



Prelims Practice Questions 16-03-2018

01. Consider the following statements.

1. The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. It is an apex body in India for the formulation, coordination, development and promotion of research on scientific lines in Ayurveda and Sowa-Rigpa system of medicine.
3. AYUSH 82 is an anti-diabetic Ayurvedic Formulation.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) is an autonomous body of the Ministry of AYUSH. "Sowa-Rigpa" commonly known as Amchi system of medicine is one of the oldest, living and well documented medical tradition of the world. It has been popularly practiced in Tibet, Mongolia, Bhutan, some parts of China, Nepal, Himalayan regions of India and few parts of former Soviet Union etc. The majority of theory and practice of Sowa-Rigpa is similar to "Ayurveda". The first Ayurvedic influence came to Tibet during 3rd century AD but it became popular only after 7th century with the approach of Buddhism to Tibet.

02. Consider the following statements.

1. World Hindi Secretariat was inaugurated in Mauritius.
2. The Secretariat is fully financed by Government of India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

The World Hindi Secretariat (WHS), is the name of an international organisation representing countries and regions where Hindi is the first ("mother") or customary language, where a significant proportion of the population consists of Hindi speakers or

where there is a notable affiliation with North Indian culture. The main objective of the WHS is to promote Hindi as an international language and further its cause for recognition at the United Nations as an Official Language. The organisation was set up by the governments of India and Mauritius to promote Hindi across the world.

03. Consider the following pairs.

Island	Location
1. Marshall Island	Pacific Ocean
2. Diego Garcia	Indian Ocean
3. Canary island	Atlantic Ocean

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

The Marshall Islands, officially the Republic of the Marshall Islands is an island country located near the equator in the Pacific Ocean, slightly west of the International Date Line. Geographically, the country is part of the larger island group of Micronesia.

Diego Garcia is an atoll just south of the equator in the central Indian Ocean, and the largest of 60 small islands comprising the Chagos Archipelago. It is a British Indian Ocean Territory.

The Canary Island is an archipelago and autonomous community of Spain located in the Atlantic Ocean.

04. Consider the following sports.

Traditional Sports	States
1. Archery	Jharkhand
2. Mukna	Manipur
3. Gatka	Punjab

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

Under the revamped Khelo India proposal, there is an exclusive component called “Promotion of Rural, Indigenous and Tribal Games” for promotion and development of traditional sports.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) also promotes Indigenous Games and Martial Arts (IGMA) in 09 disciplines under its National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) scheme where talented children are selected in the age group of 8-14 years in 10 SAI adopted Centres.

1. Silambam, Tamilnadu
2. Kalaripayattu, Kerala
3. Kabaddi, Telengana
4. Archery, Jharkhand
5. Malkhamb, Maharashtra
6. Mukna, Imphal
7. Thangta, Imphal
8. Khomlainai, Assam
9. Gatka, Punjab

Mukna - form of wrestling

Gatka - uses sticks instead of sword in fight

05. Which among the following panel/committee was constituted to give recommendation regarding wages paid under MGNREGA?

1. Kadiyam Srihari panel
2. Arvind Panagariya committee
3. Nagesh Singh panel
4. Dinesh Sharma committee

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Answer : c

Recommendations:

1. No need to maintain parity in minimum wages paid by various states under MGNREGA.
2. Switch over to CPI-Rural from CPI- Agricultural Labourers
3. Disparity is found between the minimum wages and NREGA wages due to Minimum wages which are fixed by the States which arbitrarily increased it without following any scientific principles.

06. Consider the following statements.

1. Low Enriched Uranium bank (LEU) is owned and controlled by the International Atomic Energy Agency.
2. It would act as a supplier of last resort for member states in case the supply of LEU to a nuclear power plant is disrupted.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : c

Owned and controlled by the IAEA, the LEU Bank will host a reserve of LEU, and act as a supplier of last resort for Member States in case the supply of LEU to a nuclear power plant is disrupted due to exceptional circumstances and the Member State is unable to secure LEU from the commercial market or by any other means.

The IAEA LEU Bank will be a physical reserve of up to 90 metric tons of low enriched uranium suitable to make fuel for a typical light water reactor, the most widely used type of nuclear power reactor worldwide. The LEU can be used to make enough nuclear fuel to power a large city for three years. the bank is in Kazakhstan.

07. Recently, India has launched 'Ocean Forecasting System' for which one of the following countries?

1. Comoros
2. Madagascar
3. Namibia

Select the correct answer from the following codes.

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

Answer : a

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences inaugurated the Ocean Forecasting System for Indian Ocean countries Comoros, Madagascar, and Mozambique.

It was unveiled at the third Ministerial Meeting of Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Asia and Africa (RIMES) held at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

08. Consider the following statements.

1. Global Cyber Security index is released by International Telecommunication Union.

2. India is ranked 23rd out of 165 nations on the index.
3. According to the index, only about half of all countries have a cyber security strategy.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : d

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies - ICTs. It allocates global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develops the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strives to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide. It is headquartered in Gland, Switzerland.

09. The term 'jins-i-kamil' during medieval times denotes

1. Group of traders
2. Cash crops
3. Luxury cloth from Central Asia
4. None of these

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4



Answer : b

10. Consider the following pairs:

Title	Duties
1. Diwan	Incharge of revenue department
2. Mir Bakshi	Incharge of military department
3. Sadr	Incharge of Royal household
4. Waqia Navis	News Writer

Which of the above given pairs during Mughal period is/are correctly matched?

- a. 1 and 4 only
- b. 1, 2 and 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer : d

Sadr is in charge of the judicial department and also inam grants.