



Prelims Practice Questions 20-03-2018

01. Consider the following statements.

1. Nabakalebara festival is an ancient ritual that is observed in Haryana.
2. The National Tribal Festival, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is celebrated by the aborigines & tribal of India in New Delhi.

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 : b

The Nabakalebara is an ancient ritual associated with most of the Jagannath Temples when the Idols of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra and Sudarshan are replaced by a new set of Idols. This usually occurs every twelve to nineteen years. The Deities are made from a special type of Neem wood known as Daru Bramha. This festival is celebrated at the Jagannath Temple in Puri, Orissa.

National Tribal festival is celebrated in the mid of month of February every year. It is organised by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

02. Consider the following statements.

1. Water striders are group of insects adapted to life on surface of water, using surface tension to their advantage.
2. Their presence serves as indicator of water of water quality.
3. They also play important role in food chain in river ecosystem as they feed on mosquito larvae.

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

Scientists from Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered new species of water strider named *Ptilomera nagalanda* Jehamalar and Chandra in Nagaland. It was found in Intanki river. It is only found in rocky, fast flowing streams and rivers that are not exposed to

lot of sunlight.

03. Consider the following statements.

1. SATH-E project aims at promoting vocational education, skill development, teacher training and introducing technology in classrooms.
2. The project is the initiative of NITI Aayog.
3. The roadmaps will operate from 2018 to 2022.

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 : a

NITI Aayog has released roadmaps and detailed timelines for its initiative Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education project. The roadmap covers 2018-2020. They lay out detailed interventions to be taken by three participating states- Jharkand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha to become 'Role Model States' in school education.



04. Consider the following statements.

1. The 105th session of Indian Science Congress is held at Manipur.
2. Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is a premier scientific organisation started in the year 1914 in Kolkata.
3. It is the first time that the Indian Science Congress has taken place in the North East.

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 : a

Indian Science Congress was organized by the Indian Science Congress Association. Theme: "Reaching the Unreached Through Science & Technology". 7th Women Science Congress was also held at the 105th session of Indian Science Congress in Imphal. It is the second time that the Indian Science Congress has taken place in the North East. Earlier it was held at Shillong (Meghalaya) in 2009.

05. Consider the following statements.

1. Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is organised by Rashtrapati Bhavan in association with the Department of Science and Technology and the National Innovation Foundation-India.
2. It is an initiative to recognise, respect, showcase, reward innovations and to foster a supportive ecosystem for innovators.

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

FINE would provide an excellent platform to the innovators for building the linkages with potential stakeholders whose support can improve their prospects in coming years for the larger social good. It will also help in promoting lateral learning and linkages among the innovators to enrich the ecosystem for new India. It would also be a great opportunity to create awareness about the importance of various Ministries of Government of India attaches to their effort and participation in the FINE.

06. Consider the following statements.

1. International Competition Network is a voluntary, consensus based international body.
2. The decisions taken in the body are legally binding in nature.
3. India is a member in the ICN.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

India hosts the 17th Annual Conference of International Competition Network 2018 (ICN2018) in New Delhi. The ICN's main goal is to improve and advocate for sound competition policy and its enforcement. The decision taken are consensus based. They are not legally binding.

07. Consider the following pairs.

New Year	States
1. Gudi Padwa	Maharashtra
2. Vishu	Kerala
3. Vaisakhi	North and Central India
4. Rongali Bihu	Assam

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only

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

Answer : d

08. Consider the following statements.

1. Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh (MUSK) form a part of Consolidated Fund of India.
2. The MUSK fund would be utilized for schemes in tribal areas only.

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 : d

Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh (MUSK) form a part of Public Account of India. It is a non-lapsable pool for secondary and higher education. All proceeds of secondary and higher education cess will be credited. The funds will be utilized for the benefits of students of secondary and higher education all over the country.

09. Earth Overshoot Day refers to which one of the following?

1. A movement in which the participants switch off the lights for one hour on a certain day every year.
2. A day celebrated to raise awareness regarding depletion of ozone layer.
3. A date when humanity's annual demand on nature exceeds what earth can regenerate over the entire year.
4. None of these.

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

Answer : c

Earth Overshoot Day is calculated by Global Footprint Network and is a campaign supported by dozens of other nonprofit organizations .

10. Which among the following programmes have an impact on the Infant Mortality Rate?

1. Janani Suraksha Yojana
2. Mid day Meal scheme
3. Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

Select the correct answer from the given code.

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

Answer : c

Mid Day meal scheme is the world's largest school feeding programme reached out to primary and upper primary school children in the entire country. It is not associated with Infant Mortality Rate.

Rashtriya Balwasthya Karyakram, an introduction of child health screening for Defect at Birth, Deficiencies, Diseases, Development delays and their management among the children 0-18 years of age.

JSY entitles all pregnant women delivering in public institutions to free ante-natal checkups, post natal care and treatment of sick infants till one year of age.

