



Prelims Practice Questions 20-07-2018

1. Consider the following statements regarding Samagra Shiksha Scheme

1. It is an integrated scheme which subsumes the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE)
2. It will be implemented from the year 2019

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 : a

- It is being implemented throughout the country with effect from the year 2018-19.
- This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

2. Which of the following statements is/ are true regarding 'Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan'?

1. The programme is part of the Forest Interventions in Ganga (FIG) component of Namami Gange programme
 2. It aims to bring greater awareness among people and other stakeholders regarding the importance of afforestation for the task of Ganga Rejuvenation
 3. The State Forest Departments of states which are part of Ganga river basin have been made the nodal agencies for execution of the campaign.
- a. 1 and 2 only
 - b. 2 and 3 only
 - c. 1 and 3 only
 - d. 1, 2, 3

Answer : d

1. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is running "Ganga Vriksharopan Abhiyan" in five main stem Ganga basin states - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
2. State Forest Departments of these states have been made the nodal agencies for the smooth and effective execution of the campaign.
3. The campaign is part of the Forest Interventions in Ganga (FIG) component of Namami Gange programme and is significant as it aims to bring greater awareness among people and other stakeholders regarding the importance of afforestation for the task of Ganga Rejuvenation.

3. Consider the following statements regarding Saubhagya scheme

1. Under this scheme, free electricity connections to all households are provided in rural areas only
2. The Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as the nodal agency for this scheme

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

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

Answer : a

1. Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana or 'Saubhagya' was launched on 25th September 2017.
2. Under Saubhagya free electricity connections to all households (both APL and poor families) in rural areas and poor families in urban areas will be provided.
3. There are around 4 Crore un-electrified households in the country and they are targeted for providing electricity connections by December 2018.
4. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as its nodal agency for the Saubhagya scheme.

4. Consider the following statements about Jal Marg Vikas Scheme

1. It is a scheme for capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway- 1
2. It is being implemented with the assistance of World Bank
3. The states covered are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand only

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

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. None of the above

Answer : b

- It covers Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal
- The project is being implemented by Inland Waterways Authority of India with assistance from World Bank

5. Consider the following statements about Van Dhan Yojana

1. It aims at the economic development of tribals who are dependant on Minor Forest Produce for their livelihood
2. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)

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

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. Both 1 and 2

d. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : c

The Van Dhan Scheme is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It was launched on 14th April, 2018 and seeks to improve tribal incomes through value addition of tribal products.

6. Consider the following statements about Gravitational Waves

1. Gravitational waves transport energy as gravitational radiation and pass through matter without interacting with it.
2. It was first predicted by Albert Einstein in his General Theory of Relativity
3. LIGO- India is a collaboration of India and Germany to study about the origins of gravitational waves.

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

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. None of the above

Answer : b

- LIGO-India is a planned advanced gravitational-wave observatory to be located in India as part of the worldwide network.
- LIGO-India is planned as a collaborative project between a consortium of Indian research institutions and the LIGO Laboratory in the USA, along with its international partners Australia, Germany and the UK.

7. Consider the following statements about the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

1. The Gram Sabha plays the important role in ensuring the rights of the forest dwellers, decision making, planning and management for Joint Forest Management.
2. Under this Act, ownership is granted not only to lands that are being cultivated already but also for new lands to be acquired

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

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

Answer : a

The Act provides for ownership of lands which are already being cultivated traditionally on that date and it does not provide for acquiring any new land.

8. Consider the following statements about Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology

1. It is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges

(variable distances) to the Earth.

2. Some of its applications are producing shoreline maps, make digital elevation models for use in geographic information systems (GIS), to assist in emergency response operations, etc.

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

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

Answer : c

9. Which of the following statement(s) is/ are true about Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Fair and Remunerative Price(FRP)?

1. Both MSP and FRP are interventions by government to safeguard the income of farmers
2. MSP and FRP are announced immediately after the commencement of the sowing season
3. The state governments are consulted only for deciding the FRP and not MSP

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

Answer : b

Both MSP and FRP are decided by the Central Government after taking into account

- Recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
- Views of State Governments
- Views of Ministries
- Other relevant factors

10. The 'Wagheras' resented the impositions of foreign rule from the very beginning which resulted in uprising during 1819-20. Wagheras are situated in the state of

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Bihar
- c. Gujarat
- d. Jharkhand

Answer : c

A resentment against the alien rule coupled with the exactions of the Gaekwar of Baroda supported by the British Government compelled the Waghera chiefs of Okha Mandal to take up arms. The Wagheras carried out inroads into British territory during 1818-19. A peace

treaty was signed in November 1820.

