

Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 13-12-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

- 1) Which of the following does not constitute the 'Golden Triangle' of the Constitution?
 - a. Article 21
 - b. Article 19
 - c. Article 14
 - d. Article 32

Answer: d

Explanation

- Option d is the correct answer.
- Article 32 of the Indian Constitution deals with the *Right to Constitutional Remedies*, guaranteeing citizens the right to directly approach the Supreme Court (and High Courts via Article 226).
- It advocates for the enforcement of their Fundamental Rights empowering the court to issue writs like Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Prohibition, Quo Warranto, and Certiorari to protect these right.
- Its importance in safeguarding fundamental rights of people making it the "heart and soul" of the Constitution. *It does not constitute the part of Golden triangle of constitution*.
- Options a, b, c are correct Article 21, together with Articles 19 and 14, constitute the 'Golden Triangle' of the Constitution, as explained by the Supreme Court in Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India (1978).
- For reference, click here
- 2) Consider the following statements
 - 1. Sodium Pentothal is used in the narcotic test as a sedative.
 - 2. Article 20(2) of the Constitution provides for the protection against self-incrimination.

Select the correct statements using the code:

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

Answer: a

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** A narco test is a process of investigation during which it is expected that the accused, undergoing such a test, would express the concealed facts.
- The person is sedated by administering a certain class of substances, such as barbiturates, for

instance, **Sodium Pentothal**, to reduce a subject's inhibitions and reasoning ability.

- It is a non-violent method similar to those called polygraphs or brain mapping.
- Statement 2 is incorrect It is important to note that all *three clauses of Article 20* form the constitutional foundation of India's criminal justice system.
- Clause (1) It deals with ex-post facto laws that declare an act as an offence which, when committed, was not an offence.
- **Clause (2)** It states that no person shall be prosecuted and punished for the same offence more than once, that is, protection against double jeopardy.
- Article 20(3) of the Constitution provides for the protection against self-incrimination, meaning that no person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.

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- 3) Black Band disease caused to which one of the following?
 - a. Corals
 - b. Cattle
 - c. Birds
 - d. Humans

Answer: a

Explanation

- Option a is the correct answer *Black Band Disease* is a severe, *globally occurring coral* <u>disease</u> characterized by a visible black, expanding band that degrades coral tissue, leading to tissue death and bare skeleton.
- It is caused by the consortium of microbes such as
 - Cyanobacteria (photosynthetic, toxin-producing).
 - **Sulfate-reducing bacteria (SRB)** (thrive in oxygen-free zones).
 - **Sulfide-oxidizing bacteria (SOB)** (use chemical energy).
- Together, they create toxic sulfides and anoxic conditions, leading to coral tissue death.
- The <u>sharp rises in sea surface temperature</u> & nutrient pollution, driven by environmental stressors like ocean warming and contamination are causing factors.

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- 4) Which of the following is the nodal ministry for **One District One Product** intiative?
 - a. Ministry of MSME
 - b. Ministry of Heavy industries
 - c. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - d. Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: c

Explanation

- "One district One product" initiative aims to select, brand, and promote at least One Product from each District of the country for enabling holistic growth across all regions.
- It is under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**.
- It is *operationally merged with 'Districts as Export Hub (DEH)' initiative* of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

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- 5) Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary is located at which of the following states?
 - a. Odisha
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Uttar Pradesh
 - d. Assam

Answer: a

Explanation

- Option a is the correct answer Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in Bargarh district, Odisha.
- It is located **near Hirakud Dam**, the longest dam in India and the longest earthen dam in the world on the Mahanadi River.

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