



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 17-03-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

1) The term **Open Market Operations (OMO)** discussed often in the context of?

- Government securities
- Agricultural commodities
- Participatory notes
- Imports

Answer : a

Explanation

- **Option a is correct answer** - OMOs are the buying and selling of government securities and treasury bills by a central bank (such as the RBI) in the open market.
- The primary goal is to regulate the money supply, control inflation, and manage liquidity in the banking system.

2) With reference to **State-Wise Marine Export Data 2024-25**, consider the following statements

- Andhra Pradesh is emerged as the largest contributor of Indian marine exports by value.
- Gujarat is emerged as the largest contributor of Indian marine exports by volume.
- Largest export destination for marine exports of India is USA.

Select the correct statements using the codes below:

- 1 only
- 1 and 2 only
- 1 and 3
- None

Answer : c

Explanation

- According to official data for the financial year 2024-25, the state-wise and destination-wise performance of India's marine exports is as follows
- **1 is correct and 2 is incorrect** - **Andhra Pradesh** has emerged as the leading contributor to India's seafood exports.
- In 2024-25, the state exported 3,66,182 tonnes of marine products valued at rs.21,246 crore, making it the top state **by both value (approx. 34%) and volume (approx. 21.5%)**.
- **3 is correct** - The USA remains the largest export destination for Indian marine products, with exports valued at rsw.22,722.69 crore (approx. US\$ 2.71 billion) in 2024-25.

3) Consider the following statements

- Lionesses generally leads the group of lions (pride).
- Lions focuses on food gathering and defence normally.

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** - Lionesses form the stable core of the pride, usually related (mothers, daughters, sisters), and are responsible for the daily coordination of the pride, including hunting and raising cubs.
- While males are the "dominant" leaders in terms of territory, lionesses are the functional, matriarchal leaders of daily life.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect** - Lionesses are the primary food gatherers (hunters), while male lions focus on defending the territory and the pride from rivals.

4) Which among the following have launched Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyaan?

- a. Ministry of Rural Development
- b. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- c. Ministry of Women and Child Welfare
- d. Ministry of Education

Answer : c



Explanation

- **C is correct**- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)** has launched the Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyaan on December 26, 2024, designed to incentivize 1,000 high-performing Gram Panchayats towards a malnutrition-free Bharat.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated this initiative to improve nutrition-related services and community participation.

5) Consider the following statements about Western Disturbances

1. Western Disturbances bring moderate to heavy rainfall in plains and snowfall in the Himalayan mountains, especially during summer.
2. It is a non-monsoonal rainfall pattern driven by the easterlies.

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 : d

Explanation

- **Statement 1 is incorrect** - **Western Disturbances** bring moderate to heavy rain and snowfall primarily during the **winter months** (December to February), (not during the summer).
- **Statement 2 is incorrect**. While Western Disturbances are indeed non-monsoonal and bring

rainfall, they are driven by **westerlies** (specifically the subtropical westerly jet stream).

- These winds carry moisture from the Mediterranean/Caspian region (not by the easterlies).

