

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 05-04-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements

Statement-I: The Supreme Court recently resolved to make judges' disclose their assets publicly accessible.

Statement-II: Unlike public servants, Supreme Court judges were not previously required to publicly declare their assets.

Select the correct answer using the codes below

- a. Both Statement-I & II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- þ. Both Statement-I & II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-
- c. Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect.
- d. Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

Answer: a

Disclosure of Assets

- Recently, the Supreme Court (SC) decided in a full court meeting that its judges will soon make their assets public to enhance transparency within the judiciary.
- Unlike government officials and politicians, judges are currently not bound to make this information public.
- Supreme Court Judges In 1997, a resolution was adopted for the Judges of the SC to disclose their assets only to the Chief Justice.
- The disclosure includes all assets in the form of real estate or investments held in their names, in the name of their spouses, or any dependent person.
- In 2009, the full Bench of the SC resolved to declare the assets of judges on the court's website "purely on a voluntary basis."

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- 2) Consider the following statements with respect to the Arctic Council
 - 1. It comprises eight member states, including Canada and Russia, with sovereignty over Arctic land.
 - 2. India is one of the six Permanent Participants representing Arctic Indigenous peoples.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Arctic Council

- It is an *intergovernmental forum* for cooperation and coordination on Arctic issues, including scientific research.
- Formed in 1996 through the Ottawa Declaration.
- It promotes cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, Arctic Indigenous peoples and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues.
- Members (8) Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Russia, Sweden and the USA.
- India is *currently an Observer* member on the Arctic Council.

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- 3) Which of the following indicators are used in Fiscal Health Index (FHI)?
 - 1. Expenditure Management
 - 2. Debt Management
 - 3. Fiscal Deficit Management
 - 4. Industrial Output Growth
 - 5. Revenue Generation and Mobilization

Select the correct answer using the codes below

a. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

b. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

c. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only

d. 1, 2, 3 and 5 only

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Answer: d

Fiscal Health Index (FHI)

- **Initiative by -** NITI Aayog.
- Aim To evolve an understanding of the *fiscal health of states* in India.
- The FHI analysis covers <u>18 major states</u> that drive the Indian economy in terms of their contribution to India's GDP, demography, total public expenditure, revenues, and overall fiscal stability.
- Indicators:
 - Expenditure Management
 - Debt Management
 - Fiscal Deficit Management
 - Revenue Generation and Mobilization
 - Overall Fiscal Sustainability

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- 4) Consider the following statements regarding a disorder
 - 1. It is the most prevalent cause of dementia among neurodegenerative conditions.

2. It primarily affects memory and thinking skills, eventually leading to a loss of the ability to perform simple tasks.

Based on these statements, identify the disorder from the following options

- a. Parkinson's Disease
- b. Alzheimer's Disease
- c. Huntington's Disease
- d. Multiple Sclerosis

Answer: b

Alzheimer's Disease

- It is a progressive <u>neurodegenerative disorder</u> that primarily affects memory and thinking skills, eventually leading to a loss of the ability to perform simple tasks.
- It is the most common cause of dementia, and is characterized by the abnormal buildup of proteins in the brain, forming plaques and tangles that disrupt brain cell function.
- Alzheimer's disease is usually associated with old age. But around 5%-10% of all Alzheimer's cases occur in people under the age of 65.

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- 5) Consider the following statements with respect to Euphaea wayanadensis
 - 1. It is a damselfly species found in the Western Ghats of Kerala.
 - 2. It is first identified at the Kalindi River, Thirunelli, in Wayanad district.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: c

Euphaea wayanadensis

- It is Kerala's 191st recorded *odonate species*.
- Odonate species, commonly known as dragonflies and damselflies, are a group of insects belonging to the order Odonata.
- Family Euphaeidae.
- The team first observed the distinct morphotype of *Euphaea wayanadensis* at the *Kalindi River*, Thirunelli, in Wayanad district in 2013.

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