

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 10-03-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following passage:

It is a nocturnal animal, mainly active at night. It is a small wild cat native to the eastern Himalayas and Southeast Asia. It is listed as "Near Threatened" in the IUCN Red List.

The above passage best describes which of the following species?

- a. Fishing Cat
- b. Clouded Leopard
- c. Marbled Cat
- d. Indian flying fox

Answer: c

Marbled Cat

- **Nocturnal Behavior** The Marbled Cat (*Pardofelis marmorata*) is primarily active at night, making it a nocturnal species.
- Habitat & Distribution It is a small wild cat native to the eastern Himalayas and Southeast Asia, found in countries like India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia.
- IUCN Status The Marbled Cat is classified as "Near Threatened (NT)" on the IUCN Red List due to habitat loss and poaching.

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- 2) Which of the following best defines the term "Doubtful Voters (D-Voters)" in India
 - a. Every Indian citizen who has attained the age of 18 years.
 - b. Individuals whose eligibility to vote is uncertain.
 - c. Illegal immigrants who cannot vote in the general election.
 - d. Voters who cannot be physically present in polling stations.

Answer: b

Doubtful Voters

- Doubtful Voters (D Voters) are those <u>whose citizenship status is in</u> <u>question, meaning their eligibility to vote is uncertain</u>.
- They are identified during the electoral roll revision process by election officials if there are doubts about their citizenship.
- Their cases are either pending with the Foreigners Tribunals or they have already been declared as foreigners by the tribunal.
- Until their citizenship status is resolved, they are not allowed to vote in elections.

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- 3) Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, sometimes seen in the news recently, is situated at?
 - a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Uttarkhand
 - c. Kerala
 - d. Manipur

Answer: c

Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

- Located in Kollam district, Kerala.
- **Part of** Agsthyamali Biosphere Reserve.
- It is a valley of green splendour acclaimed for its rich biodiversity.
- It is home to a variety of animal species, including several endangered and endemic species.
- 4) Consider the following statements with respect to Vitiligo
 - 1. It is a chronic autoimmune disorder.
 - 2. It causes depigmented white patches on the skin due to the destruction of pigment-producing cells.
 - 3. It affects skin and does not have any impact on other parts of the body.

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: a

Vitiligo

- Vitiligo is a chronic autoimmune disorder where the body's immune system attacks melanocytes (pigment-producing cells). This results in white patches on the skin.
- The disorder can also affect hair, eyes and the inside of the mouth, not just the skin.
- While it is not life-threatening, it can lead to psychological and social impacts due to visible skin changes.

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- 5) Consider the following statements with respect to Hydrogen Peroxide (H?O?)
 - 1. It is a versatile reducing agent.
 - 2. It is used in environmental disinfection and chemical synthesis.
 - 3. It has applications in paper bleaching, fuel cells and cosmetics.

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: b

Hydrogen Peroxide (H?O?)

- Hydrogen Peroxide (H?O?) is a strong **oxidizing** agent widely used in various industries.
- Environmental Disinfection & Chemical Synthesis It is used for water treatment, air purification, and as an antiseptic.
- Paper Bleaching & Fuel Cells H?O? is commonly used in paper and textile industries for bleaching and is also utilized in fuel cells as an oxidizer.
- Cosmetics & Household Uses It is an ingredient in hair dyes, toothpaste, and wound disinfectants.

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