

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 08-09-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) AITIGA, recently seen in the news, is an agreement between which of the following?
 - a. India and the European Union
 - b. India and ASEAN
 - c. India and Gulf Cooperation Council
 - d. India and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Answer: b

Explanation

- ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) It is a trade deal <u>between the ten</u> <u>member states of ASEAN and India.</u>
- It was signed at the 7th ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2009. The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2010.
- ASEAN remains a pivotal trade partner for India, accounting for approximately 11% of India's global trade.
- In the fiscal year 2023-24, bilateral trade between India and ASEAN reached USD 121 billion.
- 2) Consider the following statements
 - 1. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) denotes the average number of children expected to be born per woman during her entire span of reproductive period.
 - 2. As per recent Sample Registration Survey Statistical Report, 18 States and UTs had reported a TFR of below the replacement level TFR of 2.1.

Choose the correct statements using the code given below:

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

Answer: c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** Total Fertility Rate (TFR) refers to the average number of children expected to be born per woman during her entire span of reproductive period (usually between 15 to 49 years).
- **Statement 2 is correct** Recently, the report released by Sample Registration Survey, India has seen a decline in its birth rate, with the Total Fertility Rate dropping for the first time in two years.
- The report emphasized that 18 States and UTs had reported a TFR of below the replacement level TFR of 2.1.

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- 3) Which of the following wildlife sanctuaries is known as The land of Bisons?
 - a. Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary
 - b. Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary
 - c. Panidehing Wildlife Sanctuary
 - d. Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct answer** Recently, the Odisha Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary is set to become India's newest Tiger reserve.
- **Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary** is popularly known as The Land of Bisons.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1985 and it is situated in the Bargarh district of Odisha.
- The sanctuary's lifeline is the *Mahanadi River*, whose waters are harnessed by the *Hirakud Dam*.
- Tiger, Leopard, Indian Bison (Gaur), Sambar, Spotted Deer, Chousingha (Four-horned antelope), Sloth bear, Wild boar, Langur, Percupine are the fauna spotted here.

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- 4) Which of the following are the potential impacts of **GST 2.0 reforms**?
 - 1. Widening of tax base
 - 2. Increase in investments
 - 3. Reduction in demand
 - 4. Improved social protection

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Choose the correct options using the code given below:

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

Answer: b

Explanation

- The Next-Generation GST reforms are designed not just to reduce tax rates, but to create a virtuous cycle of growth.
- **Option 1 is correct** Simpler rates encourage compliance, <u>expanding the tax base</u> and improving revenues.
- **Option 2 is correct** tax cuts help people/ household save money and that saved money further boosts investments in business. Thus it evidently results in growth.
- **Option 3 is incorrect** Cheaper goods and services increase household savings and stimulate consumption. Thus, it will result in *increase in demand for the goods* (not decrease).
- **Option 4 is correct** Exemption of GST on insurance and essential medicines strengthens household security and access to healthcare.

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5) Consider the following statements

- 1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a set of technologies to perform a variety of advanced functions, including the ability to see, understand and translate spoken and written language.
- 2. Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) aims to mimic the cognitive abilities of the human brain.

Select the correct statements using the code given below:

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

Answer: c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a set of technologies that enable computers to perform a variety of advanced functions.
- These functions including the ability to see, understand and translate spoken and written language, analyse data, make recommendations, and more.
- AI types includes the following -
 - Artificial narrow intelligence (ANI)
 - Artificial general intelligence (AGI)
 - Artificial super intelligence (ASI)
- **Statement 2 is correct** Artificial general intelligence (AGI) is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that <u>aims to mimic the cognitive abilities of the human brain</u>.
- Its characteristics comprises of Generalization ability i.e. used to transfer knowledge and skills learned in one domain to another.
- It enables to adapt to new and unseen situations effectively.
- Common sense knowledge It has a vast repository of knowledge about the world, including facts, relationships, and social norms, allowing it to reason and make decisions based on this common understanding.

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