Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 04-02-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements regarding "Black Kite" that was recently seen in news:

1. It is a migratory bird species that is exclusively found in tropical regions of South America.
2. It is listed under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
3. Electrocution by power lines and Pollution of water by pesticides are the significant threats to the species.

How many of the statements given above is/are **not** correct ?

a. Only one
b. Only two
c. All Three
d. None

Answer : b

Black Kite :

- Black Kite, often called ***Fork-Tailed Kites*** is a migratory bird species that are ***found in Tropical portions of Australasia, Eurasia, and Africa.*** ***(Statement 1 is not correct.)***
- They are listed under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. ***(Statement 2 is correct)***
- Scientific Name is "Milvus migrans"
- It typically lives in social groups and the ***major Threats include– Poisoning, Shooting, Electrocution by power lines, Pollution of water by pesticides and other chemicals.*** (***Statement 3 is correct.)***

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2) Match the following Ramsar sites with their respective locations:

Ramsar Site	**River/Location**
A. Harike Wetland	1. Kali Bein River
B. Kanjli Wetland	2. Banks of the Sutlej River
C. Ropar Wetland	3. Foothills of Shiwaliks
D. Nangal Wetland	4. Confluence of Beas and Sutlej

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

a. A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3
b. A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
c. A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3
d. A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4

Answer : a

Ramsar sites

- **Harike Wetlands (1990)** is the Largest man-made wetland in northern India. Located at the confluence of Beas and Sutlej rivers (Ferozepur-Amritsar border).
- **Kanjli Wetlands (2002)** is a nan-made wetland in Kapurthala district, along the Kali Bein River.
- **Ropar Wetlands (2002)** is a freshwater riverine wetland on the banks of Sutlej River.
- **Nangal Wetlands (2019)** is a man-made reservoir from the Bhakra-Nangal Project which is located in the foothills of the Shiwalik range.

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3) With reference to wetlands, consider the following statements:

1. Wetlands are regions covered by water either perennially or seasonally, including marshes and lakes.
2. The World Wetlands Day is observed annually on February 2.
3. The theme for World Wetlands Day 2025 is "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future."

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a. 1 and 2 only

b. 2 and 3 only

c. 1 and 3 only

d. 1, 2, and 3

Answer : d

Wetlands:

- Wetlands are regions covered by water either perennially or seasonally, such as marshes and lakes. They are vital reservoirs of biodiversity, aid water conservation and provide habitat for numerous migratory birds, aquatic species, and plant life. ***(Statement 1 is correct.)***
- The World Wetlands Day is observed annually on February 2. The theme for World Wetlands Day 2025 is "Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future." ***(Statement 2 and 3 are correct.)***
- Ramsar Convention is an international treaty that aims to conserve wetlands and their resources.

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4) Consider the following statements regarding the Ocean Coordination Mechanism (OCM):

1. It aims to ensure a sustainable approach to ocean conservation in the Wider Caribbean region.
2. The initiative was announced by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
3. It promotes blue carbon projects that use coastal ecosystems for carbon storage.

Which of the statements given above 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

Ocean Coordination Mechanism :

- ***Ocean Coordination Mechanism*** (OCM) is a collaborative framework to ensure a more inclusive and ***sustainable approach to ocean conservation*** in ***the wider Caribbean region. (Statement 1 is correct)***

- It is announced by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). ***(Statement 2 is not correct)***
- It Promotes blue carbon projects, which use coastal ecosystems for carbon storage, benefiting both the environment and local communities. ***(Statement 3 is correct).***
- It Coordinates and streamline actions such as sustainable fisheries, ecosystem restoration, pollution control, blue carbon development, marine spatial planning, and establishing marine protected areas.

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5) Recently, the World Health Organisation verified which of the following countries as the first in Africa to eliminate Onchocerciasis?

a. Nigeria
b. Ethiopia
c. Niger
d. Ghana

Answer : c

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