



### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 24-12-2025 (Online Prelims Test)

1) With reference to Securities Markets Code Bill, 2025, consider the following statements

1. The bill proposes the board strength to be increased from 9 to 20 members.
2. As per the bill, SEBI can delegate parts of its registration work to Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) and Self-Regulatory Organizations (SROs).
3. Under the bill, RBI will create an Investor Charter to safeguard investors and encourage participation.

Select the incorrect statements using the code below:

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

Answer : b



#### Explanation

- Securities Markets Code Bill, 2025 aims to strengthen investor protection, streamline compliance, and enhance the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)'s regulatory powers.
- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - The Board strength increased from 9 to 15 members for better governance.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - SEBI can delegate parts of its registration work to MIIs and Self-Regulatory Organisations (SROs).
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - **SEBI** (Not RBI) will create an Investor Charter to safeguard investors and encourage participation under the new bill.

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2) The species **Macratria durrelli** recently seen in news is?

- a. Beetle
- b. Ant
- c. Spider
- d. Lizard

Answer : a

#### Explanation

- **Option a is the correct answer** - **Macratria durrelli** is a newly described species of ant-like flower beetle.
- It was named in 2025 to honour the renowned British naturalist Gerald Durrell, reflecting his deep connection to Madagascar's conservation legacy.

- It is found in Madagascar, a country central to Durrell's conservation work.
- Like other Anthicidae, these beetles are small, ant-like, and often found in leaf litter, flowers, or sandy habitats, playing roles in decomposition and pollination.

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3) LUPEX Mission is a Joint lunar mission by ISRO and?

- Russia
- UK
- Japan
- Israel

Answer : c

### Explanation

- Chandrayaan-5 / LUPEX Mission Joint lunar mission by - **ISRO and JAXA (Japan's space agency)**.
- Scheduled for 2027-28 launch on Japan's H3 rocket. Japan's space mission onboard the H3 rocket suffered failure at the 2nd stage after lift-off recently.
- Objectives of LUPEX Mission include -
  - To study volatile materials in lunar south pole region.
  - To explore lunar water in Permanently Shadowed Regions (PSR)
  - To collect samples from lunar south-pole.

4) What is the term MAVEN recently seen in news?

- Spacecraft
- Archaeological site
- UAV
- Asteroid

Answer :

### Explanation

- **Option a is the correct answer** - NASA has lost contact with its MAVEN spacecraft, and engineers are still trying to re-establish communication.
- Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) is NASA's 1st mission devoted to understanding the Martian upper atmosphere.
- It is launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida in 2013.
- It had a nominal duration of one year but has been operating under extended missions since entering Mars orbit in 2014.
- Its goal is to investigate how Mars lost its atmosphere and water over billions of years, transforming from a potentially habitable world into a cold desert.

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5) Consider the following statements

1. Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) measures both the combined and individual performance of the production of 8 core industries.
2. It considers the base year as 2017.
3. The eight industries together account for 60% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

Select the incorrect statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) measures the combined and individual performance of the production of 8 core industries, which serve as a lead indicator for overall industrial growth.
- 8 Core Industries are Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilisers, Steel, Cement and Electricity.
- **Statement 3 is incorrect** - These eight industries together account for 40.27% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - It is compiled by Office of the Economic Adviser, it shows monthly performance, with weights varying by sector.
- It takes **base year as 2011-2012**.

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