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Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 27-01-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Consider the following

1. Krishna river originates near Nashik at Trimbakeshwar in the Brahmagiri Hills of Maharashtra.
2. The Polavaram-Banakacherla Link Project is being constructed on the Godavari river to divert excess water to Krishna river.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : b

Explanation



- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - The Godavari and Krishna rivers both originate in the Western Ghats mountain range in Maharashtra, India, but at different locations.
- They flows eastward across the Deccan Plateau to empty into the Bay of Bengal.
- The **Godavari** begins near Nashik at Trimbakeshwar in the Brahmagiri Hills, while the **Krishna** starts near Mahabaleshwar, making them major peninsular rivers.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - the Polavaram-Banakacherla Link Project (PBPLP) is a proposed project designed to divert surplus water from the Godavari River to the Krishna and Penna basins.
- This primarily addresses water scarcity in Andhra Pradesh's Rayalaseema region.

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2) With reference to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), consider the following

1. APEDA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
2. It works for the promotion and development of exports of agricultural and processed food products.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - APEDA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- It was established in 1986 under the APEDA Act of 1985.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - Some of APEDA's Core responsibilities includes
 - Development of industries related to scheduled products and promotion of export-oriented production.
 - Registration of exporters and fixing export standards and specifications.
 - Inspection of meat and meat products to ensure quality.

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3) The term **Parakaempferia alba** recently seen in news is?

- Snake
- Antibiotic
- Ginger species
- Genetic Mustard Variant

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Option c is the correct answer** - **Parakaempferia alba** is a species in the ginger family. It is discovered in the East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh recently.
- It is found in moist tropical and subtropical forests of Southeast Asia.
- It has unique glands near the base of the flower (near the ovary), which are not seen in the related species.

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4) Sela lake is located at which of the following states?

- Assam
- Meghalaya
- Mizoram
- Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option d is correct** - **Sela Lake** is a natural glacial lake located in the Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- It is located in the Brahmaputra Basin, which is the major river basin covering this region.
- The terrain around Sela Pass is mostly barren and rugged. It has very little vegetation due to high altitude and cold climate.
- Sela Lake is considered as one of the 101 sacred lakes by the local Monpa tribe.

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5) Consider the following statements

1. "Vande mataram" written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and it was included in his Bengali novel Anandamath.
2. The song particularly sung during the Swadeshi movement and the anti-partition of Bengal

movement in the early 20th century.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

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

Answer : c

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** - "**Vande Mataram**" is India's national song and was written by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee** in Sanskritised Bengali in 1875.
- It was included in his Bengali novel **Anandamath**, published in 1882, which depicted the struggle for independence against British rule.
- The song was first publicly sung by **Rabindranath Tagore** at the 1896 session of the Indian National Congress in Kolkata.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - The song played a crucial role in mobilising masses during the freedom struggle.
- It particularly sung during the Swadeshi movement and the anti-partition of Bengal movement in the early 20th century.

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