



Daily Current Affairs Prelims Quiz 22-04-2026 (Online Prelims Test)

Q1) Which of the following interventions can directly address the "Urban Exclusion" of women from the workforce?

1. Expansion of the National Creche Scheme.
2. Gender-responsive urban public transport.
3. Implementing flexible work arrangements and "Work from Home" policies.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

Answer : d

Answer: D Explanation: All three are structural solutions. Creches help with the domestic burden, safe transport addresses the "mobility gap," and flexibility helps balance professional and household demands.

Q2). The "In situ leaching" (ISL) method, recently linked to the contamination of the Salween River, is primarily used for:

- a. Desalination of brackish groundwater.
- b. Extracting minerals like gold and rare earth elements without traditional open-pit mining.
- c. Treating industrial effluents before discharging them into rivers.
- d. Measuring the flow rate of transboundary rivers.

Answer : b

Answer: B

Explanation: In situ leaching involves pumping chemical solutions underground to dissolve minerals and pump them back to the surface. If managed poorly, it leads to massive groundwater and river contamination.

Q3) The "WSIS Prizes," often mentioned in the context of international awards, are organized by which of the following organizations?

- a. World Bank
- b. World Economic Forum (WEF)
- c. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- d. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Answer : c

Answer: C) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Explanation: The **World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes** are global awards managed by the **ITU** in collaboration with other UN agencies (like UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD). They recognize innovative ICT-driven projects that help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Q4). In the context of the Samridh Gram initiative, what does the term "Phygital" specifically refer to?

- a. A purely digital platform for physical fitness and rural sports.
- b. The delivery of digital services through physical community hubs assisted by trained personnel.
- c. The conversion of physical agricultural land into digital smart farms using IoT.
- d. A financial model where physical cash is completely replaced by digital currency in villages

Answer : b

Answer: B) The delivery of digital services through physical community hubs assisted by trained personnel.

Explanation: "Phygital" is a portmanteau of **Physical + Digital**. In rural areas where digital literacy might be low, the initiative ensures that while the backend is digital, the frontend provides a **physical space (Samridh Kendra)** where trained individuals assist villagers in accessing those digital services.

Q5. The "Hanging Glaciers" recently identified in the Alaknanda basin pose a significant risk primarily because:

- a. They increase the rate of river carbon sequestration.
- b. They are susceptible to sudden detachment, triggering avalanches and debris flows.
- c. They act as the primary source of perennial groundwater for the Indo-Gangetic plains.
- d. Their retreat is leading to the permanent drying up of the National Highway 7 (NH7) water sources.

Answer : b

Answer: B) They are susceptible to sudden detachment, triggering avalanches and debris flows.

Explanation: Hanging glaciers are glaciers that terminate abruptly at the edge of a cliff or steep slope. As seen in the 2021 Chamoli disaster, their instability can lead to catastrophic collapses, which transform into downstream debris flows and floods.