Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 14-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) What are **Jacana** recently seen in news?

a. Birds
b. Deers
c. Lizard
d. Squirrel

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Opton a is correct – Jacanas** are birds in the news, particularly in India, due to their unique breeding behaviors and adaptability in urban wetlands.
- Often referred to as "lily-trotters" or "Jesus birds" because of their long toes that allow them to walk on floating vegetation, they have recently been highlighted for their resilience and unusual, reverse-role parenting where males take care of the chicks.

2) Consider the following statements

1. India became Malaria free in 2025.
2. World Health Organization certifies a country with zero malaria cases for 4 consecutive years as malaria free nation.

Select the correct statements suing the codes below:

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

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** – India aims to eliminate malaria by **2030**, with a target of zero indigenous cases by 2027.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – ***WHO*** requires zero indigenous cases for at least 3 consecutive years for certification.

3) Which of the following are included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list from in India?

1. Durga puja
2. Ramlila
3. Deepavali
4. Nauroz

Select the correct answer using the codes below:

a. Only one
b. Only two
c. Only three
d. All

Answer : d

Explanation

- **Option d is correct** – All the given four included in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list from in India.
- **Durga Puja** in Kolkata was inscribed in 2021.
- **Ramlila**, the traditional performance of the Ramayana, was inscribed in 2008.
- **Deepavali** (Diwali) was inscribed in 2025.
- **Nowruz** (Nauroz) was inscribed in 2016 as part of a multinational nomination that includes India.

4) Consider the following statements

1. Euthanasia is the intentional practice of ending a life to relieve intractable pain and suffering.
2. Any kind of Euthanasia practice in India is banned.

Select the correct statements suing the codes below:

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

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Answer : a

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is correct** – Euthanasia is widely defined as the intentional practice of ending a life to relieve intractable pain and suffering, often referred to as "mercy killing".
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** – The **active euthanasia** (deliberate act to end life) is illegal in India.
- The **passive euthanasia** (withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment) has been legal since the Supreme Court's landmark judgment in Common Cause v. Union of India (2018).
- The court reaffirmed this and applied it in 2026, noting it as a "right to die with dignity" under Article 21.

5) Which one of the following ministries has launched **Yashasvini Campaign**?

a. Ministry of MSME
b. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
c. Ministry of Women and Child Welfare
d. Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct** – The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Yashasvini Campaign.

- It was launched on June 27, 2024, during the 'Udyami Bharat - MSME Day' event.
- The campaign is designed as a series of mass awareness drives to support informal women-owned micro-enterprises.
- It focuses on handholding, mentorship, capacity building, and facilitating the formalization of these enterprises.

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