

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 25-01-2023 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to the 'Journalistic Sources'

1. In India, the Press Council Act, 1978 protects journalists from being asked to disclose their sources.
2. Investigative agencies can issue notice to journalists to provide information.

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

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

Answer : a

Explanation

- In India, there is no specific legislation that protects journalists from being asked to disclose their sources.
- Investigative agencies can issue notice to anyone, including journalists, to provide information.
- Like any citizen, a journalist can be compelled to give evidence in Court.
- If she does not comply, the journalist can face charges of Contempt of Court.
- While the Supreme Court broadly recognises the freedom of the press, including the right of journalists to ensure protection of their sources, various courts have ruled differently on this issue.
- While constituting a committee to investigate the Pegasus spyware, the Supreme Court in 2021 said that one of the fundamental conditions for the media to exercise its right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 is the protection of 'journalistic sources.'

2) A 'Green comet' appearing close to Earth after 50,000 years. In this context, consider the following facts about comets

1. The green comet come under the category of long-period comets that take more than 200 years to orbit the Sun.
2. Halley's comet has a regular 76-year journey around the Sun.

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

Explanation

- The green comet come under the category of long-period comets.
- The long-period comets are the ones that take more than 200 years to orbit the Sun.
- With a highly elliptical orbit, the comet will head back to the Oort cloud and make its next appearance roughly 50,000 years later.
- But given their orbits, it's not unique for comets to reappear close to Earth only after many, many years.
- Halley's comet has a regular 76-year journey around the Sun.

3) Consider the following statements

1. The judiciary of India is bound to accept the recommendations of a medical board if the pregnancy to be terminated is above 24 weeks.
2. To terminate a pregnancy, the time limit must be of up to 20 weeks but less than 24 weeks.
3. Given a severe foetal abnormality, the length of the pregnancy does not matter.

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 : d

Explanation

- Self-explanatory



4) Consider the following statements about the Exercise TROPEX

1. This biannual exercise is conducted in the Indian Ocean Region and its adjunct water.
2. It involves participation of all operational units of Indian Navy as well as units of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard.

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 : b

Explanation

- The biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) is aimed at "validating and refining" the Navy's concept of "operations" as well as to test overall combat capabilities.
- This biennial exercise has participation of all operational units of **Indian Navy** including ships, submarines, aircraft as well as units of the **Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard**.
- This exercise is being conducted in the Indian Ocean Region and its adjunct water.
- The aim of this exercise is to test Indian navy's warfare preparedness in an intricate multi-faceted plan set in the context of the current geo strategic environment.
- TROPEX is conducted in many phases like coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil', Tri-Service joint

amphibious exercise AMPHEX, etc

5) Recently, the Government of India directed YouTube to take down links sharing a documentary using the emergency provisions of the Information Technology Rules, 2021. In this context, consider the following statements

1. This order was passed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. The Government of India has powers to issue content takedown notices to social media intermediaries in emergency situations for which no delay is acceptable.
3. These emergency notices can be issued if the content can impact the sovereignty, integrity, defence, or security of India.

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 : c

Explanation

- The order was passed under the emergency provisions of the Information Technology Rules, 2021.
- Under the IT Rules, 2021, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has powers to issue content takedown notices to social media intermediaries in emergency situations for which no delay is acceptable.
- In case of emergency, the Secretary, MIB may block for public access of any information through any computer resource and...as an interim measure issue such directions as he may consider necessary to such persons, publishers or intermediary in control of such computer hosting such information without giving him an opportunity of hearing.
- These emergency notices can be issued if the MIB believes that the content can
 1. Impact the sovereignty, integrity, defence, or security of India, friendly relations with foreign states or public order, or
 2. Prevent incitement to any cognisable offence.