



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 05-06-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements:

1. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) leads U.S. development and humanitarian efforts around the world to enhance and save lives.
2. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an initiative of United Nations to reduce poverty and increase living standards by promoting sustainable economic growth and open markets.

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

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

- USAID was established through the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.
- USAID leads U.S. development and humanitarian efforts around the world to enhance and save lives.
- USAID programs combat the spread of disease, address food insecurity, promote democratic reform and support economic growth to alleviate poverty.
- The Agency also provides assistance to countries recovering from disaster and periods of conflict.
- **Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)** – Is an ***independent U.S. foreign assistance*** agency created in 2004 to reduce poverty and increase living standards by promoting sustainable economic growth and open markets.

2) Consider the following pairs:

Conventions

Relevance

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| 1. Basel Convention | - | Hazardous Wastes |
| 2. Rotterdam Convention | - | Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides |
| 3. Stockholm Convention | - | Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). |

How many of the pair(s) given above is/are correctly matched?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm (BRS) Conventions

Basel Convention

- Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.
- **Adopted on** - 1989, entered into force in 1992.
- **Focus** - Controls transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal.
- Prior informed consent for waste shipments, environmentally sound management, waste minimization.

Rotterdam Convention

- Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.
- **Adopted on** - 1998, entered into force in 2004.
- **Focus** - Promotes shared responsibility in international trade of hazardous chemicals.

Stockholm Convention

- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- **Adopted on** - 2001, entered into force in 2004.
- **Focus** - Elimination or restriction of production and use of persistent organic pollutants (POPs).
- Targets chemicals that persist in the environment, bioaccumulate, and pose risks to human health and ecosystems.

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3) Consider the following statements with respect to Microgravity

1. It refers to a condition where the effects of gravity are significantly reduced, creating an apparent state of weightlessness.
2. It consistently increases core body temperature.
3. It causes faster temperature rise in space than on Earth.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. All three
- d. None of the above

Answer : c

Microgravity

- Microgravity refers to a condition where the effects of gravity are significantly reduced, creating an apparent state of weightlessness.

- This is often seen in space, where objects in orbit experience a continuous state of freefall.
- Microgravity consistently increases core body temperature.
- It causes faster temperature rise in space than on Earth.

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4) Bagram Airfield, sometimes seen in the news, is situated at?

- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- India
- Tajikistan

Answer : a

Bagram Airfield

- Bagram Airfield is the ***largest airfield in Afghanistan*** which is situated at 15 Km from Kabul.
- **Location** – Bagram Airfield is located in Parwan province.

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5) Consider the following statements with respect to National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)

1. It is an advisory body of eminent persons outside the government to render advice on national security issues referred to it by the National Security Council (NSC).
2. The NSAB has no statutory or constitutional status.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)

- The NSAB was constituted in December 1998.
- It is an advisory body of eminent persons outside the government to render advice on national security issues referred to it by the NSC.
- The principal function of the NSAB include:
 - To undertake long-term analysis and provide perspectives on national security issues to the National Security Council (NSC).
 - To recommend measures/solutions and policy options on the issues referred to it by the National Security Council, as per a written reply given by the Government in Parliament.
- It draws people of diverse domains including industry, media and civil society, among others.
- The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) assist the NSC, NSAB

and the Strategic Policy Group.

- The NSAB has no statutory or constitutional status.
- It is an advisory and non-binding body and its recommendations are not enforceable.



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