaccine by mid-2023.
- The vaccine has received the Drugs Controller General of India's approval and has been cleared by the government.