



### Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 13-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) Which one of the following straits connect **Gulf of Oman** to **Persian Gulf**?

- a. Strait of Malacca
- b. Strait of Hormuz
- c. Bosphorus strait
- d. Bab-el-Mandeb

Answer : b

#### Explanation

- **Option b is correct** - The Strait of Hormuz is a strategically vital waterway that links the Persian Gulf (to its west) with the Gulf of Oman (to its southeast).
- It serves as the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the open ocean (Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean) and is one of the world's most critical oil chokepoints.

2) The **Dzukou Valley** (known as Valley of flowers) located in?

- a. Manipur
- b. Jammu and Kashmir
- c. Ladakh
- d. Assam

Answer : a

#### Explanation

- The Dzukou Valley is located on the border of Nagaland and Manipur in Northeast India, specifically situated behind the Japfu Peak.
- It is renowned for its biodiversity, the rare Dzukou Lily, and as a popular trekking destination near Kohima.

3) Consider the following statements with reference to **PM-DAKSH Scheme**?

1. It is a Central Sector Scheme with the objective to provide high quality skills through good quality institutions.
2. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is the nodal agency of the scheme.

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

- **Statement 1 is correct** - **PM-DAKSH** (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) is a **Central Sector Scheme** launched in 2020-21.
- Its objective is to enhance the competency level of target groups (SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, Safai Karamcharis) by providing high-quality skill training (short-term, long-term, upskilling/reskilling) through quality institutions to improve employability.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - The nodal agency/ministry for the PM-DAKSH scheme is the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E).

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4) The term “**orcas**” refers to?

- a. Marine whales
- b. Grassland Deers
- c. Wetland cat
- d. Scavenger birds

Answer : a

### Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - The ‘Orcas’ also called **killer whales**. They are the largest members of the dolphin family and Earth’s largest predator.
- They found in every ocean and live in close-knit groups led by mothers, with leadership passed down to daughters.
- Female orcas teach their young about food sources and social behaviours. This cultural transmission helps them adapt to the Anthropocene.

5) What is **THAAD** recently seen in news?

- a. Missile defence system
- b. Bomber aircraft
- c. Satellite navigation system
- d. Malware

Answer : a

### Explanation

- **Option a is correct** - THAAD is an advanced U.S. missile defence platform designed to counter ballistic missile threats.
- Capabilities - intercepts missiles in the terminal (final) stage of flight.
  - Destroys threats inside and outside Earth’s atmosphere.
  - Defends against short, medium, and limited intermediate-range ballistic missiles.
  - Effective at ranges of 150-200 km, at high altitude.