



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 14-06-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to Passage Exercise (PASSEX)

1. It is a multi-faceted naval exercise displaying a shared commitment to maritime security and robust bilateral ties.
2. The Indian Navy and UK Royal Navy conducted it in the North Arabian Sea.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Passage Exercise (PASSEX)

Recently a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) conducted in the North Arabian Sea by The Indian Navy and UK Royal Navy.

- It is a multi-faceted naval exercise showcasing a shared commitment to maritime security and robust bilateral ties.
- It involved unified control of integral helicopters, tactical manoeuvres, coordinated anti-submarine operations and professional exchange of officers.
- Participating Nations
- **India** - INS Tabar (stealth frigate) and P-8I long-range maritime aircraft.
- **United Kingdom** - HMS Prince of Wales (aircraft carrier) and HMS Richmond (frigate) of the UK Carrier Strike Group.

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2) Consider the following statements with respect to Nano-degrees

1. It is a pragmatic, faster, and highly targeted alternative built for the demands of a dynamic job market.
2. Nano degrees offer shorter, modular programs designed around practical outcomes.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

Boot Camps & Nano-degrees

There is a shift in education towards boot camps and nano-degrees recently.

- **Boot Camps & Nano-degrees** - Is a pragmatic, faster, and highly targeted alternatives built for the demands of a dynamic job market.
- Traditional degree programs often follow a fixed, multi-year structure. They cover broad academic ground, but not always in ways that reflect current job demands.
- In contrast, boot camps and nano degrees offer shorter, modular programs designed around practical outcomes. Learners can choose exactly what, when, and how they want to study.

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3) Consider the following statements

1. UPI (@valid) aims to enhance investor protection and combat unauthorized money collection in the securities market.
2. UPI (@valid) is expected to streamline the collection of funds by intermediaries from investors.
3. SEBI CHECK aids to provide an additional layer of security and help investors verify the authenticity of an entity before proceeding with any financial transaction.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

SEBI's UPI (@valid) & 'SEBI Check'

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is set to introduce a structured unified payment interface (UPI) address mechanism.

- **UPI (@valid)** - It aims to enhance investor protection and combat unauthorised money collection in the securities market
- It is expected to streamline the collection of funds by intermediaries from investors.
- It is for registered intermediaries to tackle the rising number of unregistered entities in the stock market that are misleading investors.
- Through this process, investors can identify legitimate Sebi-registered market intermediaries before making payments.
- **SEBI CHECK** - To provide an additional layer of security and help investors verify the authenticity of an entity before proceeding with any financial transaction.

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4) Consider the following statements with respect to PM e-Bus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) Scheme

1. The scheme aims to accelerate the adoption of electric buses in Indian cities.
2. It tackles the financial risk for private operators and manufacturers by guaranteeing payments for e-bus services.

Which of the following statements is/are *incorrect*?

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

Answer : d

PM e-Bus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) Scheme

- **Purpose** - The scheme aims to accelerate the adoption of electric buses in Indian cities.
- **Key Challenge Addressed** - It tackles the financial risk for private operators and manufacturers by guaranteeing payments for e-bus services.
- **Working mechanism (Payment Security)** - A dedicated fund (3,435.33 crore rupees outlay) is established.
- If Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) default on payments to e-bus operators, Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) pays from this fund.
- CESL then recovers the defaulted amount from the PTAs/State governments.
- **Impact** - This financial safety net encourages private investment in e-bus procurement and operation.
- **Target** - The scheme aims to support the deployment of over 38,000 electric buses across India from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- **Coverage** - Provides payment security for up to 12 years.
- **Broader Goals** - Aligns with India's move towards sustainable, green urban mobility, reducing emissions and boosting public transport capacity.

5) Consider the following statements with respect to Salmonella infection (salmonellosis)

1. Salmonellosis is a common bacterial disease affects the intestinal tract.
2. It is usually caused by eating raw or undercooked meat, poultry, and eggs or egg products or by drinking unpasteurized milk.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Salmonella Outbreak

A salmonella outbreak tied to eggs from a California-based distributor has led to illnesses and hospitalizations across multiple states, according to U.S. health officials.

- Salmonella infection (salmonellosis) is a common bacterial disease that affects the intestinal tract.
- **Caused by** - It is usually caused by eating raw or undercooked meat, poultry, and eggs or egg products or by drinking unpasteurized milk.
- **Transmission** - Salmonella bacteria typically live in animal and human intestines and are shed through stool (feces).

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