



Prelims Practice Questions 07-07-2018

1. Which of the following is/ are the effect(s) of using vermicomposting?

1. Increased nutrient availability for plants
2. Decreased water holding capacity of soil
3. Increased microbial activity

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

Answer : c

- Vermicompost is the product of the composting process using various species of worms, usually red wigglers, white worms, and other earthworms.
- It increases the water holding capacity in the soil due to increased burrowing of soil by worms

2. Consider the following statements about Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

1. It is a statutory body mandated to recommend minimum support prices (MSPs) to incentivize the cultivators to adopt modern technology, and raise productivity and overall grain production in line with the emerging demand patterns in the country
2. Kharif crops, Rabi crops, Sugarcane, Raw Jute and Copra are the only commodities for which CACP recommends MSPs.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are correct?

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

Answer : b

The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. It is not a statutory body.

3. Consider the following statements regarding Wind power

1. Repowering refers to the practice of installing more powerful wind turbines in existing sites to generate more power and drive higher efficiencies
2. Wind power is second only to solar power in terms of generation capacity in renewable sector.

Which of the statement(s) is/ are **not** correct?

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

Answer : d

As per annual report of MNRE, 2017

Wind power - 4046.44 MWp

Solar power - 7599.31 MWp

4. The terms Khakradeula, Pidhadeula, Rekhapida are associated with which of the following?

- a. Temple architecture of Odisha
- b. Ancient texts on Ayurveda
- c. Coins used in medieval India
- d. Painting styles in Central India

Answer : a

The main architectural features of Odisha temples are classified in three orders, i.e., rekhapida, pidhadeula and khakradeula.



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5. Consider the following pairs

Name of the report

Published by

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| 1. Technology and Innovation Report | UNCTAD |
| 2. Global Innovation Index | WIPO |
| 3. Global Competitiveness Report | World Bank |

Which of the pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

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

Answer : c

Global Competitiveness Report is published by World Economic Forum

6. Consider the following statements regarding Supreme Court of India

- 1. The power to determine the number of judges in the supreme court is vested with the President of India
- 2. The Supreme Court can issue writs only for the enforcement of fundamental rights

Which of the statement(s) is/ are correct?

- a. 1 only

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

Answer : b

The Constitution gives the power to determine the strength of Supreme Court to Parliament

7. Which of the following species is/ are protected under Schedule- I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972?

1. Pangolin
2. Tibetan Wolf
3. Swamp Deer
4. Eastern Hoolock Gibbon
5. Andaman Wild Pig

- a. 1, 2, 3
- b. 2, 3, 4, 5
- c. 1, 2, 3, 4
- d. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Answer : d

8. Which among the following is correct with regard to the Constituent assembly of India?

- a. Constituent assembly was democratically elected by the people of India.
- b. The representatives of each community were elected by the members of that community itself.
- c. Each province/princely states were allocated seats based on their geographical area.
- d. Mahatma Gandhi was a member of the constituent assembly until he was assassinated in 1948.

Answer : c

9. With respect to 'soil distribution' in India, consider the following statements

1. Red soil is the second major soil type in India and is confined only in peninsular plateau.
2. Alluvial soil, red soil, black soil combinedly occupied approximately 75% of the land mass in India

Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?

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

Answer : b

10. Which of the following statements is not correct with reference to Anti-Defection Law?

- a. Anti Defection law is an original feature of the constitution.
- b. Any person elected as speaker or chairman could resign from his party, and rejoin the party if he demitted that post.
- c. A party could be merged into another if at least two-thirds of its party legislators voted for the merger.
- d. The law initially permitted splitting of parties, but that has now been outlawed.

Answer : a

The 52nd amendment to the Constitution added the Tenth Schedule which laid down the

process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection

