



## Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 12-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) The **NAZCA civilization** recently seen in news is associated in with region?

- a. Peru
- b. Kenya
- c. Tanzania
- d. Somalia

Answer : a

### Explanation

- The **Nazca civilisation** is associated with Southern Peru, South America (200 BC and 650 AD).
- Nazca Lines remains one of archaeology's greatest mysteries.
- These enormous desert patterns depict animals, plants, geometric shapes, and human figures, visible only from the air.
- Decades of study have yet to explain why the Nazca civilisation created these designs.

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2) The **Theri Kaad** is a little-known desert of striking red sand dunes formed by?

- a. Phosphate rich soils
- b. Iron rich soils
- c. Potassium rich soils
- d. Humus rich soils

Answer : b

### Explanation

- **Option b is correct** - The **Theri Kaad** is a unique, small red sand desert located in the Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu, India. These striking red sand dunes are formed by ***iron-rich soils***.
- The sand contains a high concentration of iron-rich heavy minerals like hematite, magnetite, and garnet, which give the dunes their characteristic deep red (crimson/terracotta) colour.
- These *created by coastal erosion, with winds* (specifically south-west monsoon winds) blowing the iron-rich sediments inland from the coastal plains to form massive dunes.
- They are *Quaternary-period marine deposits* that have been weathered and oxidized over thousands of years. Unlike Rajasthan's golden sands, these dunes glow rust-red under the sun.

3) Consider the following statements

1. The Part IX in the constitution related to Union Territories (UTs).
2. Every UT is administered by the President of India through an Administrator appointed by him.

3. Every UT administrator holds office during the pleasure of President only.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- a. 1 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 2 and 3
- d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : c

### Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - **Part VIII** of the Constitution (Articles 239 to 242) deals with the Union Territories.
- **Part IX** specifically relates to the Panchayats, as added by the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.
- **Statement 2 is correct** - According to Article 239 of the Constitution, every Union Territory (UT) is administered by the President, acting through an administrator appointed by him with such designation as he may specify (e.g., Lieutenant Governor or Administrator).
- **Statement 3 is correct** - The administrator of a UT is an agent of the President and not a constitutional head of state like a Governor.
- Since the administrator is appointed by the President to act on his behalf, they hold office during the pleasure of the President.

4) Consider the following statements

1. ABHA-ID is a unique 12-digit number under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) that enables digital health record linkage for Indian patients.
2. It aims to ensure objective verification by eliminating fake patients and strengthen the digital health ecosystem with secure, paperless records.

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 ABHA-ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) is a **14-digit number**.
- It is indeed used under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to enable digital health record linkage for Indian patients.
- **Statement 2 is Correct** - It aims to ensure objective verification of patient records to eliminate fake patients and strengthens the digital health ecosystem with secure, paperless records.

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5) Consider the following

1. The Indian constitution does not prescribe the reservation of seats for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in Rajya Sabha, unlike Lok Sabha.
2. The minimum age to be a Rajya Sabha MP is 35.

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 : a

### Explanation

- **Statements 1 is correct** - The Constitution provides for the reservation of seats for SCs and STs in the Lok Sabha (Article 330) and State Legislative Assemblies (Article 332) based on their population.
- There is no constitutional provision for reservation for SCs or STs in the Rajya Sabha (Council of States) or State Legislative Councils.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - According to **Article 84** of the Indian Constitution, the minimum age required to be a member of the Rajya Sabha is **30 years**.
- The age of 35 years is the minimum requirement for the offices of the **President, Vice-President, and Governor**.
- The minimum age for a member of the Lok Sabha is 25 years.

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