



### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 26-04-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Which of the following statements accurately describe the reasons behind the recent spike in gold prices in India?

1. Global economic uncertainty due to U.S. tariffs has increased demand for gold as a safe-haven asset.
2. Strengthening of U.S. dollar have driven businesses to invest in gold.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

### Reasons behind the recent spike in gold prices in India

- **Tariffs imposed by U.S.** - Experts attribute the global economic uncertainty caused by the tariffs imposed by US as the primary reason behind the recent spike in gold prices.
- A weaker U.S. dollar generally leads to higher gold prices.
- This is because gold is typically priced in U.S. dollars, and when the dollar weakens, it becomes cheaper for buyers holding other currencies, increasing demand and pushing up prices.

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2) Consider the following statements regarding Tamil Nadu's ban on raw egg mayonnaise

1. The ban was imposed due to the risk of Salmonella and E. coli contamination in raw egg mayonnaise.
2. Salmonella is the leading causative of foodborne illness, hospitalizations, and deaths worldwide.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

### Tamil Nadu's ban on egg mayonnaise

- The Tamil Nadu government has banned the manufacture, storage, distribution, and sale of mayonnaise made using raw eggs, citing public health risks.
- Salmonella - These are bacteria that can cause severe illness if consumed.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), they are a leading cause of foodborne illness, hospitalizations, and deaths worldwide.

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3) Consider the following statements regarding the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES)

1. The SVES was launched in 1992 during the 4th SAARC Summit.
2. The scheme allows all SAARC citizens to travel visa-free within the region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

## SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme

- **Launched in** - 1992.
- **Launched by** - The 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of SAARC launching the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) in 1992, allowing select individuals to **travel within the region without visas.**
- **Eligibility** - It is given to individuals falling under 24 specific categories, such as dignitaries, judges, parliamentarians, senior officials, business persons, journalists, and sports personalities.

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4) Which of the following statements accurately describe Cabinet Committees in India?

1. Cabinet Committees are extra-constitutional and not mentioned in the Indian Constitution.
2. The Prime Minister is the chairman of Cabinet Committee on Security.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

## Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)

- A [Cabinet Committee](#) is extra-constitutional and are not mentioned in the Indian Constitution.
- CCS is a high-powered committee responsible for **debates, discussions**

**and appointments** of/ in the *national security bodies*.

- **Structure and Composition**

- Prime Minister (Chairperson)
- Defence Minister
- Home Minister
- Finance Minister
- External Affairs Minister

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5) Consider the following statements regarding helium in the Sun

1. Helium is the second most abundant element in the Sun after hydrogen.
2. Helium content has no significant impact on a star's lifetime or energy production.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : a

### **New Method to Estimate Helium Abundance in the Sun**

- **Helium** – It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> *most abundant* element in the Sun after Hydrogen.
- Helium content significantly influences a star's lifetime, energy production, and evolutionary path.

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