



Prelims Practice Questions 24-04-2018

01. Consider the following statements.

1. India State of Forest Report released once in two years.
2. As against the global trend of decreasing forest cover, India witnessed a marginal increase in forest and tree cover.
3. As per the survey, Arunachal Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country in terms of area.

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

States having largest forest cover (in term of area):

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Chattisgarh

States having largest forest cover (in terms of percentage of forest cover to total geographic area):

1. Lakshadweep
2. Mizoram
3. Andaman and Nicobar

02. Consider the following statements.

1. Asian Productivity Organisation is an inter-Governmental body of which India is a founding member.
2. Prime Minister is the President of National Productivity Council.

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 : a

National Productivity Council is a non-profit organization having equal representation from Government, Employers and Workers organizations. It aims to promote productivity in all sectors of Indian economy. It is presided by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry. Asian Productivity Organization is a Tokyo based organization of which India is a founding member.

03. Consider the following statements.

1. Know India Programme is a flagship initiative of Ministry of External Affairs.
2. The programme intends to familiarize Indian origin youth of 18 to 30 years, about Indian roots and contemporary 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

Know India Programme (KIP) is a flagship initiative for Diaspora engagement which familiarizes Indian-origin youth (18-30 years) with their Indian roots and contemporary India, through a three-week orientation programme organised by the Ministry. A maximum of 40 Indian Diaspora youth are selected for each programme and provided full hospitality in India. 90% of the total cost of international airfare is also paid by the Ministry.

04. Black sea is surrounded by which of the following countries?

1. Romania
2. Hungary
3. Ukraine
4. Turkey

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : c

Black Sea is surrounded by Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine and Turkey

05. Consider the following statements.

1. Seagrass is characterized by narrow latitudinal range.
2. They have the potential to reduce current velocity and dissipate wave energy.
3. Seagrass beds provide carbon storage capacity and are referred to as 'blue carbon' sinks.

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 unusual marine flowering plants are called *seagrasses* because in many species the leaves are long and narrow, grow by rhizome extension, and often grow in large "meadows", which look like grassland. Seagrass is characterized by widespread latitudinal range. Seagrass beds are highly diverse and productive ecosystems, and can harbor hundreds of associated species. Seagrasses are sometimes labeled ecosystem engineers, because they partly create their own habitat: their leaves, by slowing down water currents, increase sedimentation, and their roots and rhizomes stabilize the seabed. seagrasses were collected as fertilizer for sandy soil.

06. Consider the following statements.

1. April 22 is observed as Earth Day.
2. It aims to encourage people to carry out activities that will benefit Earth, such as recycling more, using solar power or plant trees.
3. The theme for 2018 Earth Day is 'End Plastic Pollution'.

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



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Answer : d

07. Which of the following sites are recently recognised as 'Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas' by Birdlife International?

1. Mathikettan Shola National Park
2. Bondla Wildlife sanctuary
3. Navelim Wetlands
4. Netravathi Wildlife sanctuary

Select the correct answer from the given codes.

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

Answer : d

Birds are excellent indicators of ecosystem health. The IBA programme of Birdlife International aims to identify, monitor and protect a global network of IBAs for conservation of the world's birds and associated biodiversity.

According to Birdlife International, designation of IBAs is based on standardized criteria,

namely (i) hold significant numbers of one or more globally threatened bird species, (ii) be one of a set of sites that together hold a suite of restricted-range species or biome-restricted species and (iii) have exceptionally large numbers of migratory or congregatory birds.

Bombay Natural History Society partners with Birdlife International.

IBA in Goa:

1. Bondla Wildlife sanctuary
2. Navelim Wetlands
3. Netravathi Wildlife sanctuary

08. Consider the following statements.

1. As per the recent Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, stringent punishment of jail term of minimum 20 years or life imprisonment or death for rape of girl less than 12 years has been awarded.
2. It provides for speedy investigation and trial, which must be completed in six months.
3. It proposes 6 months' time limit for disposal of appeals in rape cases.

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 : c

The ordinance provides for stringent punishment of jail term of minimum 20 years or life imprisonment or death for rape of girl less than 12 years. It provides punishment with imprisonment for rest of life or death sentence in case of gang rape of girl below 12 years. It provides for speedy investigation and trial, which must be completed in two months. It proposes 6 months' time limit for disposal of appeals in rape. It provides no provision for anticipatory bail for person accused of rape or gang rape of girl under 16 years.

09. Protocol for Star Rating of Garbage-Free Cities is launched by which one of the following Ministry?

1. Ministry of Environment
2. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
3. Ministry of Earth Sciences
4. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

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

Answer : b

10. Which of the following tiger reserves has highest density of tigers nationally?

- 1. Orang Tiger Reserve
- 2. Mukundara Tiger Reserve
- 3. Kamlang Tiger Reserve
- 4. Mudhumalai Tiger Reserve

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

Answer : a



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