



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 16-06-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements with respect to the Dhole

1. It is listed as endangered under the IUCN red list.
2. It is rusty-red coat, bushy black-tipped tail.
3. It is found in forests, grasslands, and scrublands and it prefers densely vegetated regions with access to water.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)

- **Scientific Name** - *Cuon alpinus*
- **Common Names** - Dhole, Asiatic Wild Dog, Indian Wild Dog
- **Physical Features** - Rusty-red coat, bushy black-tipped tail. Slim, agile body with long legs.
- **Habitat** - It is found in forests, grasslands, and scrublands and it prefers densely vegetated regions with access to water.
- In India it is found in Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, central India, northeast, and Himalayas.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN Status** - Endangered
 - **Indian Wildlife Protection Act** - Schedule II
- **Major Threats** - Habitat loss due to deforestation and human encroachment, decline in prey species, disease transmission from domestic dogs.

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2) Consider the following statements with respect to Black boxes

1. Black boxes record data during flights without interruption and hold crucial information in plane crashes, such as fatal accidents.
2. It was launched for commercial operations in 1952, but saw major accidents in its initial years.

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

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3) Consider the following statements with respect to the Merchant Discount Rate

1. It is a fee that businesses, including merchants, must pay to payment processing companies for facilitating transactions.
2. It is done through digital payment methods such as credit cards, debit cards, and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

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4) Statins, sometimes seen in the news recently, is associated with?

- a. A class of medications designed to lower cholesterol levels.
- b. A forkhead box transcription factor protein encoded by the FOXP4 gene.
- c. A cash plus model that has increased the early breastfeeding rate.
- d. A region in Kazakhstan.

Answer : a

Statins

- Statins are a class of medications designed to lower cholesterol levels by inhibiting a specific enzyme in the liver responsible for cholesterol production.
- These drugs are commonly prescribed to help mitigate the risk of cardiovascular diseases, including heart attacks and strokes, which can arise from elevated cholesterol levels in the bloodstream.

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5) Consider the following statements with respect to Wildlife Watchers Initiative

1. Wildlife Watchers is a community-driven conservation initiative launched in Purandar taluk of Pune district, Maharashtra.
2. It was launched by the Grassland Trust (Pune-based NGO).

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

Wildlife Watchers Initiative

- **Wildlife Watchers** - It is a community-driven conservation initiative launched in Purandar taluk of Pune district, Maharashtra.
- **Launched by** - The Grassland Trust (Pune-based NGO).
- The project is supported by Ashreya Hastha Trust.

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