



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 19-08-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following statements about National Culture Fund (NCF)

1. It was setup in 1996, under the Charitable endowment act, 1890, with Ministry of Culture acting as its nodal agency.
2. Its main objective is to include leverage Public Private Partnerships (PPP) to mobilize resources for the promotion and conservation of India's rich cultural heritage.
3. It is managed by Council and executive committee headed by the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
4. The donations to the NCF are eligible for complete tax exemption.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below:

- a. 1, 2, 3
- b. 2, 3, 4
- c. 1, 2, 4
- d. 1, 3, 4

Answer : c



Correct answer: (c)

Explanation

- **Statement (1), (2) are correct** - It was setup in 1996, under the Charitable endowment act, 1890 with Ministry of Culture acting as its nodal agency.
- It mobilize resources through Corporate social responsibility (CSR) funding for the promotion and conservation of India's rich cultural heritage.
- It collaborates with donors, NGOs, corporates, government bodies and reputed agencies through .
- **Statement (3) is incorrect** - It is managed by Council and an executive council headed by **secretary of culture** (Not Chairmanship of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)).
- **Statement (4) is correct** - The donations to the NCF are eligible for 100% tax exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961. To know more click [here](#)

2) To which of the following trees does the **HpNPV Virus** causes lethal infection in the pest larvae and prevents widespread defoliation?

- a. Eukalyptus
- b. Teak
- c. Neem
- d. Mahagony

Answer : b

Correct answer: (b)

Explanation

- Hyblaea puera Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus (HpNPV), causes lethal infection in the pest larvae and prevents widespread defoliation of **Teak trees**.
- This virus acts on Teak Defoliator Moth, also known as *Hyblaea puera*. It is the most notorious pest and cryptic species which affects teak trees.
- The pest Hyblaea puera has an environmental impact by devastating plantations, defoliating entire forests as 6 times a year, weakening the trees and cause significant loss in timber yields.
- The virus can be applied during early-stage outbreaks to prevent larger infestations bypassing usage of chemical pesticides, this makes it environment friendly.

*Teak is native to just 4 countries namely, **India, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand** and these countries have banned chemical pesticide use.*

To know more about HpNP Virus, click [here](#)

3) Which among the following are the components under the **Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in Ayush**?

1. International exchange of experts
2. Incentive to Ayush entrepreneurs and institutions
3. Support for international market development
4. Translation and publication of Ayush literature
5. Establishment of Ayush information cells and health centers
6. International scholarship programme

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

- a. Only two
- b. Only three
- c. Only five
- d. All six

Answer : d

Correct answer: (d)

Explanation

All the statements given above are correct.

- Microplastics, enters into the soil, will be absorbed by plants affects overall plant growth and can harm soil organisms like earthworms, affecting their feeding and excretion.
- These microplastics that inturn enters into the food chain, then later into body by means of food intake damages organs.
- Increase in microplastic in the atmosphere disrupts air circulation.

4) Which of the following are the impacts of plastic pollution?

1. Damage of soil health
2. Hampers air circulation
3. Adversely affect root biomass
4. Organ damages

Choose the correct answer using the code given below;

- a. Only one
- b. Only two
- c. Only three
- d. All of the above

Answer : d

Correct answer: (d)

Explanation

All the statements given above are correct.

- Microplastics, enters into the soil, will be absorbed by plants affects overall plant growth and can harm soil organisms like earthworms, affecting their feeding and excretion.
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5) Consider the following statements with reference to Namo Drone Didi scheme

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for providing drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHG).
2. The key Features of the Scheme include Drone Pilot training as a part of Drone Package, Renting of Drone Spray Service to Farmers through Women SHGs.

Select the answer using the code given below:

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

Answer : d

Correct answer: (d)

Explanation

All the statements given above are correct.

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